

Bury Safeguarding Adults Board



Strategic Plan 2024 – 2027

Vision

At the heart of [Bury's LET'S Strategy](#) is everyone working together so that local people have a better quality of life. As a Safeguarding Adults Board, our contribution to LET'S is to make sure that safeguarding adults is everyone's business, and our vision is that:

Bury is a place where people and organisations work together effectively, where adults and their families have the right to live a life free from harm in communities which:

- Have a culture that does not tolerate abuse or neglect.
- Work together to prevent abuse or neglect.
- Know what to do when abuse or neglect happens.

The Strategic Plan outlines our aims for the next three years, setting out what we hope to achieve in order to safeguard adults with care and support needs in Bury.

About Adult Safeguarding

Safeguarding means protecting an adult's right to live in safety, free from abuse and neglect. It is about people and organisations working together in Bury to prevent and stop both the risks and experience of abuse or neglect, while at the same time making sure that the adult's wellbeing is promoted including, where appropriate, having regard to their views, wishes, feelings and beliefs in deciding on any action.

Who does 'adult safeguarding' apply to?

Safeguarding duties under the Care Act 2014 apply to an adult who:

- Has needs for care and support (whether or not the local authority is meeting any of those needs).
- Is experiencing, or is at risk of, abuse or neglect.
- As a result of those care and support needs is unable to protect themselves from the abuse or neglect or the risk of it.

What is abuse?

Abuse can happen anywhere and to anyone. It can happen on a one-off basis, or a person can experience multiple abuse. The Care Act 2014 identifies 10 types of abuse that can occur in the context of care and support. These include physical, sexual, psychological, financial, modern slavery, discriminatory, organisational, neglect and acts of emissions, self-neglect, and domestic abuse. It is important to recognise and address these forms of abuse to ensure the safety and well-being of vulnerable adults.

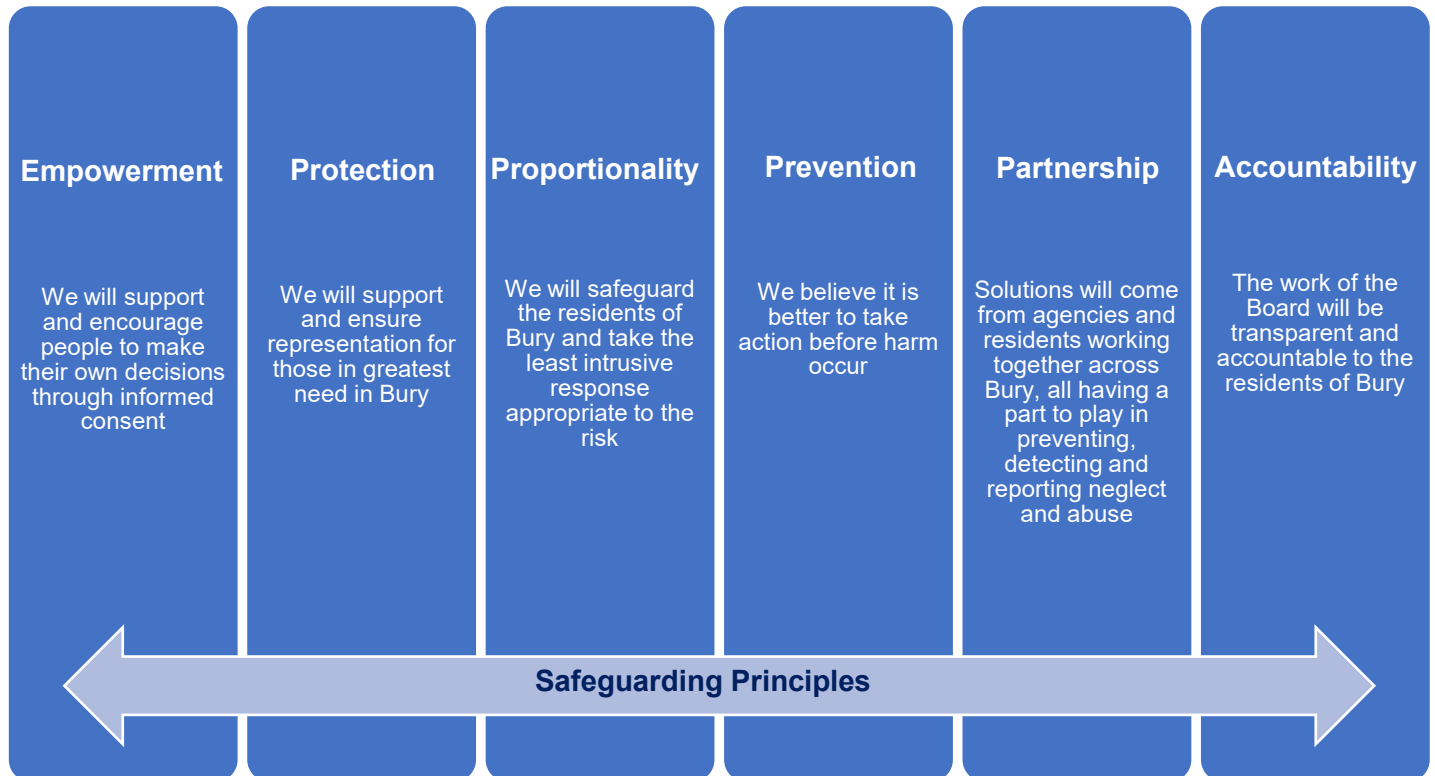
About the Bury Safeguarding Adults Board (BSAB)

