



Bradford Safeguarding Adults Board

ANNUAL REPORT

APRIL 2021 – MARCH 2022

INDEPENDENT CHAIR – FOREWORD



I am delighted to introduce the annual report for Bradford SAB. It demonstrates commitment and professionalism from partners, stakeholders (including especially those with lived experience) and frontline practitioners to work together to keep those in Bradford with care and support needs safe. It goes without saying that the external environment was, and remains, challenging as we come out of the pandemic and years of austerity facing a cost of living crisis. This will surely impact on the profile and numbers of safeguarding issues. Cases are becoming more complex at the same time services as stretched or lost.

I want to endorse the work of The Voice who carried on through the communication obstacles of Covid with challenge, hope and determination.

We are minded that SAB could be part of a CQC inspection from early next year and this has been on the agenda of many meetings throughout last year. We must be 'inspection ready' as that will provide external validation of the quality of the work SAB oversees to keep people safe. Hearing and responding to the voice of service users and carers will be a key feature of the inspection and we must build on the work of the Voice with a targeted outreach strategy.

I am pleased that we are now learning significantly from SARs and audits and look forward to continued focus on quality, impact and learning.

I want to pay tribute to staff in the Board Office who have kept the show on the road under significant pressures.

Jane Geraghty

Independent Chair

INTRODUCTION TO THE ANNUAL REPORT

- This report lays out the strategic vision, outcomes and a reminder of our priorities.
- It gives information regarding internal structures and governance which hold partners to account.
- There is information on the achievements of our sub groups including reporting on key priorities opportunities, emerging challenges and risks.
- Information on Safeguarding Adults Reviews (SARs) and performance data on Section 42 Enquiries collected throughout 2020/21 are also included.

ABOUT BRADFORD SAFEGUARDING ADULTS BOARD

Role of the SAB

The Bradford Safeguarding Adults Board is a statutory body established by the Care Act 2014. It is made up of senior people from organisations that have a role in helping and preventing adults in the Bradford District being subject to neglect and abuse. The overarching purpose of a SAB is to help and safeguard adults with care and support needs. It does this by:

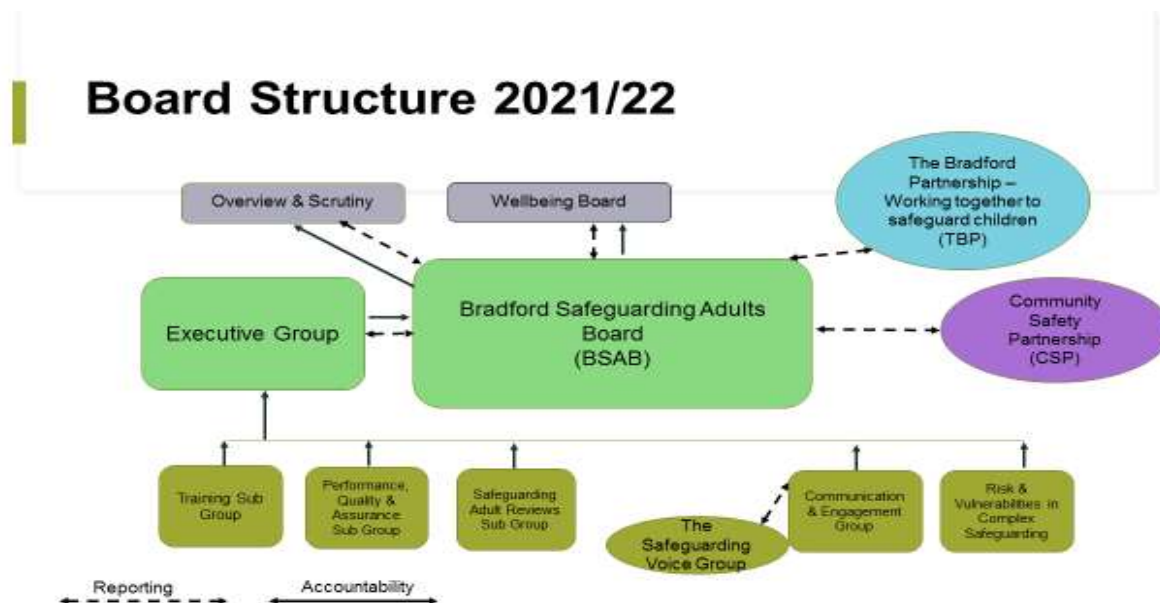
- assuring itself that local safeguarding arrangements are in place as defined by the Care Act 2014 and statutory guidance.
- assuring itself that safeguarding practice is person-centred and outcome-focused.
- working collaboratively to prevent abuse and neglect where possible.
- ensuring agencies and individuals give timely and proportionate responses when abuse or neglect have occurred.
- assuring itself that safeguarding practice is continuously improving and enhancing the quality of life of adults in its area.

