



Worcestershire Safeguarding Adults Board

Easy Read Annual Report

2020 - 2021



Message from our Chair

Professor Keith Brown, who is the Independent Chair of Worcestershire Safeguarding Board says:



This is my first Annual Report as the Chair of Worcestershire Safeguarding Board.

This year health and social care staff have worked through very difficult times, due to Covid-19, to help protect and care for us all in society.

Adult safeguarding is very important.

We will work closely with all agencies in Worcestershire to protect people from all forms of harm and abuse.

We will continue to challenge and review what we do, to safeguard adults.

Next year, we want to find better ways of working with the community to improve safeguarding in Worcestershire.

What does the Worcestershire Safeguarding Adults Board do?



The Worcestershire Safeguarding Adults Board:

- Keeps people safe from abuse or neglect
- Makes sure that agencies all work together so that people are kept safe and supported to make their own decisions
- If abuse or neglect does occur, the Worcestershire Safeguarding Adult Board will make sure it is looked into

Who is part of the Safeguarding Board?



The Board is made up of people from many agencies:

Worcestershire County Council

West Mercia Police

NHS Herefordshire & Worcestershire Clinical Commissioning Group

Hereford & Worcestershire Health and Care NHS Trust

Worcestershire Acute Hospitals NHS Trust

National Probation Service

Regulatory Services



Who is part of the Safeguarding Board?



Agencies continued:

Worcestershire Voices

Representative from Worcestershire Housing Strategic Partnership

Representative from Care Homes

Representative from Carer Reference Group

Representative from Advocacy Reference Group

Representative from People with Lived Experience (PwLE)

Lead Councillor for Adult Social Care

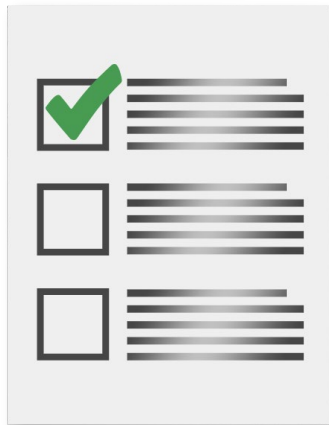
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The Safeguarding Board's Annual Budget

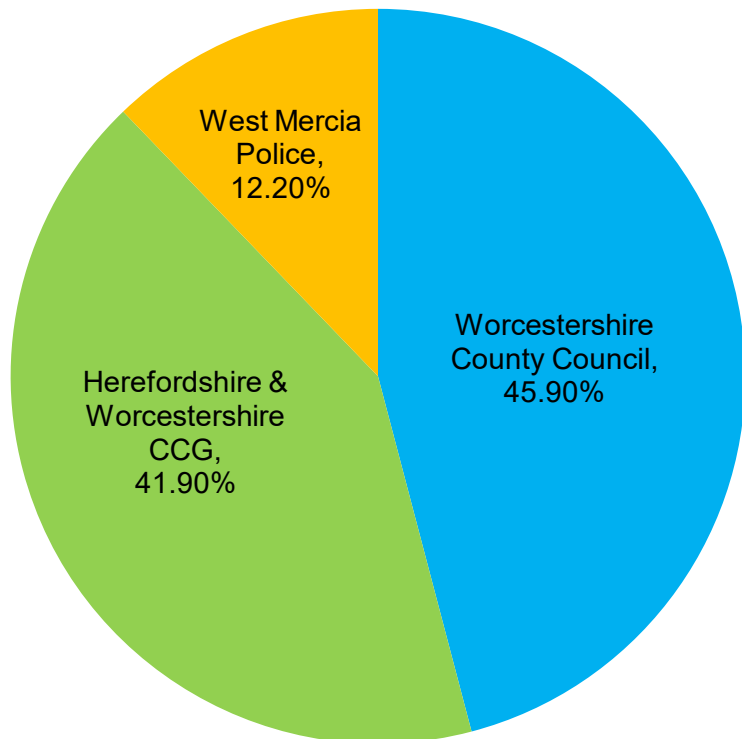


- The Annual budget for the year 2020 – 2021 was £125,524
- This is the money that the Board can use to support the service
- A total of £64,000 has been saved from previous years. This money is being used for some special projects to improve safeguarding. These include:

- An Exploitation Coordinator (exploitation means taking an unfair advantage of another person. They could be tricking them into doing something that they don't really want to do)
- Improving coordination where lots of services are involved
- Improving the way, we tell people about the work we do



How is the Safeguarding Board funded?



The Annual Budget is made up from money given by these three partners:

- Worcestershire County Council – 45.9 %
- Herefordshire & Worcestershire Clinical Commissioning Group - 41.9 %
- West Mercia Police - 12.20 %

How does the Worcestershire Safeguarding Board Work?



