



Liverpool
Safeguarding
Adults Board

Liverpool Safeguarding Adults Board
Three Year Strategy
2025/2028



Who we are?

Liverpool Safeguarding Adults Board (LSAB) consists of a multi-agency partnership of both statutory and non-statutory organisations and one lay member.

Members are senior leaders from organisations responsible for effective multi-agency practice, policy, and procedures to safeguard adults from abuse.

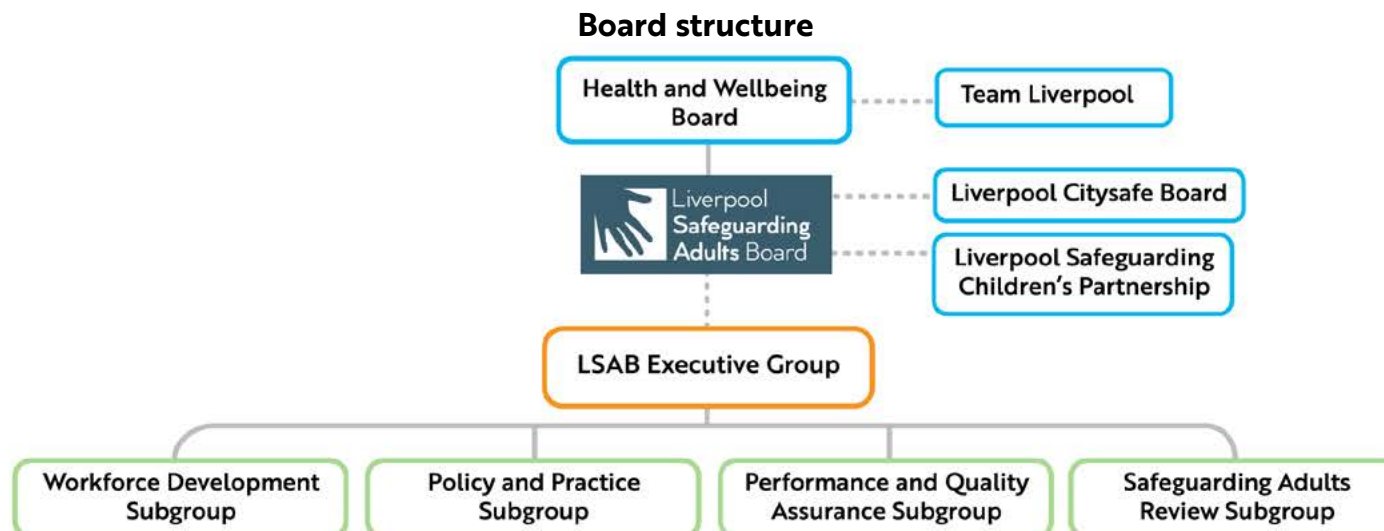
The Board is responsible for overseeing the work of Adult Safeguarding arrangements in Liverpool. The Board has an Independent Chair to enhance scrutiny and challenge. The Board has developed a comprehensive Memorandum of Understanding, which provides a framework for identifying roles and responsibilities and demonstrating accountability. In law, the statutory members of a SAB are defined as:

- The local authority
- The local police force
- The Integrated Care Board (ICB)

In Liverpool, we recognise the importance of the contribution made by all our partner agencies and this is reflected by the wider

Board membership:

- Liverpool City Council
- Merseyside Police
- NHS Cheshire & Merseyside
- Northwest Ambulance Service
- Lay Members
- Mersey care NHS Foundation Trust (MCFT)
- University Hospitals of Liverpool Group (UHLG)
- Merseyside Fire and Rescue Service (MFRS)
- Liverpool Probation Service
- Torus Housing
- YMCA Together
- HMP Liverpool
- Healthwatch Liverpool
- Altcourse Prison





Our Commitment

“ Improving safeguarding in Liverpool through effective partnership working ”

The Liverpool Safeguarding Adults Board is committed to ensuring the safety and well-being of all adults in our community. Through strengthened collaboration, targeted action, and a person-centered approach to safeguarding, we aim to create a supportive and protective environment for adults to live safely in our city. The Board looks forward to working with all partners to achieve these strategic priorities.

To achieve this we will follow the six key safeguarding principles.

