



**Harrow  
Safeguarding  
Adults Board**

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# Annual Report 2024 – 2025

## Executive Summary

Read in conjunction with full report

(<https://harrowsafeguarding.org.uk/sab/wp-content/uploads/sites/3/2025/09/HSAB-ANNUAL-REPORT-2024-25.pdf>)



## 1. Safeguarding Adult Activity 2024-2025

Safeguarding Activity 2024-2025		In comparison to 2023-2024
Safeguarding concerns received	1829	↔
Safeguarding enquiries completed	433	↔
Risk removed or reduced as a result of safeguarding enquiry which identified risks	89%	↑
People at risk asked their desired outcome	87%	↑
The person outcomes were fully or partially achieved	97%	↑

## 2. Strategic Priorities and Achievements Achieved

### Prevention and Early Intervention

- The focus is on addressing **hate crimes, self-neglect, and hoarding**.
- We have developed a new **Safeguarding Adult Review (SAR) Protocol, SAR Referral Form, and Information Sharing Agreement**.
- The "**How Safe Do You Feel**" campaign has been launched by the LNWH NHS Trust across Harrow to encourage professionals to routinely ask about safety concerns related to domestic abuse.
- The **Disability Hate Crime Action Group** has been reinstated to ensure that the Harrow Safeguarding Adults Board (HSAB) takes action to protect adults with additional needs from discrimination and hate crimes.
- We are collaborating with **Harrow's Care Provider Forum** to strengthen connections within the care provision sector, raise awareness about adult safeguarding, and gather feedback on safeguarding issues from care providers.

### Assurance

- We are focused on supporting **people who sleep rough**, particularly those who need an Appropriate Adult. We are also implementing multi-agency safeguarding procedures (MSP) to ensure we are listening to those in need.
- A **High-Risk Multi-Agency Panel** has been established, and an Assurance Framework is now in place. Additionally, we have developed and approved a Quality Assurance Framework.
- We are currently working on the **HSAB Multi-Agency Learning and Development Strategy**.
- Collaborating with the Business Intelligence Unit (BIU) and HSAB partners, we have agreed to gather multi-agency data to create a **comprehensive dashboard**, as discussed during January's Development Day.

### Working in Partnership

- Held a **joint Conference** with the Children's Safeguarding Partnership on Contextual Safeguarding.
- Developing links with the **Health and Wellbeing Board**.
- Working with partners to provide updates on local and national efforts related to **Suicide Prevention Initiatives**.

### Engagement and Communication

- **Conducted webinars** during Adult Awareness Week.
- Created a series of **briefing documents**.
- Initiated the development of the **website**.
- Equipping individuals with the knowledge to recognise the **signs of abuse and neglect**, while emphasising the importance of effectively reporting such incidents.

### 3. Safeguarding Adult Reviews (SARs) and Learning Reviews

- 19 SAR referrals were considered, but none met the criteria for a SAR
- SAR C and SAR G 7-Minute Briefings were uploaded/disseminated in 2024-25, and follow-up practitioner learning took place
- A new SAR protocol was put in place
- Continued to monitor current SAR action plans
- Participation in the Offensive Weapon Homicide Review Pilot and Domestic Homicide Review
- Considered other local and national learning reviews

### 4. Areas of Focus for 2025-2026

Develop and implement a Communication, Engagement and Participation Plan - raise awareness with community groups and hear the voice of citizens

Implement a Training and Development Strategy, providing learning opportunities for local agencies

Develop our website - ensure this is accessible and informative for citizens and professionals - this includes having policies and procedures in place

Continue our work on reducing disability hate crime and rough sleeper safeguarding concerns

Seek assurance on the effectiveness of the new Multi-agency safeguarding hub arrangements put in place by the Met Police and Harrow Council Adult Social Care

Continue focused work on trauma informed practice and transitional safeguarding in line with our conference commitments

### 5. How to Get Involved in the Work of the Board

If you would like to get involved with the work of the **Harrow Safeguarding Adult Board**, please contact the Board Business Unit at [hsab@harrow.gov.uk](mailto:hsab@harrow.gov.uk)

### 6. What to do if You are Concerned Someone is at Risk of Abuse and Neglect

If you are concerned that someone may be at risk of abuse or neglect, please contact **Harrow Adult Social Care** at **020 8901 2680**. For **out-of-hours assistance**, you can reach them on **020 8424 0999**. You can also email them at [AHadults@harrow.gov.uk](mailto:AHadults@harrow.gov.uk)

