

Salford Safeguarding Adults Board – Public Summary (September 2025 Meeting)

Date: 11 September 2025

Location: Salford

Chair: Francine Thorpe, Independent Chair

Key Updates and Highlights

Leadership and Staffing

- **New Chief Executive for Salford:** Stephen Young has joined Salford City Council. Plans are underway for him to engage with the SSAB.
- **SSAB Team Updates:** A new Training and Development Officer has been appointed. Recruitment for additional support roles is ongoing.

Safeguarding Adults Week

- Plans are in motion to celebrate **“Safer Cultures”**, highlighting positive safeguarding stories from adults and staff.
- An online event is being considered, and daily spotlight emails will showcase the work of SSAB subgroups.

Training Resources

- SSAB has produced several **7-minute briefings** on topics like:
 - Equality, Diversity & Inclusion
 - Unconscious Bias
 - Making Safeguarding Personal
 - Professional CuriosityThese are publicly available on the SSAB website.

Partner Reports

- Organisations submitted **exception reports** to highlight risks and progress:
 - **Healthwatch** raised concerns about the potential closure of Healthwatch services nationally.
 - **Adult Social Care** flagged issues with Care Act compliance and safeguarding data.
 - **GMMH** reported concerns about safeguarding contacts being closed too early.

Subgroup Updates

- **Safeguarding Effectiveness Group (SEG):** Focused on improving data quality and safeguarding practices.
- **SWDG Group:** Concerns raised about limited adult service representation. Organisations are reviewing how to ensure adult voices are heard.
- **SAR Panel:** No new referrals this quarter.

Greater Manchester Developments

- Salford is contributing to regional efforts to streamline safeguarding, including:
 - A shared referral form
 - A unified data set
 - A GM-wide self-assessment tool

Quality Assurance Subgroup Proposal

- A new subgroup is proposed to improve oversight of safeguarding audits and learning. Terms of reference are being drafted.

Equality, Diversity & Inclusion (EDI) Audit

- A multi-agency audit explored how inclusive safeguarding practices are across Salford.
- Key findings:
 - Most agencies have EDI policies.
 - Data collection varies, with gaps in areas like care leaver status and preferred pronouns.
 - Recommendations include improving data capture and engaging with underrepresented groups.

Person in Position of Trust (PiPoT)

- A new referral process and resources have been launched to improve how concerns about professionals are handled.
- A mini audit is planned to assess awareness and effectiveness.

Voice of the Adult

- Feedback was gathered from five adults involved in safeguarding:
 - Issues included lack of awareness of safeguarding meetings and inappropriate placements.

- Positive outcomes were noted in some cases, such as improved safety and independence.
- Learning from these cases is being shared to improve future practice.

Care Act Compliance

- Adult Social Care is addressing concerns about safeguarding systems and processes.
- A dedicated safeguarding team has been launched.
- Health partners requested earlier involvement in planning and implementation.

Prevent and Counter-Terrorism

- Updates were shared on national changes to the Prevent programme, including a focus on individuals with a fascination with violence.
- Salford is reviewing its approach to ensure effective safeguarding responses.

Child Safeguarding Review

- A tragic case involving a child with complex needs highlighted the need for better collaboration between adult and children's services.
- Actions include developing joint assessments and improving mental health support for parent-carers.

Risk Register

- New risks added include:
 - Data quality and Care Act compliance
 - Updates to existing risks like PiPoT and Right Care, Right Person

Next Steps

- Continued focus on improving safeguarding systems and inclusive practices.
- Further engagement with adults to ensure their voices shape services.
- Monitoring progress on regional safeguarding developments.

Next Meeting: 11 December 2025

Location: Face to Face at The Broughton Hub, Salford