Our Statutory responsibility, outlined in Care Act 2014:

- Develop and publish a Strategic Plan, setting out how we will meet our objectives and how our members and partner agencies will contribute’.
- Publish an Annual Report detailing how effective our work has been.
- Commission Safeguarding Adults Reviews (SARs) for cases where an adult dies or is seriously harmed as a result of abuse or neglect.



What is a three-year strategy?

Our three year strategy sets out:



How our three-year strategy has been developed

The Liverpool Safeguarding Adults Board three-year strategy has been developed by multi-agency partnership who are members of Liverpool Safeguarding Adults Board. LSAB hosted a development day in May 2024 agree the strategic priorities for the next three years.

A further development day was held in November 2024 to agree the Annual Business Plan for 2025/26.

Making Safeguarding Personal

Liverpool safeguarding Adults Board are fully committed to 'making safeguarding personal'. The goal of the board is to ensure that agencies in Liverpool work with people using a person-centred approach, using a trauma and Adverse Childhood Experiences (ACES) informed approach.

To promote the importance of MSP, LSAB will ensure the following:

Objective:

Embed a person-centered approach in all board related safeguarding activities, ensuring individuals are involved in processes and decisions affecting their lives.

Action Plan:

- Adopt the Making Safeguarding Personal framework.
- Engage with adults to ensure their voices and lived experiences are central to safeguarding practices.
- Utilise feedback loops from Safeguarding Adults Reviews (SARs) to inform practice improvements.
- Publish accessible materials for adults, including easy-to-read and physical documents.
- Reference Making Safeguarding Personal in the newly updated LSAB Logo.





Strategic Plan on a page 2025/2028

Priority 1: Strengthened Interagency Collaboration and Governance

Objective:

Enhance collaboration and governance structures to ensure effective safeguarding practices across multi-agency partners.

Action Plan:

- Strengthen governance structures and decision-making processes.
- Further develop shared policies and resources to streamline safeguarding process.
- Implement our Quality Assurance Framework which includes a robust audit function to gain a strengthened understanding of areas of good practice, areas for development and our key safeguarding risks.
- Strengthened Information Sharing Agreements, incorporating parallel review processes.
- Continue to improve connectivity to the work of other statutory boards by developing shared learning forums.

Priority 2: Homelessness

Objective:

Address the unique safeguarding needs of individuals experiencing through street homelessness, rough sleeping, temporary accommodation, sofa surfing.

Action Plan:

- Understand the level of safeguarding concerns where homelessness is a factor, and seek assurance from all agencies of their response to safeguarding concerns as a result of homelessness..
- Seek assurance from statutory agencies of their responses to people who experience homelessness.
- Seek assurance from agencies on how they embed trauma informed and ACES (Adverse Childhood Experiences) practices within their operational delivery and engagement.
- Promote and seek assurance from partner agencies that they deliver targeted training individuals experiencing homelessness to recognise safeguarding issues.

Priority 3: Transitional Safeguarding

Objective:

Strengthen transitional safeguarding understanding in Liverpool placing the Wellbeing principle (Care Act 2014) and Prevention at the heart of approaches.

Action Plan:

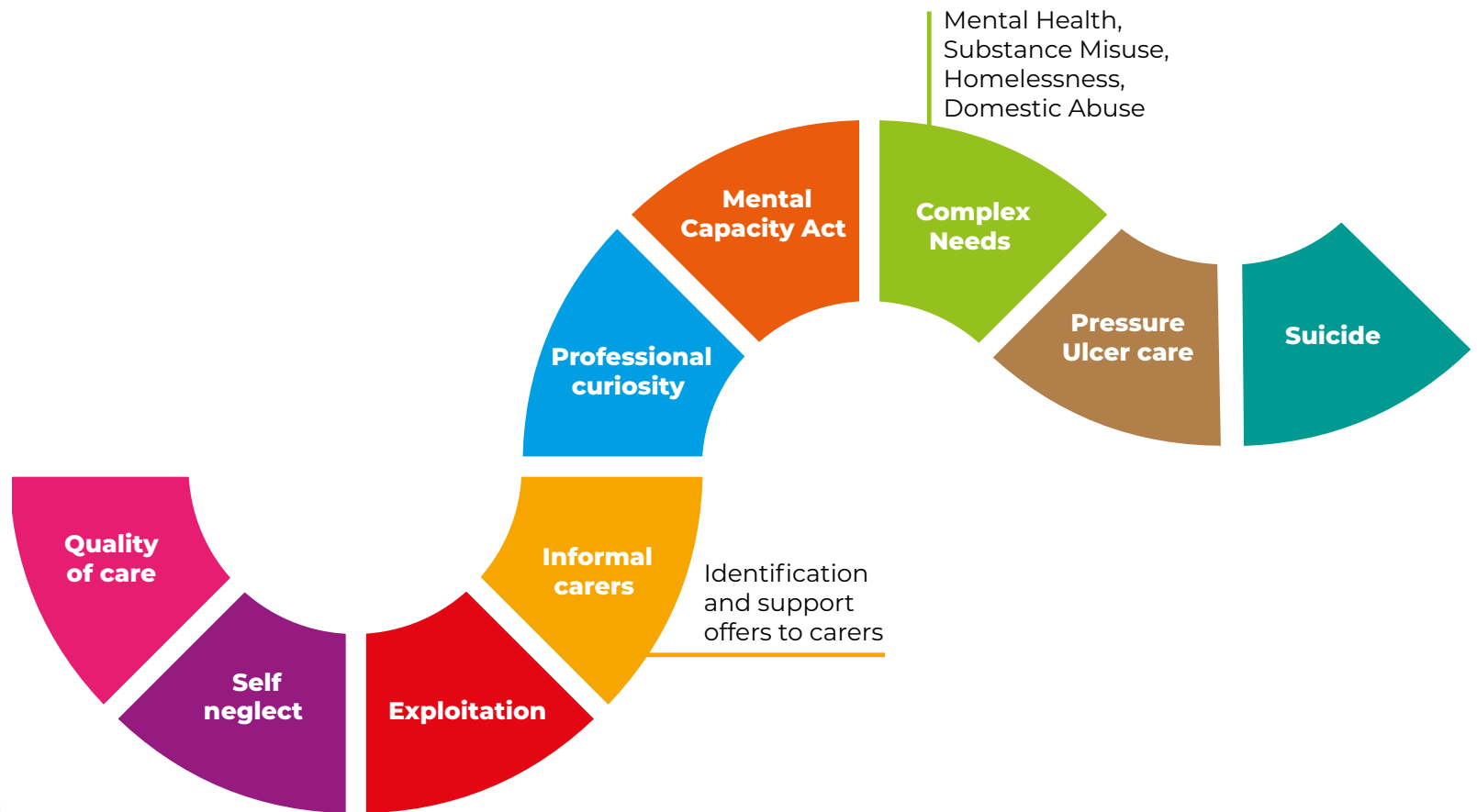
- Develop a Transitional Safeguarding Policy Statement for Liverpool which incorporates the voices of children and young adults lived experience.
- To work with individuals using a trauma and ACES informed approach.
- Strengthened collaboration between Liverpool Safeguarding Adults Board and the Liverpool Safeguarding Childrens Partnership to improve strategic oversight of young adults in Liverpool who have limited support structures and continue to be at risk as they move into adulthood.
- Seek assurance from partner agencies around how they work with young adults who continue to be at risk but do not transition easily into services for adults. Assess how well agencies work together to develop joint approaches and solutions when there are unclear pathways for support but high risk of abuse / neglect.
- Promote multi agency training and share developed resources that will support Liverpool practitioners to respond effectively to transitional safeguarding challenges.
- Raise awareness of the dangers of rough sleeping, and increase agencies understanding of their responsibility to refer safeguarding concerns.



Learning themes from Safeguarding Adults Reviews in our City

Liverpool Safeguarding Adults Board and partner agencies are fully committed to learning from Safeguarding Adults Reviews, performance data and analysis, and assurance exercises undertaken by the board. All the themes highlighted below are identified as local areas of risk for the board in addition to the three strategic priorities areas outlined.

The Board will be seeking assurance from partner agencies of their response to:



Progressed and published Safeguarding Adults Reviews

Risk Framework introduced
Liverpool SAR Learning Events MARAM process established

ACHIEVEMENTS

Introduced Independent Chair role

Developed and refreshed a number of safeguarding related guidance and protocols developed

Developed multi agency dashboard

Delivered National Safeguarding Adults Week Training Sessions to 1300 practitioners

Developed learning briefings

Established Multi Agency Audit Schedule

Launched new SAB website

Strengthened LSAB governance and board meeting structures



