

## Safeguarding Activity

The total number of alerts received this year was 1600, a marked increase from last year which totalled 1308.

It is unclear why there has been such an increase in the number of alerts, although there has been an increase every year for the last three years. It may be attributed to the increased public awareness through media coverage and locally through safeguarding awareness raising sessions delivered on behalf of the Wolverhampton Safeguarding Adult Board and partner organisations.

	2011/ 12	2012 /13	2013/ 14	2014/ 15
Alerts	989	1173	1308	1600
Referrals	586	495	519	525
Referrals as a % of Alerts	59%	42%	40%	33%

## Risks Removed

The result shows that in 94% of all cases where action is taken the risk is at least reduced with 26% of cases having the risk removed altogether. This is a very positive result and shows that safeguarding has been extremely effective.

	2014/15	
	Num ber	%
No action taken	250	-
Action taken: Risk remains	12	6%
Action taken: Risk reduced	133	68%
Action taken: Risk removed	51	26%
Overall Total	446	

## Our Priorities for 2015-2018

Going forward we have reduced our priorities to five by merging two areas of work. These five areas the Board think are very important and will be working towards with our partner agencies over the coming three years.

Priority One	We will make sure all the people on the Safeguarding Board <b>know what they should do</b> to keep people in Wolverhampton safe.
Priority Two	We will make sure all the people on the Safeguarding Board <b>do what they should</b> to help keep people in Wolverhampton safe.
Priority Three	We will make sure that we all work together to reduce risk of harm to <b>children, young people and adults</b> .
Priority Four	We will <b>share information</b> about safeguarding with the public.
Priority Five	We will make sure that staff have the <b>proper training</b> so they know how to keep adults safe from abuse and neglect.

**WHO CAN I TELL MY CONCERNS TO? To make a Safeguarding Referral ring Adults Social Care Services on 01902 551199. If you would like any advice before contacting the number above, please ring 01902 553218.**

**In an emergency, ring 999.**

# Wolverhampton Safeguarding Adult Board Annual Report 2014-15 Executive Summary



Wolverhampton Safeguarding Adults Board

## **Introduction**

This summary highlights some of the work undertaken by the Wolverhampton Safeguarding Adults Board during 2014/15. The Board ensures all partner organisations work together to prevent abuse and to protect people if they are harmed or exploited.

15 agencies are represented on the Board and there are four meetings a year.

There have been many developments and achievements in the last year and details can be found in the full Annual Report. For a copy please contact 01902 553218 or visit our [website](#).

## **Preparation for the Care Act 2014**

This year has seen a significant amount of work preparing for a change in the law in regards to protecting and supporting vulnerable people who are at risk of abuse or have been abused. From the 1st April 2015 the Government put the safeguarding of adults on an equal legal footing to that of children, our policies and procedures have been updated to reflect the changes.



## **Board Priorities 2014-15**

What did we achieve against our priorities in 2014-2015?

### **Priority One: Better Outcomes**

Service User experience and involvement in safeguarding enquiries directs improved practice.

- Safeguarding week in October 2014 provided the opportunity to feedback to the public and undertake community engagement to demonstrate the importance of prioritising Safeguarding in Wolverhampton

### **Priority Two: Quality Assurance**

Ensure there are effective Multi-Agency Quality Assurance and Performance Management processes in place.

- We now have a set of performance measures for all partners on the board to contribute to rather than just the Council

### **Priority Three: Information Sharing**

Improvements are made to how agencies can share personal information legally and ethically to enable adults to be protected from harm or unwarranted risk.

- Safeguarding Adults Information Sharing Protocol developed and adopted at September 2014 Board.

### **Priority Four: Prevention**

There is a coherent inclusive approach by both Safeguarding Boards to community initiatives which protect dis-advantaged groups

- A review of the city's Multi-Agency Risk Assessment Conference (MARAC) arrangements has been undertaken and an improvement plan developed

### **Priority Five: Communication and Engagement**

There is a consistent and co-ordinated approach to how the safeguarding message for adults, young people and children is disseminated to all groups and communities.

- A children and adult safeguarding website has been scoped and developmental work has started

### **Priority Six: Workforce Development**

The workforce of all partner agencies have undergone safe and robust recruitment processes and understand safeguarding issues as they relate to their role.

- The four Black Country Safeguarding Boards gave commitment to a joint work programme to ensure more effective and efficient use of scarce resources

**An example of the positive impact that Safeguarding can have on a person's life:**

#### **David's Story**

David was supported by the mental health team to monitor his mental health and prevent deterioration after he had had money stolen from him by a "friend" he had met online. The team also supported him to make changes to his social media site. His Housing Association provided him with added security to his front door. David decided to buy a small safe to keep his valuables in at .

David has remained well and been able to continue with his life in his local community.