By law, the Board must have three members which are: Bradford Local Authority, West Yorkshire Police & the NHS Bradford District & Craven Clinical Commissioning Group (CCG).

The Board has three core duties. These are:

1. Develop and publish a strategic plan setting out how we will meet our objectives and how our member and partner agencies will contribute.
2. Publish an annual report detailing how effective our work has been.
3. Commission Safeguarding Adults Reviews (SARs) for any cases which meet the criteria for these.

BOARD MEMBERSHIP AND STRUCTURE



The Independent Chair of the SAB in Bradford is Jane Geraghty. The Vice Chair is Karen Dawber, Chief Nurse at Bradford Teaching Hospitals Foundation Trust.

The Executive Group is chaired by Michelle Turner Strategic Director of Quality and Nursing NHS Bradford District and Craven Clinical Commissioning Group

Chairs of Sub Groups are:

Performance, Quality and Assurance (PQAG)

Jane Wood Assistant Director – Commissioning & Integration
Department of Health and Wellbeing

All Age Exploitation Group

Richard Padwell Superintendent from Bradford District SLT West Yorkshire Police

Training Sub Group

Katrina Uttley Deputy Designated Nurse - Safeguarding Adults from NHS Bradford District and Craven Clinical Commissioning Group (from July 2021)

Safeguarding Adults Reviews (SARs) Sub Group

Helen Hart Designated Nurse – Safeguarding Adults from NHS Bradford District and Craven Clinical Commissioning Group (from October 2021)

The Safeguarding Voice Group is chaired by a service user volunteer and supported by the BSAB Project and Comms Officer

Please note:

The Risk and Vulnerabilities Group is now called the All Age Exploitation Group

The Comms and Engagement Group did not meet during 2021/2022 due to partner capacity, work undertaken in this area was reported into the Executive group.

STRATEGIC PRIORITIES 2021 - 2023

Bradford Safeguarding Adults Board Strategic Plan 2021-2023

Our vision is to promote happiness by working together to help people feel safe - free from abuse and neglect.

Our mission is to put the Adult at risk of abuse at the heart of everything we do.



Bradford Safeguarding Adults Board – Who we are

The Safeguarding Adults Board (SAB) is a multi-agency partnership which has statutory functions under the Care Act 2014. The main focus of the SAB is to ensure that in the Bradford District safeguarding arrangements work effectively so that Adults at risk are able to live their lives free from abuse or neglect.

An Adult at risk is a person aged 18 or over who has needs for care and support and as a result of those needs is unable to protect themselves from either the risk of, or the experience of abuse or neglect.

Unpaid carers such as partners, relatives or friends can also get help and support if they are being abused.

In this Plan we will call an Adult at risk the 'Adult'.

Our Strategic Statement – What we plan to do

We will work together with partner organisations and people in our communities so that Adults can live the best lives they can with their wellbeing and rights being supported, safe from abuse and neglect.

Our work will follow the six Safeguarding Principles which are:
Empowerment; Protection; Proportionality; Prevention; Partnership and Accountability.

How are we going to do this?

We are going to work on three areas of equal importance, which will be our priorities. We will continue to work with our partners to make sure that by 2021 these priorities are achieved.

How will we know if we have achieved our priorities?

We will measure our progress and achievements through our Delivery Plan which will be updated every three months and made available on our website.

The Structure of the Safeguarding Adults Board – How we will work

- Board with an Independent Chair
- Executive Group
- Training Sub-group
- Performance & Quality Sub-group
- Communication & Engagement Sub-group
- Safeguarding Adults Reviews Sub-group
- Safeguarding Voice (community group)
- Task Groups (working groups)

Strategic Priorities as set out by Bradford for 2021-2023

Priority 1 People & Outcomes - Make Safeguarding Personal and support Adults at risk to achieve the outcomes they want - The Adult will feel listened to and be in control.

1.1 We will support and receive assurance from partners that they are embedding Making Safeguarding Personal (MSP) throughout their organisations

1.2 We will seek quality and real time feedback from Adults who have been through the safeguarding service to ensure MSP is being implemented and to learn how we can work better.

1.3 We will continue to support the work of the Safeguarding Voice Group so that the voices of people in our communities are heard and inform our work.

Priority 2: Systems, Processes & Performance - Adults who have been abused or are at risk of abuse will be protected and we will know if our safeguarding arrangements work well.

2.1. We will develop methods to scrutinise and improve systems and processes across the SAB partnership to ensure an effective safeguarding approach is taken.

2.2 We will develop methods to make sure the Care Act 2014, Mental Capacity Act 2005, Mental Health Act 2007 & Human Rights Act 1998 are being lawfully implemented by partners and organisations.

