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Warwickshire Safeguarding Adults Board

News letter

Welcome Message

I'm delighted to welcome you to the first newsletter of the newly formed Warwickshire Safeguarding Adults Board (WSAB).

The recent separation of the combined children and adults safeguarding partnership in Warwickshire has created an opportunity for partners to review specific issues impacting adults with care and support needs. The newly published WSAB Strategic Plan details our strategic priorities for 2025-2028 framed by our vision to "Work with partners and communities to safeguarding people's right to live free from abuse and neglect, ensuring their views and wishes inform their safeguarding outcomes".

Whilst we are committed to adhering to our statutory responsibilities as a Safeguarding Adults Board to adults with care and support needs, we have proved ourselves open to considering/promoting a whole range of issues that impact on the overall safety and well-being of the wider adult population across the county.

Our membership is diverse and includes statutory partners and a whole range of key professionals who work with vulnerable adults who are at risk of abuse or neglect. This brings a much-welcomed breadth and depth of information sharing to our meetings.

We are now in a strong position to move forward, developing our work around safeguarding our adult population.

Our first two board meetings have been vibrant and engaging, and I am thankful to our partners for their active participation.

We have established our sub-groups, agreed our TORs and reported back on our work to the main board.

I am very excited for the future of our board. Our membership is representative, and our discussions are both challenging and supportive.

I remain very grateful to our partners for their continued support in ensuring they both praise and challenge practice and share learning within their respective areas of expertise.

I am hopeful you will find these newsletters informative and useful in supporting your work in keeping adults safe from abuse or neglect.

Elaine Coleridge-Smith
Independent Chair of WSAB

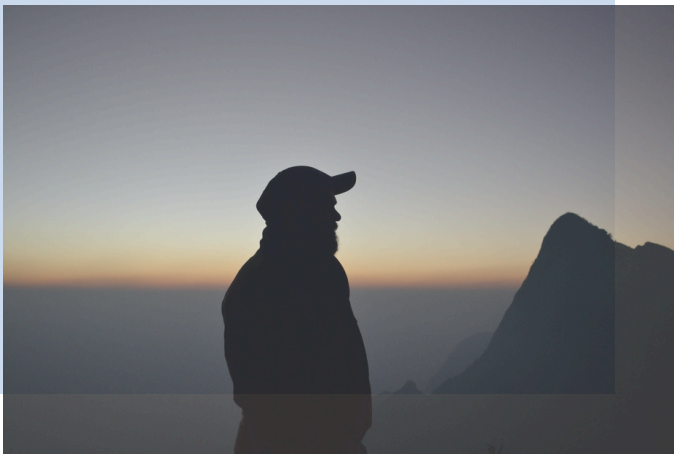
Learning from Safeguarding Adult Reviews

Nick and Leo - Lessons Learned Briefing
Nick and Leo were two men in their 50s who lived in the same area, at the same time, but did not know each other. Both had substance misuse issues, poor mental health and may have been victims of exploitation.

Learning has been identified for professionals working with adults around:

- Importance of multi-agency meetings
- Mental capacity assessments
- Being aware of indicators and signs of exploitation
- Person-centred practice

Read the briefing on Warwickshire Safeguarding's website or by clicking here



New 7-minute briefings:

Click on the title to access the briefing.

Advance Care Planning

Advance care planning is a person-centred approach to document how an adult would like to be cared for as an illness progresses. It documents the discussion and decisions made. It can be reviewed regularly and shared with care providers to ensure that the individual's preferences, such as who can advocate on their behalf, can be considered in their ongoing and future care if they lose capacity to make these decisions.

Supporting Gender Identity Needs

This briefing is a multi-agency guide for supported practice when working with young people, adults and families.

Safeguarding Lead Spotlight

Detective Inspector Heidi Twynham

My passion for safeguarding came from my love of working with children in Child Protection. I am now in my dream role working within Public Protection, looking at ways to improve safeguarding across the county for all children and vulnerable adults. I am also the force lead for Child Death. I particularly like the multi-agency collaboration this role brings and the relationships I forge with my partnership colleagues.

