



Strategic Plan 2020-24



What we want to achieve for 2020-24

The **Joint Strategic Plan 2020-24** sets out the actions that the Safeguarding Adults Board want to achieve for the next four years, partners will use these priorities to set targets for their own organisations. The **6 key principles** of safeguarding defined in the **Care Act 2014** formed the framework around how the **priorities** for safeguarding adults in Greenwich were to be identified. An event was held on 26 February 2020 to identify the actions for the next three years. However, given the impact of the Covid 19 pandemic the strategic plan has been extended to four years, with the first year's actions spread over two years. Board members will be responsible for leading on certain priorities.

Over recent years the board has focused its work on **Domestic Abuse, Transition, Modern Slavery and raising awareness**, the board will continue to work on these areas and sustain this thematic work.

How will the effectiveness of this strategic plan be measured?

Annual Report - The board has a statutory duty to produce an annual report at the end of each year which details the work of the board and its effectiveness.

Self-audit tools - Each year we ask partners to complete a self-audit tool to detail the effectiveness of the board and where there might be areas of challenge.

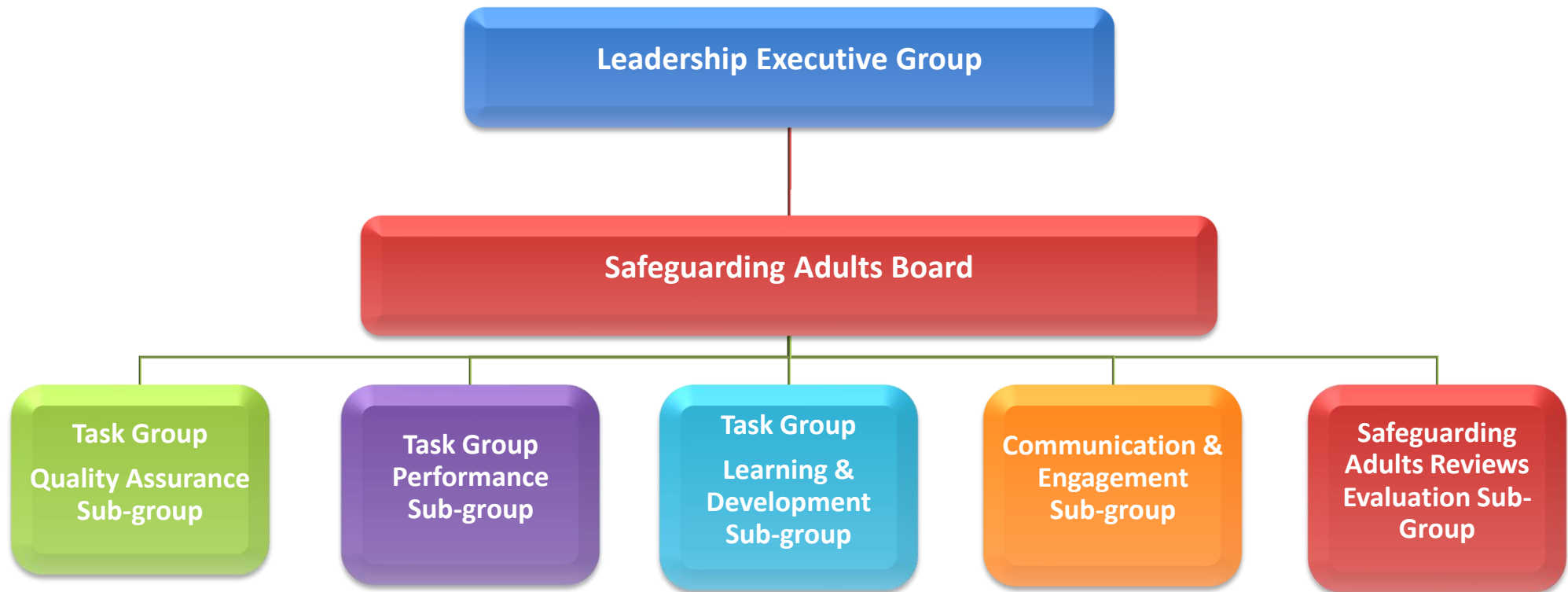
Challenge Event - The board also holds a challenge event each year which is another way the board can measure its effectiveness and make improvements for the following year.

Partnership

The Safeguarding Adults Board is made up of the following partners who have all signed up to this strategic plan.