2.3 We will implement and review the impact of the new regional Safeguarding Adults Policy and Procedures.

2.4 We will develop new local guidance on roles and responsibilities

2.5 We will set up a Task Group jointly with the Safeguarding Children Board (The Bradford Partnership) to assess and learn from complex needs and complex safeguarding concerns to improve practice

2.6 Safeguarding governance to be reviewed by business support to ensure accountability for SAB compliance

Priority 3: Organisations, Professionals & Communities – Everyone will be able to recognise what abuse is and know how to respond. People will feel more confident by being better informed, engaged and supported to feel safe

3.1 We will improve awareness of safeguarding across all communities, especially with those who are isolated, diverse and underrepresented by reviewing our communication strategy and developing a measurable action plan.

3.2 We will implement a training strategy and action plan to audit and improve the current training programme and review and implement future training requirements.

3.3 We will work with the Children's Board to recognise young people who remain at risk of abuse by creating clear pathways as they transition into Adult Services.

3.4 We will form a new Safeguarding Adults Reviews (SARs) Sub-group. The group will lead the SARs work ensuring that lessons are learnt on what went wrong when an Adult dies or has experienced serious abuse or neglect.

SIX PRINCIPLES OF ADULT SAFEGUARDING

The Care Act sets out the following principles that should underpin the safeguarding of adults:

Empowerment

People are supported and encouraged to make their own decisions and informed consent.

"I am asked what I want as the outcomes from the safeguarding process and this directly inform what happens."

Prevention

It is better to take action before harm occurs.

"I receive clear and simple information about what abuse is. I know how to recognise the signs, and I know what I can do to seek help."

Proportionality

The least intrusive response appropriate to the risk presented.

"I am sure that the professionals will work in my interest and they will only get involved as much as is necessary."

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 to which I want."

Partnership

Services offer local solutions through working closely with their communities. Communities have a part to play in preventing, detecting and reporting neglect and abuse.

"I know that staff treat any 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 result for me."

Accountability

Accountability and transparency in delivering safeguarding.

"I understand the role of everyone involved in my life and so do they."

WORK OF THE SUB GROUPS

PERFORMANCE, QUALITY AND ASSURANCE (PQAG)

The role of the PQAG is to ensure that there is appropriate oversight and governance of the delivery of the Safeguarding Adults Board's strategic leadership role to promote inter-agency co-operation at all levels of safeguarding adults work to protect adults at risk from abuse. The sub group provides assurance and evidence to the Board that safeguarding practice across partner agencies is in line with agreed policies, procedures, protocols and best practice.

In 2021/22 the group saw increased commitment and attendance from system partners.

Priorities for 2021/2 were:

1. To put in place a performance data set that enables the SAB to monitor their strategic responsibilities in relation to Section 42 and provides oversight of safeguarding at partnership level
2. Improve reporting on "Quality of Concerns" to enable scrutiny, assurance and challenge
3. To review the SAB self-assessment process and to develop a more rigorous process in line with the best performing SABs nationally

Action in response to this

The BSAB performance dashboard has been redesigned as an 'intelligence report' to provide more relevant detail of adult safeguarding activity, themes and trends. The data is now more meaningful and easier to understand, and the report contains narrative analysis and explanation as well as planned actions to interrogate the data further where required. The progress on those actions is followed up in the next reporting period to provide clear accountability and assurance to the board that data and intelligence is driving understanding and improvement.

A multi-agency 'quality of concerns' audit was co designed and delivered by system partners and has resulted in an action plan to achieve improvements in quality and standards of concerns forms. The action plan will be monitored and is expected to reduce time taken to gather missing data and therefore enable faster responses to individual concerns.

Care and Support Statutory Guidance (Chapter 14), in relation to the Care Act 2014, specifies that SABs should establish how it will hold partners to account and gain assurance of the effectiveness of its safeguarding arrangements. A digital tool for collecting and collating organisational safeguarding self-assessment responses has been agreed and a process BSAB core partners to undertake the self-assessment in 22/23 is underway.

Key priorities for 2022/23:

- To complete the data collection for the self-assessment framework and undertake feedback/validation discussions with partners before producing a high level report of key findings
- To put in place a programme of multi-agency audits and data deep dives and to promote continuous improvement in partner safeguarding adult's practices.
- Developing capacity and expertise in audit methodology across the partnership to enable the Quality Assurance framework to be delivered effectively

ALL AGE EXPLOITATION GROUP

Bradford's All Age Exploitation Group has been established as a sub group of the Children and Adult Safeguarding Boards and the Community Safety Partnership.

The Group's membership includes professionals from a range of sectors including health, social care, policing, education and third sector organisations such as Barnardo's and the Bridge Project. A key aspect of the sub group's work is to get partners working together as effectively as possible to understand, prevent and combat exploitation, whilst focussing attention on the most effective support to those subject to any of the various types of exploitation.