Outside of work: I am a rugby coach and have coached for over 12yrs and was until recently the Safeguarding Lead for a large club. Both my sons are academy level rugby players and my eldest is looking to pursue his rugby in the USA on a University rugby scholarship. When not throwing around an oval ball, I love walking my dogs, Jim the 15yr old Shih-tzu and Douglas the 1yr old spaniel and playing netball.

Fun fact: I was Miss Rugby Carnival Queen 1999/2000.

WSAB Updated Escalation Policy 2025

WSAB's Escalation Policy has been refreshed to be adult focused and a four stage approach. The form has also been updated to include reporting and monitoring processes.
The policy, forms and helpful briefings are available here.

Professional Curiosity

A useful guide on applying professional curiosity and following professional judgement in everyday practice has been produced by The National Safeguarding Adults Board Business Manager Network.
Download a copy here *

Updated Resources

WSAB's Learning, Communication and Engagement Subgroup have updated a number of posters and leaflets on a variety of topics. These are available for download and use within your agencies and communities with space to provide details of the Safeguarding Lead. They can be displayed both printed and digitally.
Available here

Partner Newsletters

CWPT's Summer Newsletter - Issue 1

If you would like to promote a multi-agency event or information in November's edition of the newsletter write to us via: wsab@warickshire.gov.uk

*Also available via www.safeguardingwarwickshire.co.uk

Warwick District Faiths Forum Health and Wellbeing Conference 11th October 2025

Mark it in your diaries! The Annual Warwick District Faith Forum Health and Wellbeing conference returns on the 11th October 2025, 9.30am - 1pm at St Peter's Domer Centre, Leamington Spa.
Key aims of the Conference:
1)To raise awareness in the community of the importance of our Health and Wellbeing, and addressing some of the current issues.
2)To provide the community with an outline of services and support available to them. There will be displays and information from key service providers.
3)To provide an opportunity for members of the Community to raise issues and concerns with key service providers.

The event is free for all to attend. For further information or to register to attend, please email: wdfaithsforum@yahoo.com

Quick details:
Date and Time: Saturday 11th October 2025 9.30am - 1pm
Location: St Peter's Domer Centre, Dormer Place, Leamington Spa, CV32 5AA

Adult Safeguarding Week 17 - 21 November 2025

This is a week for agencies to come together to raise awareness of safeguarding adults across Warwickshire.

Keep a look out for communications via the website, email circular and within communities about how you can get involved.

WSAB Strategic Priorities 2025 -2028

The strategic plan is a statement of Warwickshire Safeguarding Adults Board's (WSAB) vision and agreed strategic priorities over the next three years. It details how we will work as a partnership to keep people safe from abuse and neglect.

