

# What is the warrington [safeguarding] ? adults board



# What is Adult Safeguarding?

Safeguarding means protecting an adult at risk's right to live in safety, free from abuse and neglect, whilst supporting them to protect themselves and make decisions about how they live their life well and safely. Abuse and neglect can take many forms including financial exploitation and forcing people to do things against their will. We all have a responsibility to safeguard ourselves and others in our families and communities who may be more vulnerable due to illness, physical and/or mental disability/frailty.

Some public organisations, particularly local councils, health services and the police have legal safeguarding responsibilities for people who are unable to protect themselves and /or are at greater risk because they do not have the capacity to make decisions about their own safety. These and a range of other organisations work together with local people to try to prevent the risk of abuse or neglect and support those who have experienced abuse or neglect. What happens in safeguarding should reflect the adults' wishes wherever possible and for those without capacity that their relatives, carers and others who know them best are involved to ensure the adults best interests are at the forefront of any action.

In legal terms under the 2014 Care Act an adult at risk in safeguarding is someone who is 18 years or over, and;

- has needs for care and support (whether or not the local authority is meeting any of those needs) and
- is experiencing, or at risk of, abuse and neglect and
- as a result of those care and support needs, is unable to protect themselves from either the risk of, or the experience of abuse or neglect

## Warrington Safeguarding Adults Board

Warrington's Safeguarding Adults Board oversees local arrangements to ensure that safeguarding adults at risk is prioritised and co-ordinated effectively. The Board which has been established for some time, became a body required by statute under the Care Act 2014. Its key objective is to assure itself that local safeguarding arrangements are strong and sustainable and that Board partners (representatives of organisations with particular responsibilities) act together to help and protect adults at risk.

The WSAB is committed to continuous improvement, learning from experience and feedback from vulnerable adults at risk of neglect and abuse and ensuring that their voices influence local safeguarding activity.

## Mission Statement

Warrington's Safeguarding Adults Board will oversee local arrangements to ensure that safeguarding adults at risk is prioritised and co-ordinated effectively. We are committed to continuous improvement, learning from experience and enabling vulnerable adults at risk of neglect and abuse to have a voice and influence local agreements.

WSAB is chaired by an independent person who has no role with any Warrington organisation. Its members and advisers are senior representatives from a wide range of organisations including members from three statutory organisations: Warrington Borough Council, Clinical Commissioning Group and Cheshire Police.

Under the Care Act 2014 WSAB has three key duties:

- To publish a strategic plan
- To publish an annual report on the work of the Board
- To commission safeguarding adult reviews (SARs) where these are required.

Safeguarding Adult Boards (SABs) must arrange a safeguarding adult reviews when:

- An adult in its area dies as a result of abuse or neglect (known or suspected) and there is concern about how partners have worked together.
- An adult in its area has not died but the SAB knows or suspects that the adult has experienced serious abuse or neglect.

The WSAB has a current Business Plan which is reviewed annually. The WSAB publishes an annual report of its overall progress. This can be found at:

[http://www.warrington.gov.uk/info/200519/warrington\\_safeguarding\\_adults\\_board/215/warrington\\_safeguarding\\_adults\\_board\\_wsab](http://www.warrington.gov.uk/info/200519/warrington_safeguarding_adults_board/215/warrington_safeguarding_adults_board_wsab)

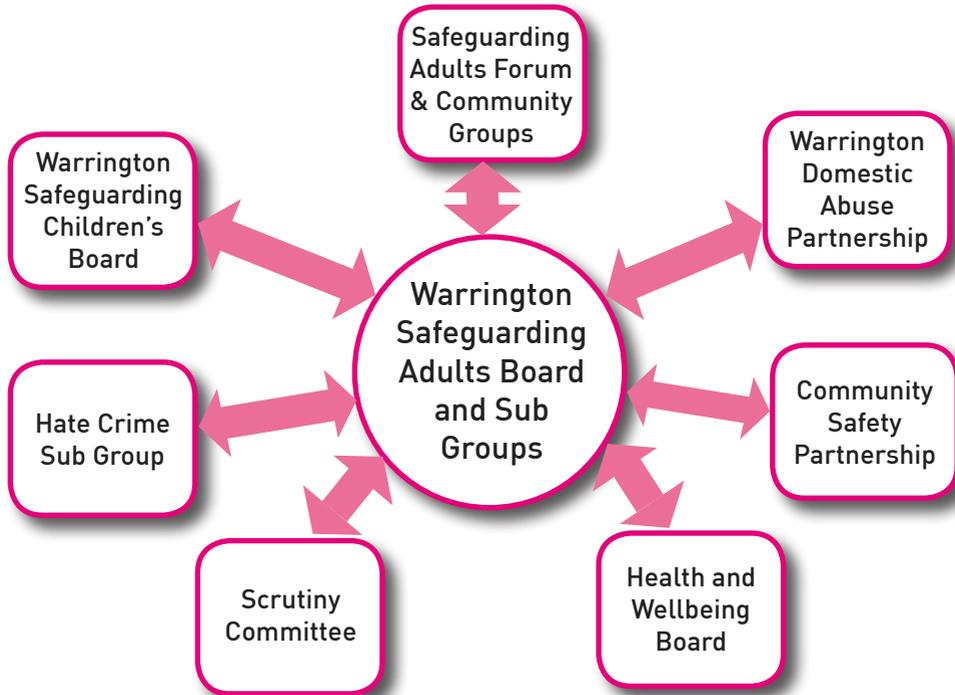
## WSAB Sub Groups

WSAB utilises sub groups to focus on priority areas for development and to ensure delivery of its objectives. Each group has its own terms of reference and work plan, WSAB receives updates on a quarterly basis from each sub groups. The WSAB also has links with other strategic boards and partnerships.

## Warrington Safeguarding Adults Forum (SAF)

The SAF is made up of people from a broader range of organisations to exchange and cascade safeguarding information within their individual organisations. The SAF enables valuable links to be made with community groups so that the WSAB is influenced by a range of local community voices.

## Who does WSAB work with?



## Contacts

For more information about the WSAB and its work contact 01925 444186 If you have a safeguarding concern, or believe you are being abused, please contact: The Access to Social Care Team, Warrington Borough Council  
Tel: 01925 444239 (office hours) or 01925 444400 (outside office hours)  
Cheshire Police Tel: 999 (emergencies) or 101 (to report a crime)