Key Priorities 2021/2

1. Establish an all age exploitation sub group which reports to both the SAB and the children's partnership
2. To collate and understand the data in relation to exploitation in the district
3. Develop a strategy and action plan to deliver partnership actions in relation to tackling exploitation
4. To map current support provision in relation to exploitation and ensure that this is shared with all partners and practitioners.

A key piece of work over the past year has been the creation of a Bradford Partnership Exploitation Profile. In September 2021, over 100 partners from a wide array of partner agencies and organisations - as well as some people with lived experience, were brought together at Valley Parade for an all-day facilitated workshop. This allowed the harvesting of information, experience and expertise regarding the current harms and threats in Bradford and emerging issues of concern. There was also an exploration of what the partnership is currently doing well and where we can do better. Over the following months, with the support of analysts from West Yorkshire Police, a small task and finish group have analysed the data from the event as well as a range of other data from various sources in order to create an exploitation profile for Bradford.

The task and finish group, is now developing a City Wide Exploitation Strategy and Delivery Plan. This not only takes account of the recently produced exploitation profile, but also the product created as a result of a mapping exercise of provision for those subject to exploitation in Bradford. The mapping exercise was completed with the assistance of a PHD student at Huddersfield University and identifies where there are gaps in provision.

The regular meetings of the All Age Exploitation Group and the energy of the Business Unit and team of Chairs has helped to create a genuine momentum amongst partners in focussing on exploitation. There has been a willingness to share and receive learning from local practitioners and the involvement of external contributors from across the country. By way of example, this has included an understanding of the work of the Lotus Project in the use of Navigators to support adults subject to exploitation, an exploration of financial abuse led by the West Yorkshire Joint Services Team, a focus on online exploitation including ways to better support victims and the families of perpetrators - amongst numerous other aspects of exploitation. There has also been regular oversight of the development of the recently formed Bradford Exploitation Hub which reports into the Community Safety Partnership. The Chair of the All Age Exploitation Group was honoured to speak to around 200 front line workers at the recent Exploitation Hub launch event.

Priorities for 2022/3

- To formally launch the City –Wide Exploitation Strategy and Delivery Plan
- To explore work being undertaken to better support victims and the families of perpetrators, creating a platform for best practice to be shared
- To deliver an Adult Exploitation Awareness Conference which will provide opportunities for practitioners to challenge, learn and showcase the work across the district
- Continue to develop an effective cross sector partnership to tackle a variety of forms of exploitation
- Ensure a shared understanding and focussed attention on emerging threat, harm and risk.

TRAINING SUB GROUP

The Training Sub Group of Bradford District Safeguarding Adults Board (SAB) has the responsibility for the development and co-ordination of the safeguarding adults multi-agency training programme. This complements the in-house safeguarding adults training for all staff provided by partner agencies.

Key Priorities in 2021/2

1. To recruit a new Chair and refresh the Terms of Reference for the group
2. To improve the offer of on line training to the partnership
3. To deliver a programme of training to ensure that all partners understand their responsibilities in relation to adult safeguarding
4. To create opportunities for partner and practitioners to learn from each other and from best practice elsewhere and ensure that this is shared

This has been an eventful reporting period for the group with a new chair and vice chair now in place. This process included a thorough handover from the previous chair. Terms of Reference and membership of the group have been reviewed and agreed by the group and

In relation to on line training, a new learning management system has been commissioned. An improved contract has been negotiated with virtual college who provides the BSAB multi-agency online training which has also involved the review, quality assurance and updating of the online packages on offer to partners.

We have been successful in appointing a part-time multi agency trainer who has embraced the challenge of re-establishing the SGA multi-training offer in collaboration with TBP, CSP, partners and the Business Unit. A training strategy and a learning and improvement framework are under development to underpin this offer. The groups earlier work developing a minimum training standard for partners has been re-commenced following the hiatus due to Covid.

We have strengthened our links and relationship with our colleagues in North Yorkshire SAB and we continue to collaborate with them into the next reporting period in particular to support our new trainer.

The group has undertaken active collaborative work in relation to training. Partners were scoped to revisit training priorities including outstanding learning from local SARs. This helped to inform the planning to re-establish a relevant multi-agency training offer including the scoping for external trainers to support the delivery of training.

Key Priorities for 2022-2023

- The ongoing development of a robust multi training offer in response to local and national learning which includes securing appropriate external trainer support and expertise e.g. Train the Trainer, Role of the Manager, MSP, Improving Legal Literacy, Professional Curiosity, Self-Neglect and Hoarding.
- The establishment of a multi-agency trainer forum to support practitioners across the partnership involved with the delivery of multi-agency training.
- Production of the training strategy and learning and improvement framework.
- Development of professional practice sessions.
- Improvement of data analysis in order to help inform understanding of the uptake of the training across the system and use of evaluation to improve our packages.
- Develop a robust Quality Assurance process to underpin the development and delivery of multi-agency training.
- Plan a tri-board (Bradford Safeguarding Adults Board, The Children's Partnership and Community Safety Partnership) thematic learning event.

