

Gloucestershire Safeguarding Adults Board (GSAB)

Easy Read Report

20222023

This is an Easy Read Report, you can read more in the big report.



Welcome to the Gloucestershire Safeguarding Adults Board yearly report.

The Care Act 2014 says that we must write a report every year.

This report says what we have done in Gloucestershire in the last year to help and protect adults who are at risk of abuse or neglect.

About Gloucestershire.



More people live in Gloucester than in other parts of Gloucestershire.

Gloucestershire has more people over 65 years old than the rest of the country.



In the year up to May 2020 about 12,100 adults were having care services paid for by Gloucestershire County Council.

There were about 1400 adult carers getting services paid for by Gloucestershire County Council.

There are about 20,200 people who are over 65 years old and who are carers who are not paid.



What is Safeguarding?

Safeguarding is about people and organisations working together to help people who could experience abuse or neglect.

Safeguarding is about listening to people to find out how they would like to be helped if they are experiencing abuse or neglect.

There are lots of different kinds of abuse and neglect.

You can see more about the different kinds of abuse and neglect in the big report.



The Care Act 2014 says organisations like, the Council, health, the police, the fire service, and others should work together to help people who could experience abuse or neglect.

What are the six main things that are important in Safeguarding?

- Supporting people to make their own decisions.
- Doing something before a person is harmed.
- Only doing what is needed to help prevent someone being harmed.
- Making sure people who are most likely to be harmed are supported.
- Working together with local communities so they can help keep people safe from harm.
- Taking responsibility to keep people safe and being open about how it is done.

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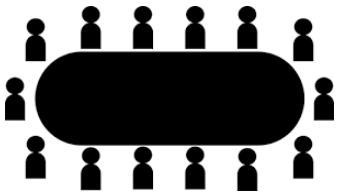
Deprivation of Liberty Safeguards (DoLS)

Sometimes people can't make decisions for themselves, this is called lacking capacity.



If that person needs things to happen to keep them safe, the local authority or the Court of Protection can say there needs to be a Deprivation of Liberty Safeguards (DoLS).

This means they can say what needs to be done to keep the person safe.



Safeguarding Adults Board (SAB)

The Care Act 2014 said there should be Safeguarding Adults Boards who make sure that there is good safeguarding in their area.

The Safeguarding Adults Board has to,

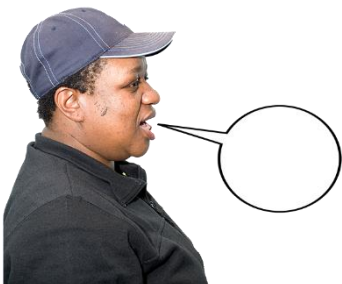


- Write a report every year.
- Have a plan about Safeguarding.
- Organise Safeguarding Adults Reviews (SARs)
- Check that other organisations are doing what they should be about safeguarding.
- To help keep adults safe from abuse and neglect.

How to report a safeguarding concern.

If you are worried that you or another adult is being abused, please report it.

Some people might be more likely to be abused or hurt because they have a disability or illness and need help and support.



If you think you need to report about yourself, or someone else being abused you can contact the **Adult Help Desk**

Telephone 01452 426868

8am to 5pm Monday to Friday

Or at other times

Call the Emergency Duty Team

01452 614194

Or email,

Socialcare.enq@gloucestershire.gov.uk

What you should tell us.

- Why you are worried.
- The name, age, and address of the person you are worried about.
- If anyone lives with them.
- If they are getting help from any organisation.
- Who might be abusing them.

Safeguarding work April 2022 to March 2023.

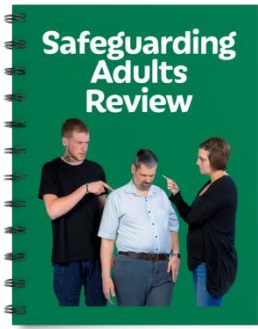
2227 Safeguarding concerns were raised.

531 of these went on to be Section 42 enquiries.

Section 42 enquiries are when the local authority takes action because someone with care and support needs is experiencing or might be at risk.

74 were where people did not have care needs but were still at risk of abuse and needed support.





Safeguarding Adults Reviews (SARs)

What does a safeguarding adults review involve?

A Safeguarding Adults Review (SAR) is when different organisations work together to see what could have been done differently to stop someone being harmed.

For 2022/23 we have one new SAR.

One that we are working on.

One that has been finished.



Fire Safety Group.

Things we have achieved this year.

- Linking Gloucestershire Fire and Rescue service with GP's for people who needed help with fire safety.
- Replacing damaged electric blankets to prevent fires.
- Everyone in the group learning more about fire risks.

Next Steps.

- Be even better at understanding about some people might be more at risk from fire.
- Help the Homeless Nursing Team to do fire safety work.
- Set up a way to keep records of serious incidents.
- Make sure the group is working to the GSAB plan.

The GSAB Plan 2022-25.

There are three main things in the GSAB plan.

- Help more people understand about Adult Safeguarding in Gloucestershire.
- Working to stop abuse from happening and doing something when abuse and neglect is reported.
- Learning and making what we do and how we do it better.





Communication and working together.

GSAB Roadshows 2022

The GSAB roadshows were in April 2022

Over 200 people attended over the week.

Each day was about a different theme.

GSAB Website Information Zone.

There is a new area on the GSAB website called the Information Zone.

It has information for staff and the public.

There is information about how to raise a concern and the different types of abuse as well as other things.

There are short films and case studies.

Safeguarding Training.

There are 3 levels of safeguarding training.

Level 1 – this is an introduction to safeguarding online called e-learning.

Level 2 – This is for staff who work with people who have care and support needs.

Level 3 – This is for people who need to report and respond when there is a safeguarding concern.

16535 Gloucestershire staff and volunteers did Safeguarding and Mental Capacity Act training this year.

There are around 60 people who are able to deliver the level 2 Safeguarding training in Gloucestershire.