Safeguarding Adults Board Arrangements in Greenwich



Priorities for 2020-24

EMPOWERMENT

People are supported and encouraged to make their own decisions

Expanding user engagement across the borough by identifying an organisation or worker to undertake work with already established service user groups

Undertaking discovery interviews to establish service user's experiences

Continuing to raise awareness of safeguarding across the borough

Monitoring the use and quality of advocacy services

PREVENTION

It is better to take action before harm occurs

Undertaking Safeguarding Adults Reviews as agreed by the board

Arranging a programme of events to share the learning from SARs, DHRs and SCRs undertaken in the borough

Developing a robust Pressure Ulcers prevention strategy and ensuring this is understood and embedded

Researching into Domestic Abuse perpetrator programmes

Further awareness raising in relation to familiar domestic abuse in older adults and signs to be aware of

PROPORTIONALITY

The least intrusive response is appropriate to the risk presented

Researching and developing evidence based approaches to support and improve practice

Enabling restorative justice and Family Group Conferences to be undertaken

Linking with other boards in the borough and across London to ensure priorities are aligned and shared

Developing guidance around positive risk taking

Ensuring there are appropriate links between housing and Safeguarding Adults to ensure concerns are shared especially in relation to rough sleepers

PROTECTION

Support and representation for those in greatest need

Commissioning a piece of work focusing on the safeguarding theme of social isolation

Embedding Liberty Protection Safeguards across the borough

Ensuring there are robust systems in place to support children moving into adult services across all areas

Continuing to deliver training on Modern Slavery across all partner organisations

PARTNERSHIP

Services working together with their local communities to help in preventing, detecting and reporting neglect and abuse

Holding a Safeguarding Adults Month and Conference

Partners presenting case studies at the board to make safeguarding more real

Jointly developing a Prevent protocol with the Safer Greenwich Partnership for staff and residents

Breaking down barriers to support operational staff to work across departments and organisations

ACCOUNTABILITY

Accountability and transparency in delivering safeguarding

Partners presenting data at the board to improve understanding and taking action to address issues arising

Ensuring multi-agency case file audits are undertaken to check that Making Safeguarding Personal is embedded in safeguarding processes

Ensuring each agency has an appropriately designated board member and they are assigned one of the priorities and actively work to support and deliver improvements

Ensuring further engagement with GPs and Prisons

Safeguarding Adults Board Themes for the next four years

The board agreed to focus each year on a theme in relation to safeguarding in Royal Greenwich. The three themes below have been agreed by the board



Social Isolation

2020-21/22

- Social isolation describes the absence of social contact and can lead to loneliness.
- Many things can prevent people from leaving the house and having contact with other members of society, such as;
- Long-term illness and disabilities
- Transport issues
- Unemployment
- Domestic abuse
- Self neglect and hoarding
- The impact of the Covid-19 pandemic.



Safeguarding and Mental Health

2022-23

- Mental health is an important consideration in safeguarding. One in 4 people in the UK will experience a mental health problem each year, and just as our bodies can become unwell so can our minds.
- All areas of safeguarding will have an impact on adult mental health.



Hate crime

2023-24

- The term 'hate crime' can be used to describe a range of criminal behaviour where the perpetrator is motivated by hostility or demonstrates hostility towards the victim's disability, race, religion, sexual orientation or transgender identity.
- It doesn't always include physical violence. Someone using offensive language or posting abusive or offensive messages online is also hate crime.

Getting Involved

If you **live** in the Royal Borough of Greenwich and would like to **become involved** in the work of the Royal Greenwich Safeguarding Adults Board, we would like to **hear from you**. Our Communication and Engagement Group provide an opportunity for residents to **share** their **stories and views**. This helps other people **stay safe** from abuse and neglect and helps the Safeguarding Adults Board to **improve** safeguarding services.

If you would like to get involved, please contact us via safeguarding-adults-board@royalgreenwich.gov.uk

Tel: 0208 921 2378

Or write to us at

Royal Greenwich Safeguarding Adults Board

The Woolwich Centre

2nd Floor ,35 Wellington Street

London

SE18 6HQ

If you are worried that an adult at risk in the Royal Borough of Greenwich may be being abused, or could be harmed or exploited contact:

Health and Adult Services, Royal Borough of Greenwich

Phone: **020 8921 2304** (9am to 5pm) or **020 8854 8888** (out of hours).

Email: aops.contact.officers@royalgreenwich.gov.uk

If you feel immediate help is needed from one of the emergency services, call 999.

The phone number for non-urgent calls to the police is 101.

