

# Salford Safeguarding Adults Board – Summary of the Minutes (December 2025 Meeting)

The Salford Safeguarding Adults Board (SSAB) met in December 2025 to review ongoing work to keep adults in Salford safe from abuse and neglect. Representatives from health services, social care, police, housing, probation, and community partners attended.

## Key Headlines

### 1. Strengthening Safeguarding Systems

- Adult Social Care updated the Board on improvements to how safeguarding concerns are reported and recorded.
- An independent evaluation of the new safeguarding arrangements will take place in 2026 to ensure continued Care Act compliance.
- Work has begun on redesigning safeguarding data dashboards to improve oversight.

### 2. Training, Learning and Community Awareness

- SSAB continues to deliver multi-agency training, including learning from recent reviews and suicide prevention work.
- Public awareness campaigns, including the “16 Days of Action,” had strong engagement.
- More regular safeguarding messages and updated materials will be shared across the city.

### 3. Improving How Agencies Work Together

- Partners reviewed Salford’s Safeguarding Adults Reviews (SARs) and noted recurring themes such as professional curiosity, communication, and multi-agency risk management.
- Plans were agreed to simplify SSAB’s governance structure to reduce duplication and improve shared learning.
- A new three-year SSAB Strategy (2026–2029) is being developed to continue focusing on prevention, protection, adult voice, effectiveness, and communication.

### 4. Listening to Adults with Lived Experience

- The Board received the highest number of “Voice of the Adult” feedback submissions to date.
- Themes show many people still do not fully understand safeguarding or what to expect from meetings.
- SSAB will develop clearer information for adults and families, and strengthen how feedback leads to real change.

## 5. Multi-Agency Risk Management

- A new multi-agency risk management guidance document was presented.
- Partners supported piloting the approach to help better manage complex risk where statutory safeguarding thresholds may not be met.
- The guidance will be aligned with Adult Social Care's existing safeguarding standards.

## 6. Updates from Health and Social Care

- NHS partners shared an update on national and regional reforms affecting local safeguarding arrangements.
- Adult Social Care provided initial feedback from the recent Care Quality Commission (CQC) inspection, highlighting areas for improvement around safeguarding referrals, discharge processes, and family involvement.

## 7. Transitional Safeguarding (Adolescence to Adulthood)

- A spotlight report showed good progress but further work is needed to ensure young people moving into adulthood remain safe.
- The Board will explore establishing a task and finish group and may consider making transitional safeguarding a strategic priority.

## 8. Greater Manchester Safeguarding Developments

- New cross-GM SAR referral processes and self-assessment tools have been introduced to improve consistency.
- Partners welcomed these developments, which reduce duplication across localities.

## 9. Risk Register

- Care Act compliance remains on the Board's risk register until independent review work is complete.
- NHS reform-related risks will continue to be monitored.