

Isle of Wight Safeguarding Adults Board Strategy 2025 - 2030

Building a safer community through active listening,
continuous learning and collaborative leadership,
keeping adults safe from abuse and neglect.

1. About Us

The Isle of Wight Safeguarding Adults Board is a multi-agency partnership which has statutory functions under the Care Act 2014 section 43. The main focus of the SAB is to ensure that safeguarding arrangements work effectively so that adults are able to live their lives free from abuse or neglect.

A safeguarding duty applies to an adult who has care and support needs, is experiencing or at risk of abuse and neglect, and is unable to protect themselves.

In order to safeguard adults, we work together as a partnership to prevent adults becoming at risk of harm through abuse or neglect. We understand that the risk of abuse can increase with age, disability, ill health, life events or circumstance and it is our aim to reduce the risk of harm whilst supporting people to maintain control over their lives in a way that suits them.

The Board is governed by an Executive Group and consists of three subgroups, the Safeguarding Adult Review Subgroup, the Quality, Assurance and Performance Subgroup and the Workforce Development subgroup, which is a joint subgroup between the IW Safeguarding Adults Board and the IW Childrens Safeguarding Partnership.

Executive Group

IOW Safeguarding Adults Board

Workforce
Development
Subgroup

Safeguarding Adult
Review Subgroup

Quality, Assurance
and Performance
Subgroup

2. Our Executive Group



3. Board and Subgroup member agencies

Isle of Wight NHS Trust	Hampshire & Isle of Wight Fire and Rescue Service	Isle of Wight Care Partnership	Isle of Wight Community Safety Partnership	Isle of Wight Domestic Abuse Partnership
Isle of Wight Children's Safeguarding Partnership	Southern Housing	Isle of Wight Council Public Health Team	HMP Isle of Wight	National Probation Service (South Central)
Healthwatch Isle of Wight	Portsmouth & Isle of Wight Diocese	Department of Work and Pensions	Swan Advocacy	Hampshire & Isle of Wight Healthcare NHS Foundation Trust
Care Quality Commission	Inclusion IW	Mountbatten IW	Practice Plus Group	Voluntary, Community & Social Enterprise Sector

4. Our core functions

The Board has the following core functions as defined within the Care Act 2014:

- To publish a strategic plan
- To publish an annual report
- Undertake safeguarding adult reviews (SAR's, in accordance with section 44 of the Care Act 2014)

5. Safeguarding Principles

We will work together with partner agencies and people in our communities to support adults to live free from abuse or neglect, to do this, we will follow the six safeguarding principles:

Principle	Description	What this means to local people
Empowerment	People are supported and encouraged to make their own decisions, and informed consent.	"I am asked what I outcomes I want from the safeguarding process and these directly inform what happens."
Prevention	It is better to act before harm occurs.	"I receive clear and simple information about what abuse is, how to recognise the signs and what I can do to seek help."
Proportionality	The least intrusive response appropriate to the risk presented.	"I am sure that professionals will work in my best interests as I see them, and they will only get involved as much as is needed."
Protection	Support and representation for those in greatest need.	"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 I want."
Partnership	Local solutions through services working with their communities. Communities have a part to play in preventing, detecting and reporting abuse and neglect.	"I know that staff treat my personal and sensitive information in confidence, only sharing what is helpful and necessary. I am confident that professionals will work together, and with me, to get the best outcomes for me."
Accountability	Accountability and transparency in delivering safeguarding.	"I understand the role of everyone involved in my life and so do they."

6. Our Priorities

Priority	Objectives	How we will know we have made a difference
Listening We listen to people's experiences of safeguarding and take appropriate, efficient action	Ensure the voices of adults at risk, carers, and families shape safeguarding practice.	Evidence of changes in policy or practice directly linked to lived experience/feedback. Greater representation from diverse communities in engagement activities
	Promote inclusive engagement with under-represented and vulnerable groups.	
	Use feedback to inform policy, practice, and service improvement.	
Learning We learn from experience and promote workforce development	Strengthen multiagency learning from safeguarding reviews, audits, and case studies.	Reduction in repeat safeguarding concerns due to improved practice. Clear evidence of learning embedded in practice following reviews and audits
	Promote a culture of reflective practice and continuous improvement.	
	Enhance learning and development opportunities across the partnership	
Leading We promote a culture of empowerment, inclusion and accountability	Provide strong, visible leadership across the safeguarding partnership.	Preventative approaches are embedded in safeguarding strategies and evidenced in practice. Use of performance dashboards and outcome data to continuously challenge and improve practice
	Champion a preventative, person-centred approach to safeguarding.	
	Ensure robust governance, accountability, and transparency.	