



OLDHAM SAFEGUARDING ADULTS BOARD

Plan on a Page: Business Plan April 2026 to March 2027

Our Vision is for Oldham to be a place where safeguarding is everyone's business, where accountability is in place in order to safeguard people and where people are supported in their right to live safely. A place where partner agencies work together to prevent abuse and neglect and are committed to delivering excellent safeguarding practice through a culture of learning.

Vision

Strategic Objectives

What OSAB will do

2026-27 Priorities

Prevention & Early Intervention

Identify people at risk of abuse and neglect and reduce safeguarding incidents through a skilled, proactive workforce confident in the application of safeguarding legislation, all age local practice models and strength-based and trauma informed approaches. Define and prioritise communication plans to raise awareness of services and key safeguarding messages.

Mental Capacity Act
Strengthen consistency in Mental Capacity Act application, decision-making quality, and multi-agency ownership by sharing audit findings and embedding learning into training.

Equality, Diversity & Inclusion
Advance inclusive safeguarding in Oldham by launching an EDI Charter, improving access for diverse communities, ensuring equitable engagement and creating positive change.

Strengthening System Assurance

Work together as a Safeguarding Adults Board and alongside the Safeguarding Children Partnership providing safeguarding leadership to ensure people are safe. Seek assurance regarding safeguarding measures and quality monitoring processes in place across all partner agencies. Strengthen methods to scrutinise safeguarding practice in order to demonstrate OSAB's effectiveness.

Scrutiny & Improvement
Hold partners to account by assuring effective adult safeguarding arrangements through self-assessment audits, scrutiny of responses, and acting on findings.

Safeguarding Adult Referrals
Enhance consistency in safeguarding adult referrals and outcomes by clarifying thresholds, providing feedback to referrers, and encouraging professional challenge.

Listening and Learning

Broaden partnership data collection; interrogate and analyse data to understand local safeguarding activity, identify trends and provide strategic responses. Work with community led groups to ensure their voices are heard, they are enabled to contribute to the work of OSAB and to ensure safeguarding experiences lead to service improvements.

Participation & Empowerment
Co-produce an awareness raising campaign with residents to support the public to become more aware of exploitation; know what to look out for; and how to report concerns.

Making Safeguarding Personal (MSP)
Improve safeguarding for older adults by enhancing awareness and delivery of MSP principles through listening to people with lived experience.

Embedding Improvement & Shaping Future Practice

Support partner agencies to improve practitioner awareness of safeguarding and the quality and impact of their safeguarding practice by producing policies, procedures and practitioner guidance and providing multi agency workforce development opportunities, aligned to the findings from Safeguarding Adult Reviews (SARs).

Complex Safeguarding & Exploitation
Apply an all-age approach to address the evolving landscape of exploitation through targeted support, awareness, prevention, and disruption initiatives.

Utilising Local Learning
Act on and embed local learning, prioritising learning derived from SARs, through the Quality Assurance Framework; ensuring learning leads to timely, system-wide change.