



**Leeds Safeguarding
Adults Board**



Easy read Annual Report

April 2024 to March 2024

1. What is this report about?

Abuse is when someone hurts you, treats you badly or forces you to do something.

It is also when they don't give you the care you should be getting to be healthy and safe.



Leeds Safeguarding Adults Board works to keep people safe from abuse.

This work is called Safeguarding Adults.

There are people on the Board from organisations like the Adult Social Care, NHS, Police, Fire Service, Probation, and Advonet.



This report is about some of our work between April 2024 and March 2025.

2. How people were helped to be safe from abuse.



12,997 people contacted Adult Social Care for help to be safe from abuse. Many people needed advice or a referral to another service.

But 5101 cases needed Adult Social Care to investigate what had happened and make plans with the adult to help keep them safe.

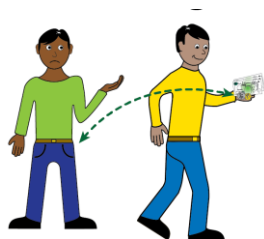
The types of abuse that people reported most were:



Staff or families not providing the help and support that someone needed.



Someone being hurt or injured.



Someone having money taken from them.



Someone being made to feel sad, upset scared or not important.



Almost everyone said they felt safer after being helped.

3. What we have done and what we are working on.



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We started to use our new logo.

We created it using ideas from people in Leeds.

It has a person in the letter A to show people are at the centre of all our work.



We launched our new website. It has a section with information for members of the public.

You can visit the website at LeedsSAB.org.uk



The Members Council from People Matters in Leeds made a short film for us.

It tells people how financial abuse can happen and how to get help.

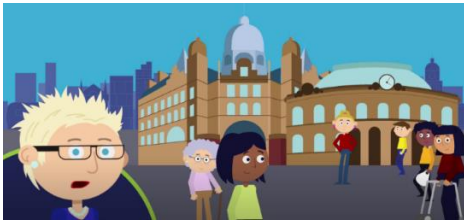


We provided free public information posters and leaflets.



We gave talks to fourteen (14) community groups to help them understand how abuse can happen and how to be safe.

And we had an information stall at the Dementia Action Week Event at Headingley Stadium.



People watched our public information film. It's on our YouTube channel - Leeds Safeguarding Adults Board.



We used Facebook, X, and Instagram to share messages about abuse and how to get help.

You can follow us @LeedsSAB



In June we joined up with Bradford, Wakefield, Kirklees and Calderdale to put on West Yorkshire Safeguarding Week.

Hundreds of people came to talks and training about safeguarding. They were people who work with adults and children.

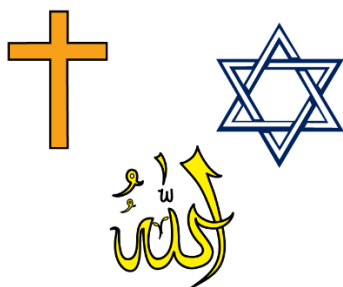


In November we had a special Safeguarding Week for Leeds.

Over one thousand (1000) people came to talks about safeguarding adults and children.



We published newsletters to give safeguarding information to over nine hundred (900) people who work with adults in Leeds.



We've been working with some other Safeguarding Boards in England to write a guide that will help faith organisations protect people from abuse.



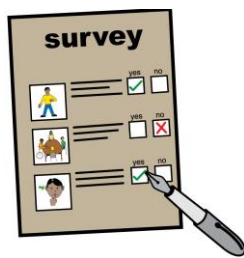
We've been involved in a project looking at how organisations like the police, NHS, and Council work with different communities to help them keep people safe.



We had a meeting with people who work for charities and voluntary organisations in Leeds.

They told us about their experiences of keeping people safe.

They told us things we can include in our plans and our work in the future.



We had surveys so that people could give their feedback about our work.

self-neglect



Self-neglect is when you are not able to look after your health or care needs and you find it difficult to accept help.

We had a conference for people working with adults. It was to help them understand why some people self-neglect and the help that is available.

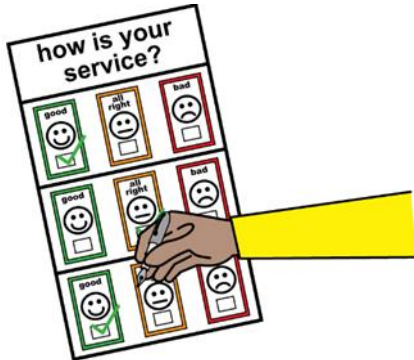
We have a guide to help organisations know how to support people who self-neglect.

And we started a project looking at how organisations can work well together to help people who self-neglect.