Bury Safeguarding Adults Board (BSAB) is a multi-agency partnership which has statutory functions under the Care Act 2014. Our main focus is to ensure that safeguarding arrangements in Bury work effectively so that adults at risk are able to live their lives free from abuse or neglect. The Board ensure that, locally, abuse is prevented and that, when it does occur, partners respond in line with the needs and wishes of the person experiencing harm.

A key role of the Board is to ensure that there is a partnership approach to delivering safeguarding services by promoting collaboration between all the partners for effective communication, information sharing and awareness raising.

Key principles of safeguarding

The work of Bury Safeguarding Adults Board is underpinned by the six safeguarding principles as defined in the Care Act (2014)



How the strategy will be delivered

A workplan will be developed each year, where Board Members will agree on exactly what they need to do to achieve each of the agreed strategic priorities.

This will also consider our responses to specific and thematic issues, such as self-neglect, mental capacity, neglect and acts of omission in care, and transitional safeguarding.

The subgroups of the Board are pivotal in supporting the BSAB to achieve its objectives and continue to deliver on campaigns and develop tools to support professionals and residents in understanding and responding to adult safeguarding concerns.

At the end of each year, the BSAB will publish an annual report highlighting the Board's achievements and outline how the work plan has been delivered.

Strategic priority: People and Outcomes

We will ensure that safeguarding services are delivered effectively and professionally and put the adult at the heart of how those services are delivered.

Outcome: Bury delivers safeguarding services which prevent abuse and neglect.

Aims:

- Provide and promote information on what abuse is, how to report it and how to keep people safe.
- Focus on prevention and early detection to enable people to recognise risk.
- Strengthen links with voluntary, community and faith groups.
- Ensure that our workforce has the relevant expertise to deliver effective safeguarding services, in a person-centred way.

Strategic priority: Safeguarding Effectiveness

Building on the previous work, the BSAB will ensure it continues to provide strategic leadership and improvements to identify weaknesses and respond to any opportunities.

Outcome: Strategic plan priorities will be developed, monitored and delivered

Aims:

- Ensure partners bring risks to the BSAB, so the Board can agree how they will be mitigated.
- Good understanding of the quality of practice through robust quality assurance processes and multi-agency scrutiny.
- Assurance that the findings from Safeguarding Adult Reviews and other key areas of practice improvement are implemented and embedded in agencies.
- Ensure there is collaboration in relation to cross cutting issues to encourage sharing of priorities and reduced duplication.

Strategic priority: Lessons Learnt and Shaping Future Practice

Understanding that there are many priorities regarding learning, the BSAB will undertake two thematic learning areas as part of this plan to support prevention of abuse and neglect and to identify weaknesses and respond to opportunities.

Outcome: Evidence that services are learning and improving in their safeguarding practice and adult safeguarding risk is better understood by the BSAB.

Aims:

- BSAB members will maintain links to national and regional safeguarding networks and inform learning.
- Ensure the BSAB has selected two priority learning themes for each year, for the length of this strategic plan.
- Workforce is equipped to support adults appropriately where abuse including neglect is suspected.
- To develop a training strategy which includes mechanisms to review the impact and effectiveness of training.
- Explore opportunities for multi-agency training delivery, across statutory and voluntary sector services.
- Ensure the BSAB has a focus on prevention that clearly identifies how it will aim to reduce incidence of abuse and neglect.