SAFEGUARDING ADULTS REVIEWS (SARS) SUB GROUP

The Care Act 2014 states that Safeguarding Adult Boards (SABs) must arrange a Safeguarding Adult Review (SAR) when an adult in its area dies as a result of abuse or neglect, whether known or suspected, and there is concern that partner agencies could have worked together more effectively to protect the adult. This is a statutory responsibility.

The aim of a Safeguarding Adults Review (SAR) is to carry out a multi-agency review which seeks to determine what relevant agencies and individuals involved could have done differently that could have prevented harm or a death from taking place.

The Safeguarding Adult Review subgroup met 4 times during April 2021 and March 2022 with consistent commitment and attendance from a range of partners, including statutory partners.

There have been 2 chairs of the group during this reporting period, with the most recent chair being in the role since October 2021. The Terms of Reference have been reviewed and agreed during this reporting period.

With the support of the Business Unit, the sub group developed a Safeguarding Adult Review Framework to underpin practice and provide clear guidance on the process. This was approved by Bradford Safeguarding Adult Board in June 2021. This is an evolving piece of work that will be reviewed and updated as and when required, and in response to emerging best practice.

Due to Covid-19, delays have impacted on the progress of action plans from SARs previously completed, one of which is published and available via the Safer Bradford website. However, this reporting cycle has seen significant progress on identifying the required actions from the recommendations and work being undertaken to meet them.

Two SARs commenced, with each review having an independent author appointed to undertake them, one in June 2021 and one in January 2022. One SAR continued to progress and one SAR was completed in July 2021. There were two referrals made for consideration.

The learning from an unpublished SAR is detailed below.

The SAR sub group strives to ensure that learning from reviews, in partnership with the BSAB and other sub groups, is identified and disseminated into practice to improve the care and experience for the population of Bradford District and beyond.

Key Priorities for 2022-23

- To complete action plans from SARs and address any outstanding actions.
- To complete the 3 SARs currently in progress, complete the action plans and disseminate learning.
- To further develop and improve statutory review practice across Bradford District.
- To respond to SAR referrals in accordance with the SAR Framework.

LEARNING FROM SAFEGUARDING ADULT REVIEWS

A discretionary Safeguarding Adult Review (SAR) was concluded and signed off by BSAB in July 2021. Key areas of learning identified by this review included:

- SAR processes.
- Communication with individuals, families and friends.
- Safeguarding enquiry process.

Since the review was undertaken, BSAB have:

- Developed a SAR Framework which underpins decision making and governance.
- Developed a leaflet for family and friends explaining the purpose of a SAR.
- Ensured that the SAR sub group has robust Terms of Reference and consistent partner representation.
- Agreed to undertake an audit focused on how safeguarding is promoted in care homes, and how residents and families are informed that concerns can be raised directly with the Adult Social Care (ASC) Safeguarding Team
- Produced a 7-minute briefing based on National Institute for Health and Care Excellence (NICE) guidance to assist practitioners on how advance care planning can be more effectively promoted and shared with families and others.
- Fully adopted the updated Joint Multi-Agency Safeguarding Adults Policy and Procedure.
- All safeguarding enquiries undertaken are signed off for closure by a manager or Advanced Practitioner in the ASC Safeguarding Adults Service Team.

- Social workers in the Local Authority Safeguarding Adults Service have access to a bi-weekly forum where cases can be discussed, and advice sought.
- Service users and their representatives are included in the safeguarding adults process by the allocated Enquiry Officer whose role is to establish the views and wishes of the Adult at Risk and then work towards the Adult's desired outcomes. This is standard process in the Safeguarding Adults Service and embeds the principles of Making Safeguarding Personal.
- The SAB has developed a service user feedback form which is provided to Adults at Risk at the end of a safeguarding enquiry. This provides the adult with the opportunity to feedback about their experience of the safeguarding process directly to an officer in the SAB.

SAFEGUARDING VOICE GROUP

Meetings and Keeping in Touch:

The Safeguarding Voice Group is made up of people who use services, carers and interested members of the public that work with the Bradford Safeguarding Adults Board. Members of the Safeguarding Voice group give feedback and share their opinions on how we can keep adults safer in the Bradford District.

The aims of the Safeguarding Voice Group are to:

- To support communication and engagement activities undertaken by SAB partners. This may mean helping to review and create information and publicity materials like leaflets, guides, website, posters, etc.
- To provide opportunities for members to raise questions about safeguarding topics and seek advice on issues.
- To provide opportunities for members to share what is working well with safeguarding in Bradford and what is not working so well.

