

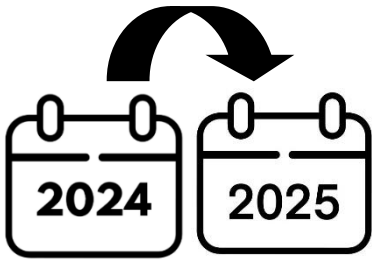


North Lincolnshire Safeguarding Adults Board

Easy Read Annual Report 2024-2025



What is this information about?



This information tells you about the work that the North Lincolnshire Safeguarding Adults Board has done between April 2024 and March 2025 to keep adults with care and support needs safe from abuse and neglect.



The Safeguarding Adults Board is made up of lots of different people from the council, the police, health services and other people who support people in North Lincolnshire.



It is their job to make sure that people from these organisations are working in the best way to protect people from abuse and neglect.



Every year the Board must write a report to let people know what the Board has done to make sure adults with care and support needs are protected from abuse and neglect.



If you need support to understand this information you can ask a friend, advocate or support worker to help you.

What has the Board done over the last year?



We worked with adults with care and support needs to make new leaflets for people who are going through a safeguarding enquiry.



We have written a new version of our online referral form. This means that people can report concerns about themselves or someone else if they are worried that they are at risk of harm.



Because we have done this people can share information in a simple way with the safeguarding team.



The Board have been working together to safeguard adults with care and support needs who may be homeless.



We have shared information and advice to staff to raise awareness of homelessness and have delivered training to staff.



We have asked adults that we have supported to give us their views about their safeguarding journey.

Most people said that they felt safer and that they were listened to and included in their plans.



The Board uses this feedback to make sure that we are helping and protecting people in the way that they want to make sure that they are happy and safe.



We have delivered training to staff on:

- The reasons why people may not want to report their concerns
- The law and how it relates to adult safeguarding
- Self-neglect -This is where an adult cannot look after themselves and it causes them harm
- How to support people who drink alcohol who may be at risk

- People who may be exploited and how to make sure they are safe in their own homes



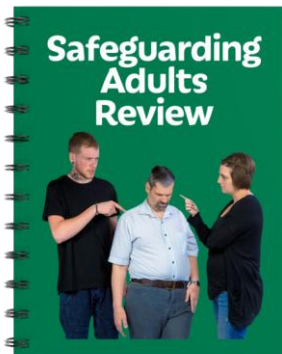
Staff said that the training was good and that they think it will help them safeguard people better in future.



In February we held a Safeguarding Adults Board Conference. Adults with a lived experience helped us do this by sharing their views with us.



We had a guest speaker who told us about discriminatory abuse and how to ensure that we work together to support people who might be at risk.



Safeguarding Adults Reviews are carried out by the Board where an adult with care and support needs:

- has passed away because of abuse and neglect or
- has not passed away but the Board knows or thinks that they have experienced serious abuse and neglect



The reviews look at how well agencies worked together to protect the adult.

During the year the learning from one Safeguarding Adult Review has been shared on our website.



The Safeguarding Adult Review said that we need to work closely with care homes and health to make sure that people know how to respond when someone in a care home has a illness that may spread to others.



The Board also arranged for professionals from the different organisations to look in detail about how they worked with adults at risk.

They looked at:



- People who were homeless and were at risk of harm
- People who usually live in North Lincolnshire who are temporarily in a care home in another area
- Concerns reported to the safeguarding team around people who may be at risk of modern

slavery, sexual exploitation or discriminatory abuse



What they found will help the Board to learn from people's stories and will tell us what we need to do to improve how we work together.

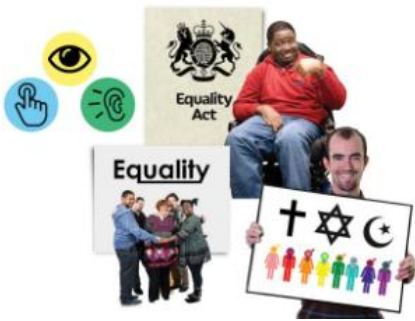


We have worked with other Boards including:

- Children's Multi-Agency Resilience and Safeguarding Board
- Community Safety Partnership
- Domestic Abuse Partnership Board
- Youth Justice Strategic Partnership Board



We work together to make sure our plans and priorities are connected to support adults, children and families from harm.



We have been working with local community groups to help us understand their culture and that people are experts in their own lives.



A referral is when a person or organisation contacts the council's safeguarding adults team about an adult that they are worried about.

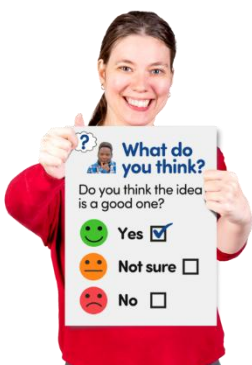
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This year 2272 adult safeguarding referrals were made. This has increased from last year by 2%.



933 safeguarding enquiries were started. A safeguarding enquiry looks into what is happening and the council can make a plan to keep you and other people safe in the future.



96% of people said that they were asked their views and wishes as part of the enquiry.

98% of people said that their views and wishes had been partially or fully achieved. This has

increased from last year.



86% of care providers have been inspected as good or outstanding. This includes care homes and organisations who provide carers to support people in their own home.



The Board have started a Forensic Medical Examination Pilot. When adults at risk have a bruise or an injury because they may have been abused a doctor will decide whether it was an accident. This helps us protect adults with unexplained injuries.



The Faculty of Forensic and Legal Medicine have supported the pilot and is now using some of our documents as national guidance.

What are you going to do next year?



The Board are writing a new Strategic Plan. This is something that the Board have to do by law.

We will:

- Seek the views of people to understand the life stories of people who have experienced

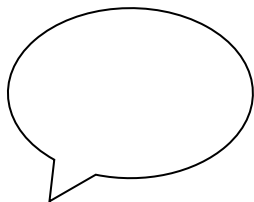
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- Look at our data to make sure we are identifying things that need further action
- Work with other Boards to make sure we are not doing things twice
- Work with local community groups and staff to seek their views on safeguarding

How can I find out more information about safeguarding adults in North Lincolnshire?



You can take a look at the [North Lincolnshire Safeguarding Adults Board](#) website



If you are worried about someone you know or you think you are being abused tell someone you trust.



If you or another person is seriously ill or hurt dial 999.



You can report abuse or neglect by calling the Safeguarding Adults Team on 01724 297000.