- There are 3 reference groups that find and raise safeguarding issues to the Safeguarding Board. They act for people with support and care needs, their carers and families
- There are 3 subgroups that work with the Worcester Safeguarding Adult Board. They work together to make plans so the Safeguarding Board can do their job
- The plans are looked at throughout the year

About the Care Act

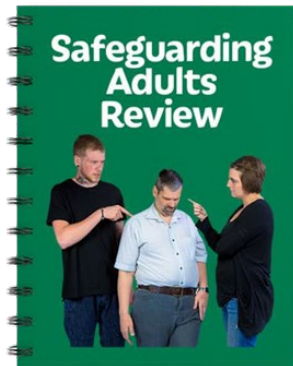


The Care Act 2014 put a duty into place to do Safeguarding Adults Reviews (SARs) when the following things happen:

- When there is a worry about how members of the Worcestershire Safeguarding Adults Board (WSAB) or other providers worked together to make sure an adult is safe
- And the person dies and it could have been because of abuse or neglect
- Or the person is alive but they have suffered abuse or neglect



Why we have Adult Safeguarding Reviews

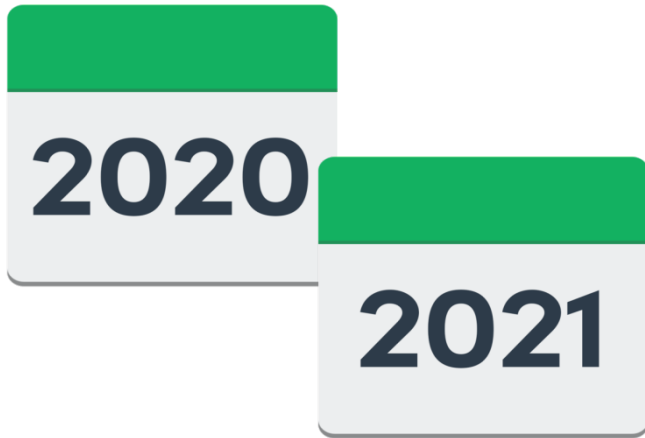


A Safeguarding Adult Review (SAR) is set up to:

- Find out what other people could have done differently to have stopped a death or harm to someone happening
- A Safeguarding Adult Review will involve people from a number of different agencies working together
- A Safeguarding Adult Review is to make sure that we learn and make things better to stop deaths or harm happening in the future
- A Safeguarding Adult Report will help improve care and support



Referrals in 2020 - 2021



In 2020 - 2021 there were:

- 8 cases that were sent to be looked at for a Safeguarding Adult Review.
- 6 did not meet the level needed to get a review - the other 2 referrals did lead to a Safeguarding Adult Review
- 2 of the 6 had single agency actions and 1 is waiting a further decision
- The other 3 did not need further action
- There were 6 reviews done during the year, from the following referrals:
 - 1 referral from 2016-2017
 - 2 referrals from 2018-2019
 - 3 referrals from 2019-2020



What we set out to do

The 6 Safeguarding Adult Reviews that we did in 2020 - 2021 will help us to do things better, this is what we will improve:



- Making safeguarding personal (MSP) by helping people and families when they move from children to adult services
- We will be better at asking for adult's views
- Making sure our partners and agencies work well together and talk to each other
- If something does go wrong, there should be a clear process to follow
- We will review the self-neglect policy to help if somebody is finding it hard to make their own decisions

About Section 42 Enquiries



Section 42 of the Care Act 2014 means that the Local Authority has to make enquiries into safeguarding concerns.

There are three things to think about when deciding if a concern meets the rules for a Section 42 enquiry, these are:

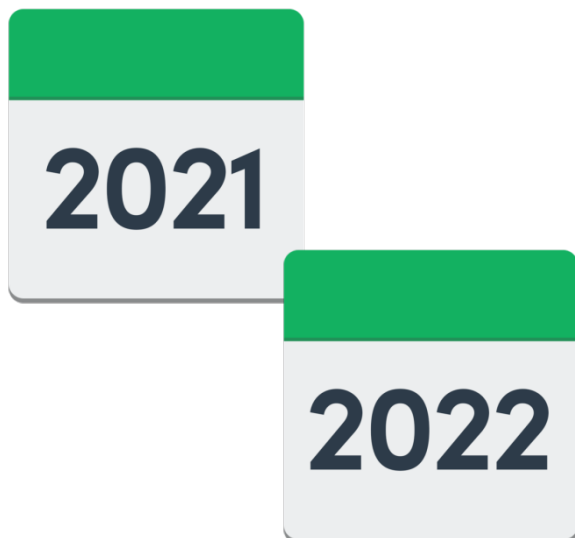
- The person has care and support needs
- The person is experiencing abuse or is at risk of abuse
- As a result of care and support needs, the person is unable to protect themselves

Concerns dealt with under Safeguarding



Concerns dealt with under safeguarding 2018 - 2021			
	Year 2018 - 2019	Year 2019 - 2020	Year 2020 - 2021
Concerns reported	2202	3921	3283
Meets Section 42 rules	318	542	902
Percentage that meet section 42 rules	15%	14%	27%

Going Forward 2021 - 2022



This year we did not hold a meeting to talk about what we will do in 2021– 2022 because of Covid-19.

We will carry on with the aims we agreed in 2020 – 2021.

These are the aims:

- Making sure we Safeguard Adults in the services they use
- Work better with our partners to Safeguard Adults
- Understand the issues that affect Safeguarding adults with care and support needs