During the period 2021/22 the Safeguarding Voice Group was unable to meet face-to-face due to the ongoing concerns about Covid in the group. The group continued to meet 'virtually' for quarterly meetings. Many service user groups across the UK were not able to meet and it is a real positive the group in Bradford met throughout this difficult period.

Key Priorities 2021/2

1. To continue to meet to provide a forum for the members
2. To ensure communication channels with agencies who work with vulnerable adults
3. To inform Bradford residents about scams

Meetings were well attended although we remain mindful of the fact that not everyone in the group is able to access technology needed for virtual meetings.

The quarterly newsletter and group emails continue to allow members to contribute by sharing their news - and in doing so, keep in touch and stay connected with the wider group. We also shared details of any emerging scams, to prevent our members being susceptible to persistent and very convincing scammers. The newsletter continues to be well received and is circulated widely across the Council, frontline staff and our partners - and has also been shared with other SABs in the UK.

The positivity of this group continues despite on-going personal challenges. Members have shared details of virtual activities they have organised to keep active and positive. These include podcasts, group exercise and Christmas parties - whilst continuing to work towards the group's objectives.

Guest Speakers at our Virtual Meetings Included:

Iain Macbeath: The Strategic Director of Health and Wellbeing within the Council. We had a fantastic discussion with loads of questions from our proactive and engaged members.

Sharron McMahan: from the Living Well Project provided information about health initiatives. This new link has already opened up the opportunity for training for our members.

Alex Day: from Healthwatch - the group offered input into his work as 'experts with experience'.

Linda Maslen: from Fountains Church who provides drop-in services for homeless who require support with substance misuse, health and access to services.

Contributing to the Work of BSAB:

The Group have provided valuable feedback on leaflets developed within the Business Unit on hate/ mate crime. Our own experts picked up on detail that might otherwise be missed and provided challenge where needed. BSAB continue to seek feedback from the group to ensure that their voice is considered within BSAB planning and development work. Group members contributed to the BSAB Development Day in February by answering the question 'what does safeguarding mean to you', with the answers displayed at the event to ensure SAB could hear 'our voice'. They also provided their thoughts on what the priorities for BSAB should be during the next few years which included:

- **Posters on safeguarding** - Including service providers, offices, buses, stations, and toilet doors.
- **Educating staff/ businesses to support people they employ** i.e. McDonalds.
- **Being able to challenge decisions** – Understanding processes and escalation policies.
- **Mate Crime/ Hate Crime** - Understanding what this is, how to report and access support plus information around healthy relationships. Developing a real safeguarding story video.
- **Scams/online safety** - access to workshops and information.
- **On the buses** – Being able to access buses safely, with bus drivers understanding how to recognise and respond to? abuse and neglect
- **Developing membership of the Safeguarding Voice** - A core member group plus a wider network to allow involvement of others. Themed networking events to share information.
- **Opportunities to meet key decision makers** – To ask questions and offer challenges.

Priorities for 2022/3

- To expand the group
- To ensure that there are face to face sessions to ensure access for those people without IT
- To continue to contribute to the development of priorities for the SAB

ABOUT BRADFORD



- 546,400 people live in Bradford - an increase of 23,900 since 2011. Of which, 51% are women and 49% are men.
- Bradford is the 5th largest local authority in England.
- Life expectancy at birth is 77.3 years for males & 81.5 for females.
- Bradford has median age of 36.7 which is lower than the median age for England (40.2.)
- Information from the 2011 census celebrates Bradford as one of the most ethnically diverse cities in the UK with a population being made up from the following ethnic groups: White, Asian, Asian British, Black/African/Caribbean/Black British, Mixed Multiple Ethnic groups & Other Ethnic Groups.

* Note: Demography data due to be published in November 2022

**Note: Ethnicity data, due to be published 29th November 2022

Data has been taken from the 2021 census

<https://www.ons.gov.uk/visualisations/censuspopulationchange/E08000032/>

BSAB DASHBOARD & INTELLIGENCE

The BSAB dashboard has been a key area of development for the SAB. The key priority for 2021/2 was to ensure that the statutory function in relation to reporting on Section 42 Enquiries was in place. This has been delivered and set out below.

The priority for 2022/3 is to have a comprehensive data set that records key partnership safeguarding data and to have in place processes to use this to inform the work of the SAB and individual partners.

