



Richmond and  
Wandsworth  
**Safeguarding  
Adults Board**

# **Vision & Strategic Plan 2018-2021**

## INTRODUCTION

The Richmond and Wandsworth Safeguarding Adults Board (SAB) is a statutory, multi-agency partnership coordinated by the local authority. It oversees and leads adult safeguarding across the Richmond and Wandsworth Council areas. The main objective of the SAB is to ensure that safeguarding arrangements across the partnership, work effectively to prevent abuse and neglect and to protect people with care and support needs who may be at risk of abuse and neglect.

The strategic plan is a statutory requirement and its main purpose is to:

- specify the actions required by the SAB and partner agencies to implement the strategy
- inform the local community and all interested parties, including practitioners, about the work Programme of the SAB.

This document sets out the Board's **Vision and its Strategic Plan** for the period 2018-2021. The draft was subject to professional and public consultation during April and May 2018. The SAB will set out its annual priorities in the SAB' annual business plan and report in the SAB annual report to what extent objectives have been achieved by the SAB and its partner agencies.

## OUR VISION

The Richmond & Wandsworth Safeguarding Adults Board (SAB) commit to the fundamental principle that all citizens of Richmond and Wandsworth Boroughs (irrespective of age, race, gender, culture, religion, physical or mental ill health; disability or sexual orientation) have a fundamental right to live an independent life free from harm and abuse.

All agencies will work together and commit to ensuring that Safeguarding is Everybody's Business. This will be done by

- Raising awareness about abuse
- Preventing abuse from happening wherever possible
- Reporting and responding to concerns and incidents of harm and abuse
- Sharing information and intelligence to reduce and remove risk
- Share and utilise learning from safeguarding enquiries and reviews to develop practice and preventive strategies
- Embed a "Making Safeguarding Personal" approach across the partnership which ensures people are involved and in control of all safeguarding activities.

## SAFEGUARDING PRINCIPLES

The SAB’s vision is based on and reflecting of the safeguarding principles contained in the Care Act 2014. There will be an expectation that partner agencies and professionals to work effectively together in a way that reflects these principles and outcomes to residents:

Principle	Description	Outcomes for Richmond & Wandsworth residents
<b>Empowerment</b>	Adults are encouraged to make their own decisions and are provided with support and information	“I am asked what I want as the outcomes from the safeguarding process and these directly inform what happens.”
<b>Protection</b>	Adults are offered ways to protect themselves, and there is a co-ordinated response to adult safeguarding.	“I get help and support to report abuse and neglect. I get help so that I am able to take part in the safeguarding process to the extent to which I want.”
<b>Prevention</b>	Strategies are developed to prevent abuse and neglect that promotes resilience and self-determination.	“I receive clear and simple information about what abuse is, how to recognise the signs and what I can do to seek help.”
<b>Proportionate</b>	A proportionate and least intrusive response is made balanced with the level of risk	“I am sure that professionals will work in my best interests as I see them, and professionals will only get involved as much as needed.”
<b>Partnerships</b>	Local solutions through services working together within their communities.	“I am confident that professionals will work together, with me and my network, to get the best result for me. I know that staff treat any personal and sensitive information in confidence, only sharing what is helpful and necessary.”
<b>Accountable</b>	Accountability and transparency in delivering a safeguarding response	“I understand the role of everyone involved in my life and so do they.”

