

# Islington Safeguarding Adults Board

## Summary Annual Review 2022 - 23

### Our Achievements



Our Quality Audit and Assurance subgroup developed and consulted on a data dashboard of key indicators which will be implemented over the coming year.



We now have a Creative Solutions panel for the most complex, challenging cases of abuse and neglect, which is helping to reduce risk.



Our Service User & Carer subgroup continues to inform and shape the Board's agenda, focus and strategic priorities through their active participation.



Following two serious cases, our Prevention & Learning subgroup developed guidance for partner organisations on choking prevention.



We reflected on the recommendations arising from the 'Liam' Safeguarding Adults Review and have drawn up an action plan to ensure that learning from this sad case is fully embedded over the next year.



At the suggestion of our Service User & Carer subgroup we held 2 local hubs for the London Safeguarding Adults Conference. Nearly 100 local residents attended, and this model of participation is being adopted by other areas.



We continue to be one of the very few places in the country with no backlogs on Deprivation of Liberty Safeguards applications and authorisations.

### Key Statistics



Concerns about possible adult abuse or neglect decreased from 2,844 last year to 2,179 this year.



In nearly 7 out of 8 cases, people were worried about an adult but when we looked into it, we decided a formal safeguarding enquiry was not needed



More than half of all cases of abuse and neglect took place in the adult's own home



New Deprivation of Liberty Safeguards (DoLS) referrals decreased 25%. This was due to Covid pandemic-related factors.



332 enquiries were carried out into suspected adult abuse (a slight decrease on the previous year)



In nearly 90% of cases we either removed or reduced the risks through safeguarding action



Financial abuse cases we investigated have reduced from 20% last year to 13% of cases this year.



The most common types of abuse found in safeguarding enquires in Islington are (1) neglect (2 & 3) physical psychological and (4) self-neglect

### Key Developments



Many public services have been criticised nationally – from the Baroness Casey Review of the Police to the Ombudsman's and CQC's findings people are not getting the care they need. We will continue to seek assurances as partners focus on people's safety.



New Online Safety laws aim to make social media companies take more responsibility for the safety of adults and children online by removing harmful, illegal or exploitative content from their platforms.



Our new Board website was launched and will be further developed to provide useful resources and guidance for the public, practitioners and partners [www.islingtonsab.org.uk](http://www.islingtonsab.org.uk).



Until it becomes clearer what the Government's intention is for Liberty Protection Safeguards, our partners will continue to work in line with DoLS and strive to achieve best practice within the current systems.

We will continue to work on these developments over the next year.