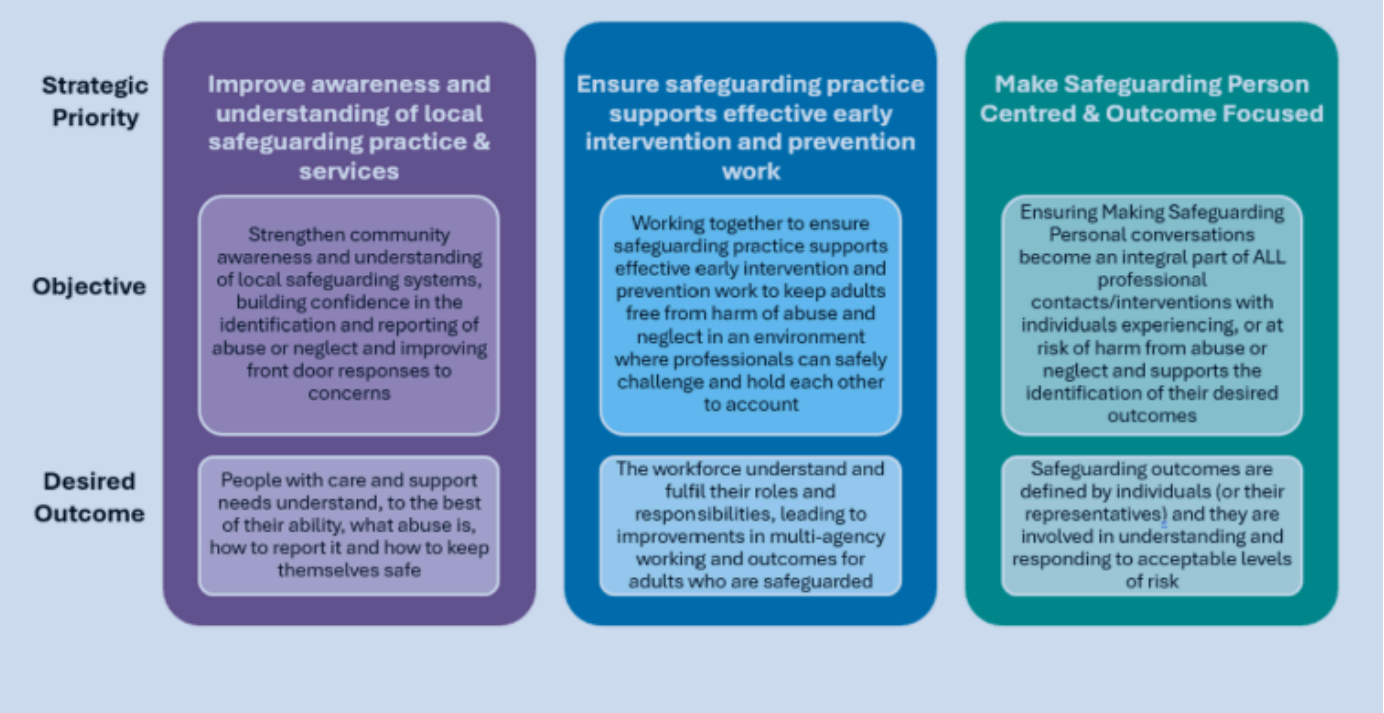
Our Vision

"We will work with partners and communities to safeguard people's right to live free from abuse and neglect, ensuring their views and wishes inform their safeguarding outcomes."

Warwickshire Safeguarding Adults Board aims to empower its communities by helping people to understand what abuse and neglect is, how to report concerns and by supporting its workforce through clear and concise policy and procedures to respond to these concerns.