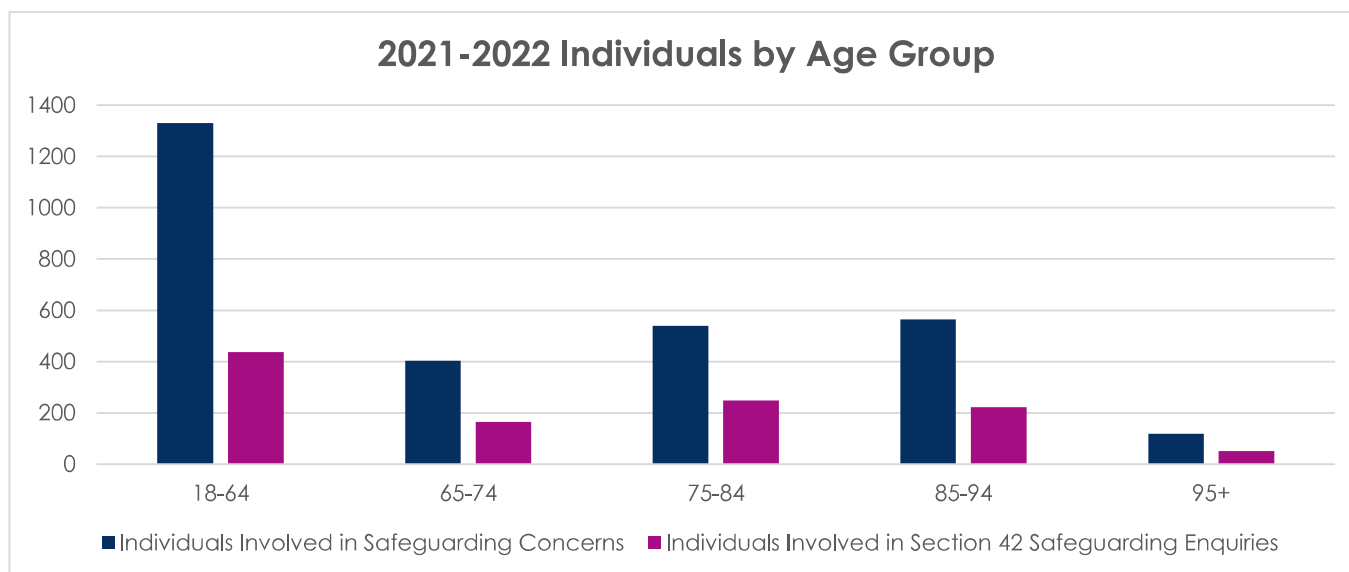
Section 42 Enquiry

A key statutory function of the SAB is to facilitate and record Section 42 enquiries.

Section 42 enquiry must take place if there is reason to believe that abuse or neglect is taking place or is at risk of taking place, and the local authority believes that an enquiry is needed to help it to decide what action to take to support and protect the person in question.

This data shows the number of Individuals involved in a Concern and/or Section 42 Enquiry during the financial year of 2021-22.

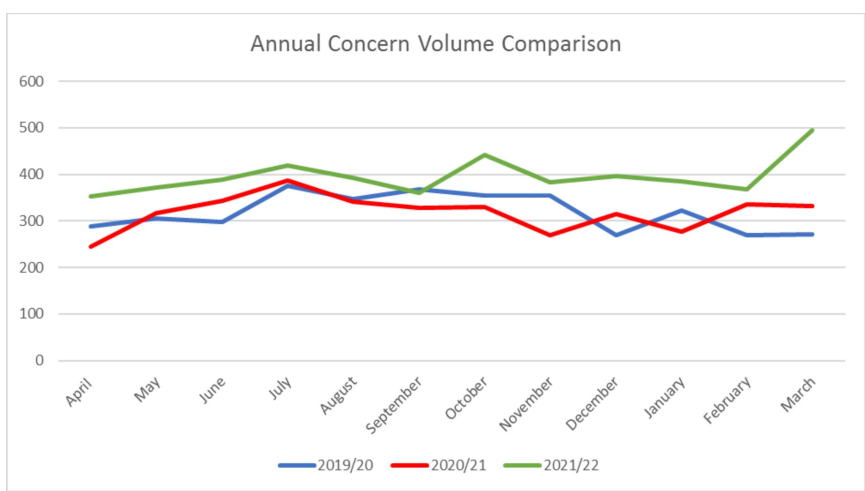
Age Group	Individuals Involved in Safeguarding Concerns	Individuals Involved in Section 42 Safeguarding Enquiries
18 - 64	1331	436
65 -74	403	165
75 - 84	540	248
85 - 94	564	222
95+	118	51