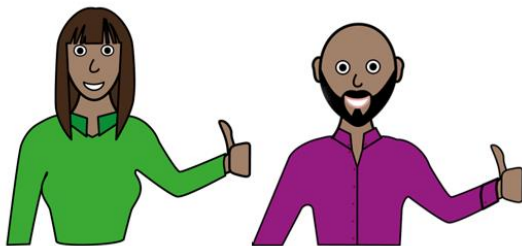
People who work for Housing Associations in Leeds had a meeting about Cuckooing – this is when criminals take over someone's home.

They also had a meeting about Domestic Abuse



Our Board Members did assessments to make sure their services use the guidance and training that we give them.

They also checked that they are working to deliver our plans and projects.



Our members had a meeting about making sure people who use their services know how to report abuse and how they know that people feel safe.

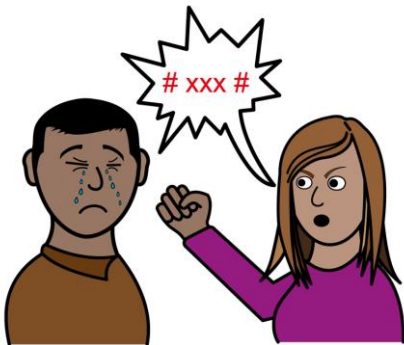
4. Our upcoming plans.

Some of the things we want to do this year:



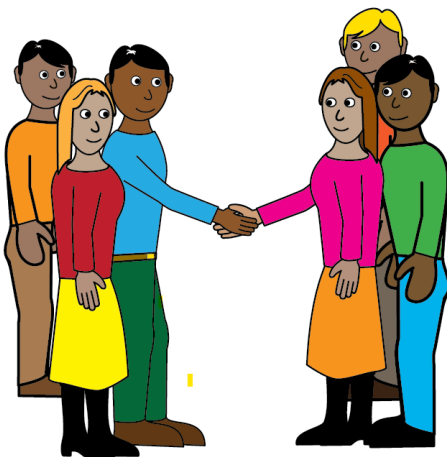
To encourage people to report abuse we want to make some films with people from Leeds telling their safeguarding stories.

domestic abuse



Domestic abuse is when you are hurt or treated badly by someone in your family or relationship.

We want to look at how organisations in Leeds work to help people with care and support needs, to help them be safe from Domestic Abuse.



We have a Friends of the Board Network. It is people from thirty (30) organisations that work with adults in Leeds.

The network helps us hear about people's experiences of safeguarding and gives us ideas for our work.

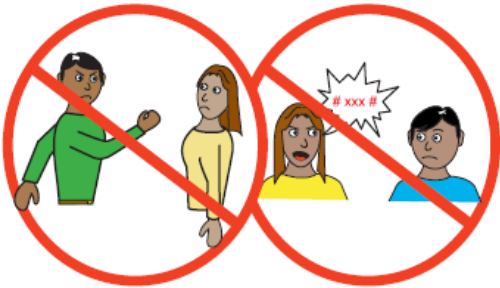
We'd like more members to join the network.



We're going to have another Safeguarding Week for Leeds in November 2025.

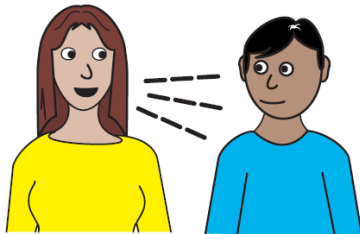
There will be lots of events for people working with adults and children in Leeds.

5. How to get help if abuse is happening to you or someone else.



Please remember that abuse is always wrong.

There are people that can help you.



If you think abuse is happening to you or someone else tell someone you trust as soon as you can.

Don't worry. You won't be in trouble if you are wrong.

You can tell Leeds City Council Adult Social Care

Telephone: 0113 222 4401

Email: adults@leeds.gov.uk

If you need help to communicate visit:

leeds.gov.uk/language



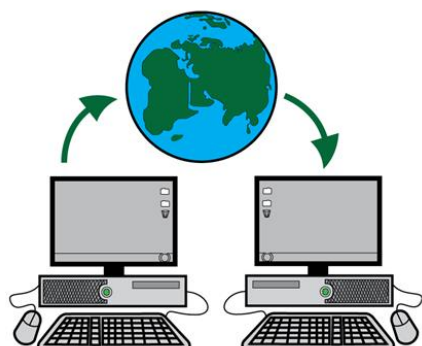


You can go to a Council Community Hub and talk to one of the people that work there.



In an emergency call the police on 999.

6. More Information about Leeds Safeguarding Adults Board.



Our website is: www.LeedsSAB.org.uk

You can also visit it by scanning this code:





We have films on YouTube. Our channel is called Leeds Safeguarding Adults Board.

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We are on Facebook and X.

Our profile name is @LeedsSAB



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