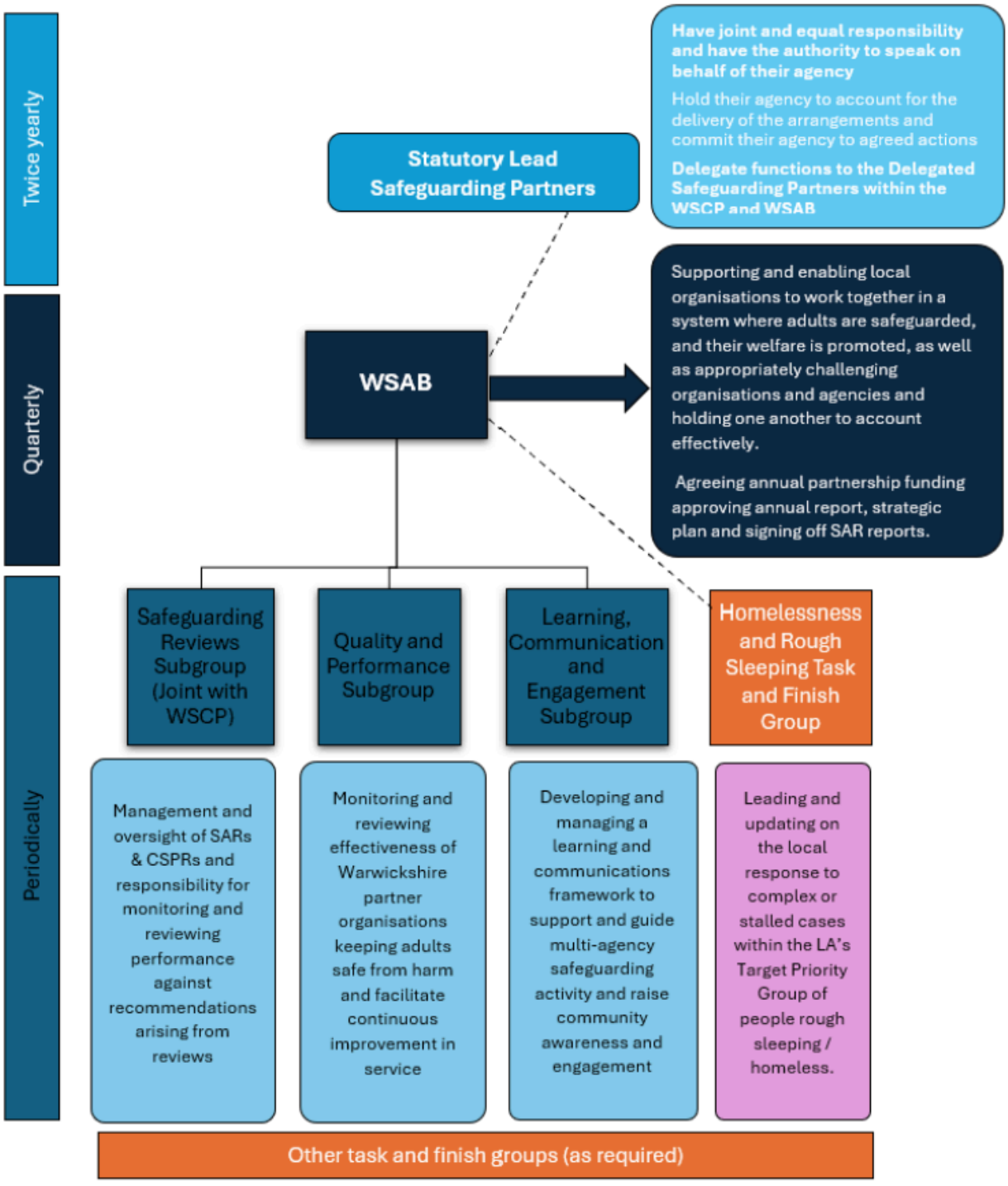
In all its activities, the Warwickshire Safeguarding Adults Board will promote equality of opportunity and aim to meet the diverse needs and wishes of adults at risk in the area. It will seek to ensure there is a strong commitment to Making Safeguarding Personal across the partnership, and that the voice of the citizens of Warwickshire is present in the work of the Board and its constituent sub-groups.

Full details of the Warwickshire Safeguarding Adults Board's Strategic Plan for 2025-2028 can be accessed here.



New Governance Structure for WSAB

The following governance structure supports the delivery of Warwickshire Safeguarding Adults Board's strategic duties. Further details about the Board's Constitution can be accessed here.



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Warwickshire VARM
Working together to reduce the risk of harm

What is a VARM?
VARM stands for 'vulnerable adult risk management', in which agencies can facilitate a multi-agency meeting for adults, who are deemed to have capacity, and are experiencing a concerning and unmanageable level of risk.

Who can lead and facilitate a VARM?
Any agency can do this.

What are the benefits of a VARM meeting?
- Improving an adult's wellbeing
- Breaking down of silo working and sharing of responsibility
- Information sharing process
- Opportunity to engage with the adult in a respectful environment
- Identifying risks with the adult
- Record of multi-agency risk assessment

Where can I find more information on this?
Safeguarding Warwickshire's website. Here you will find helpful guides, templates, and tools to help facilitate an effective meeting. You can also contact the Business Team via the email address listed opposite if you have any questions.

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Independent Chair

Amrita Sharma
Business Manager

Jenn Coxley
Quality Learning & Improvement Officer

Jen Wrottesley
Business Development Officer

Contact us via WSAB@warwickshire.gov.uk

To report an adult safeguarding concern or to make a safeguarding referral for a child, please contact one of the following:

Social Care & Support (Adults): 01926 412080
Family Connect (Children): 01926 414144

Quick Links
- 7-Minute Briefings
- Lessons Learned Briefings
- Past WSP Quarterly Bulletins