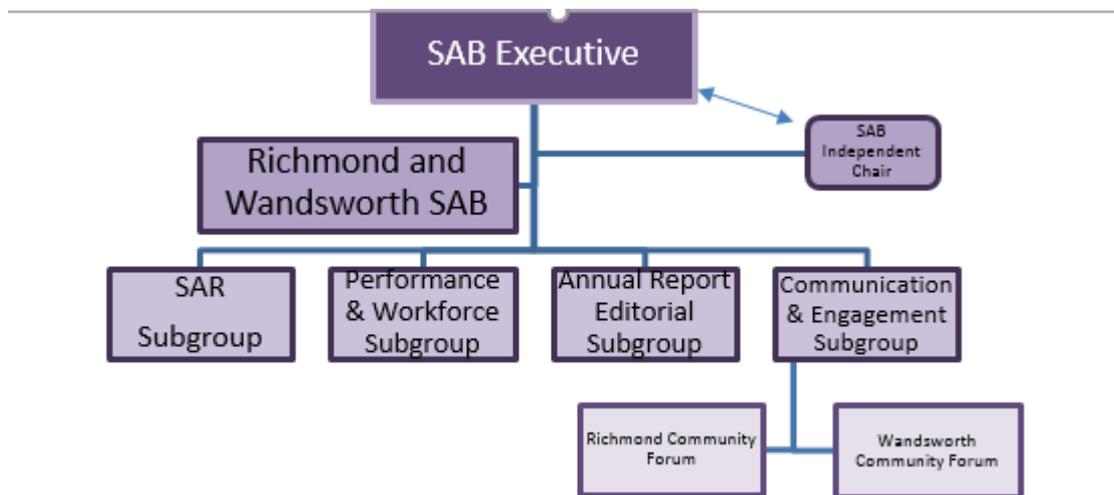
## BOARD GOVERNANCE

The Executive and the Board will meet 4 times a year. The business of the Board will largely be conducted through key sub groups.

The SAB reports on its business to the Richmond and Wandsworth Health and Well Being Board and both Council Scrutiny Committees, senior leadership in in NHS and the Metropolitan Police and to Healthwatch

The Safeguarding Adult Board is part of a wider network of strategic leadership supporting adults at risk of harm and abuse (and who have care and support needs across) Richmond and Wandsworth. It is chaired by an Independent chair and reports to the SAB Executive comprising the strategic partners: Council, Health and Police. The membership comprises key statutory and non-statutory agencies within the two Boroughs, including agencies representing service users and Carers.

The SAB Structure:



The SAB Executive will meet bi-monthly and will receive reports from the sub groups and the independent chair. The Sub groups will be the key delivery mechanism through which the SAB will deliver its business objectives.

The wider SAB will meet 3 times a year with a themed focus on:

1. Annual General Business Meeting – focus on evaluation, review and revision of the strategic and business objectives.
2. Annual Safeguarding Learning Event – showcasing learning from Safeguarding Adult Reviews and Live Case Reviews etc.
3. Collaborative Safeguarding Summit – connecting with other safeguarding boards and ensuring corroboration.

## FACTORS SHAPING BOARD PRIORITIES

This Plan highlights the SAB's strategic priorities and objectives over the next three years. Several factors have helped to shape and influence these priorities including:

- The discussions, review and evaluation of the SAB Structure, governance, membership and strategic aims and objectives on 30 April 2018 during the joint Richmond and Wandsworth SAB's first Annual Business Meeting.
- Responses to public consultation and local events which provide a focus on governance including the work of the London SAB, Making Safeguarding Personal Temperature check and learning from Safeguarding Adults Reviews
- The findings from the self-assessments undertaken by Richmond and Wandsworth SAB Partners

The themes which emerged included:

- Improve and strengthen the **prevention** offer in relation to financial abuse and neglect, including self-neglect
- Improve **awareness** of issues such as cybercrime, self-neglect, Domestic violence, modern slavery and forced marriage
- Develop enquiries, working with people who self-neglect and shared risk assessments
- Improve user and carer **involvement** in the SAB
- Strengthen integration and **collaboration** with LSCB, Community Safety Partnership and Health and Wellbeing Board.
- Continue with good partnership working in multiagency forums such as VAMA/CMARAP, MARAC and MAPPA
- Strengthen **partnership** through participation in multiagency partnership forums and developing shared protocols and procedures.
- Develop effective referral and **communication** pathways between partners, especially considering wide ranging organisational changes in many organisations including the strategic partners
- Maintain energy and **commitment** of all partners

## BOARD PRIORITIES 2018 - 2021

### 1. Strong governance and accountability:

- Develop and strengthen functioning of Executive group
- Shape the wider SAB partnership with a focus on safeguarding principles
- Develop effective and vibrant sub groups which deliver on Board priorities

### 2. Strengthen wider partnership and collaboration

- Identify common themes with other key partnerships and agree mechanisms to work on these collaboratively
- Agree mechanisms for sharing information and learning across wider partnerships

### 3. Efficient identification and sharing of learning from safeguarding Adults Reviews

- Identify cost effective ways to undertake statutory Safeguarding Adults reviews
- Introduce a system of multiagency live case reviews to embed learning from SARS

## HOW WE CONDUCT OUR BUSINESS

Our annual work plans will reflect a cycle of review and revision:

### SAB Vision and Strategic Plan 2018-21

- Sets out the principles and how the SAB will work together

### SAB Annual Business Plan

- Sets out the annual priorities for the SAB, its Subgroups and member agencies in order meet strategic objectives

### SAB Annual Report

- Reports on how successful the SAB and its partner organisations have been at meeting statutory strategic and business plan objectives