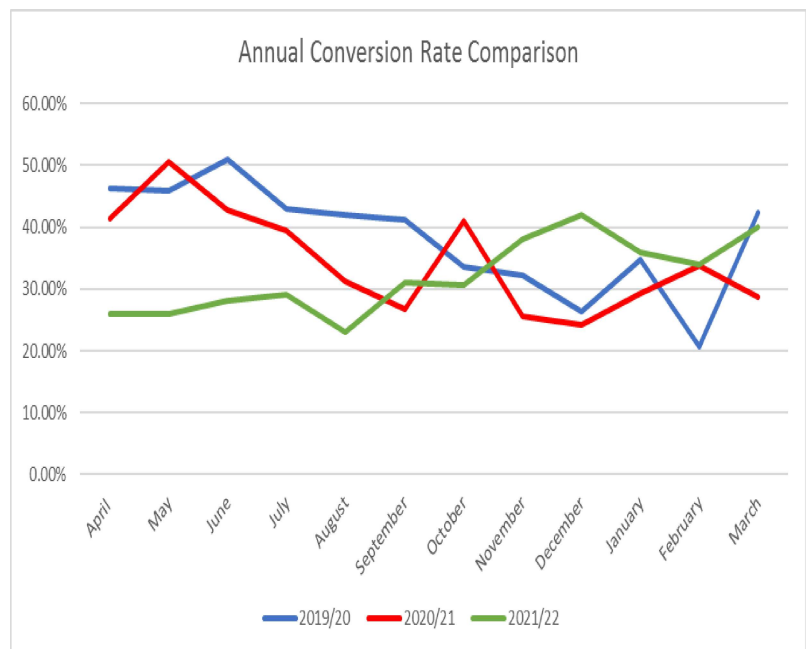
The age bracket with the highest number of concerns was 18-64 with 47%, followed by 85-94 year olds with 20%. 56% of the concerns were recorded as female, 43% were male and 2% were not recorded.

Over the past 36 months, April 2020 had the least number of concerns totalling 244 and Mar 2022 had the highest with 495

Annual Volumes			
Month	2019/20	2020/21	2021/22
April	288	244	353
May	305	316	372
June	298	344	388
July	375	386	420
August	348	342	392
September	367	329	360
October	355	330	442
November	355	270	383
December	270	314	396
January	323	277	385
February	270	335	367
March	272	332	495



Annual Conversion Rates			
Month	2019/20	2020/21	2021/22
April	46.18%	41.39%	26.00%
May	45.90%	50.63%	26.00%
June	51.01%	42.73%	28.00%
July	42.93%	39.38%	29.00%
August	41.95%	31.29%	23.00%
September	41.14%	26.75%	31.00%
October	33.52%	40.91%	30.54%
November	32.11%	25.56%	38.00%
December	26.30%	24.20%	42.00%
January	34.67%	29.24%	36.00%
February	20.74%	33.73%	34.00%
March	42.28%	28.61%	40.00%



Over the past 36 months, February 2020 had the lowest conversion rate at 21%. June 2019 and May 2020 had the highest, both with a conversion rate of 51%. The average number of concerns per quarter is 1033, with an average conversion rate of 35%. The conversion rate is the proportion of safeguarding concerns which result in a statutory safeguarding enquiry under s42 of the Care Act.

SAFEGUARDING ADULTS' ACRONYMS

AaR	Adult at Risk
ADASS	Association of Director of Adults Social Services
BSAB	Bradford Safeguarding Adults Board
CSP	Community Safeguarding Partnership
CCG	Clinical Commissioning Group
CQC	Care Quality Commission
DA	– Domestic Abuse
DBS	Disclosure and Barring Service
DoLS	Deprivation of Liberty Safeguards
ICS	Integrated Care System
LA	Local Authority
MASH	Multi - Agency Safeguarding Hub
MCA	Mental Capacity Act
MSP	Making Safeguarding Personal
SAR	Safeguarding Adult Review
TBP	The Bradford Partnership

CONTACT DETAILS/ REPORT A CONCERN

The Safer Bradford website <https://www.saferbradford.co.uk/adults/> offers information and advice:



What should I do if I think I am being abused or that someone else is being abused?



What should I do if you have been told about or notice abuse or neglect:

- **Ensure the immediate safety and welfare of the adult and any other person at risk**
- **If urgent attention is needed for health or safety dial 999 emergencies**
- **If a crime needs to be reported call the police on 101 or you can call Crimestoppers on 0800 555 111**
- **Preserve any evidence**
- **Accurately record the incident, any action or decisions. Make sure you sign it and add the date and time.**

Bradford Council's Multi-Agency Safeguarding Hub (MASH) is the single point of contact to

report safeguarding concerns. The MASH operates in partnership with West Yorkshire

Metropolitan Police.

Please note that Adult Safeguarding concerns reported to the Virtual MASH are screened

by both the Local Authority and Police.

You can contact the MASH team through our online form or by telephone on 01274 431077

THE PEOPLE'S VOICE - 'WHAT DOES SAFEGUARDING MEAN TO YOU?'

"Free from harassment and bullying"

"The right to be treated with dignity and respect"

"Keeping safe in and out of our homes"

"Looking after each other to make sure we are all ok"

"Not having to worry"

"Being safe from abuse and danger in Bradford"

"Not feeling afraid"