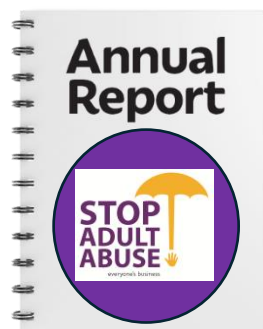


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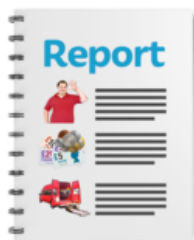


## Cheshire East Safeguarding Adults Board Easy Read Annual Summary Report 2024 - 25

# Introduction



I am Kevin, the Independent Chair of the Cheshire East Safeguarding Adults Board (SAB).



This report is about what the SAB did in 2024-25 to keep adults with care and support needs safe from abuse and neglect.



Safeguarding means protecting your right to live –

- in safety
- free from abuse
- free from neglect



The Safeguarding Adults Board includes people from:

- Cheshire East Council
  - Police
  - Health services
  - Criminal justice service
  - Fire and Rescue Service
- and many other organisations that keep people safe.



They make sure that people from these organisations, are working in the best way to protect adults with care and support needs from abuse and neglect.



Every year the Board must write a report, to let people know what the Board has done to make sure adults with care and support needs are protected from abuse and neglect.

### **The Board has Four Goals –**



- 1.** Listen to service users
- 2.** Make sure adults at risk are kept safe from abuse and neglect
- 3.** Make sure staff are well trained
- 4.** Review when things go wrong so they can get better

# What has the board done over the last year?

## GOAL 1 – Listen to Service users -



The board has a Service User Group. This group is a mix of service users and carers. The group met 4 times this year to talk about how people can keep safe from adult abuse.



The group made some videos for safeguarding professionals to help them to listen to what is important to people.



The board also attended events throughout the year to talk to people about adult safeguarding.

## GOAL 2 - Make sure adults at risk are kept safe from abuse and neglect



The Board met 4 times this year and discussed 4 different topics about keeping people safe in Cheshire East. To make sure partners are working together to help people.



### TOPIC 1:

**Hoarding** - Hoarding is when you collect or keep so many items that it stops you from doing daily tasks safely because everything is cluttered. This may stop you from being able to care for yourself properly



### TOPIC 2:

**Coercion and Control** – Coercion and control is when someone does things to control you. They might -

- Scare you
- Hurt you
- Stop you from seeing or talking to other people.



### TOPIC 3:

**Moving From Children's Services to Safeguarding Adults Services** –

This usually happens when a young person is between 16 and 18 years old and becoming a young adult. Planning should start early so things do not change suddenly.



### TOPIC 4:

**The criminal justice system** is the group of services that work to stop crime and keep people safe. This includes the Police, Courts, Prisons, and Probation.

## GOAL 3 - Make sure staff are well trained



The Board gave lots of free training to different people and organisations. The Board trained **1598** people this year.

### This training included:

Training on the **Mental Capacity Act** to staff across Cheshire East



**Mental Capacity Act** is about making sure that people have the support they need to make as many decisions as possible.



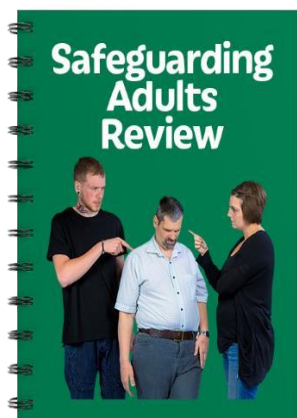
Training all taxi-drivers in Cheshire East on how to spot adult abuse and where to report any concerns.

Plus, training on domestic abuse, **scams**, and adult abuse to care staff, organisations and the public.



**Scams** means when someone tries to take your money by pretending to help you or by offering you something that they are not going to give you.

## GOAL 4 - Review when things go wrong so they can get better



**Safeguarding Adults Reviews (SAR)** are carried out by the Board where an adult with care and support needs has died from abuse and neglect. Or a person is alive, and the Board knows or thinks that they have been badly harmed or injured.



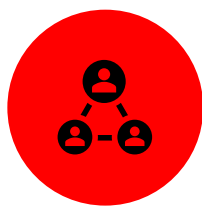
The reviews look at how well people and organisations worked together to protect the adult. You can find out more information on the reviews we publish on our website [www.stopadultabuse.org.uk](http://www.stopadultabuse.org.uk)

During the year **one** review was completed. This review is called The Clive Treacy Review.

What we learnt in this review -



It is important that people work together to help Service Users.



Staff must follow their workplace rules. These rules help to keep people safe.



Staff need to be professionally curious. This means they should ask questions and check information if something does not feel right.



It is important that staff listen to complaints. Complaints from families of service users should be taken seriously.



Staff need to write notes and reports as soon as possible. This helps to make sure their work is recorded quickly and correctly.

## How to get help for you or a person you know -



If you think you or someone you know is being abused or neglected **tell** someone you trust as soon as possible.



If you need help to contact Adult Social Care, Police or Health Services, ask a person you trust to help you.



You can report the abuse or neglect to  
**Adult Social Care**  
**0300 123 5010**



if a crime has taken place, you can report to  
**Cheshire Police** [www.cheshire.police.uk](http://www.cheshire.police.uk)

- you can call 101
- if it is an emergency, call **999**

**Organisations will work together with you to help**



**How can I find out more information about safeguarding adults in Cheshire East?**

Look at the Cheshire East Safeguarding Adults Board website

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