

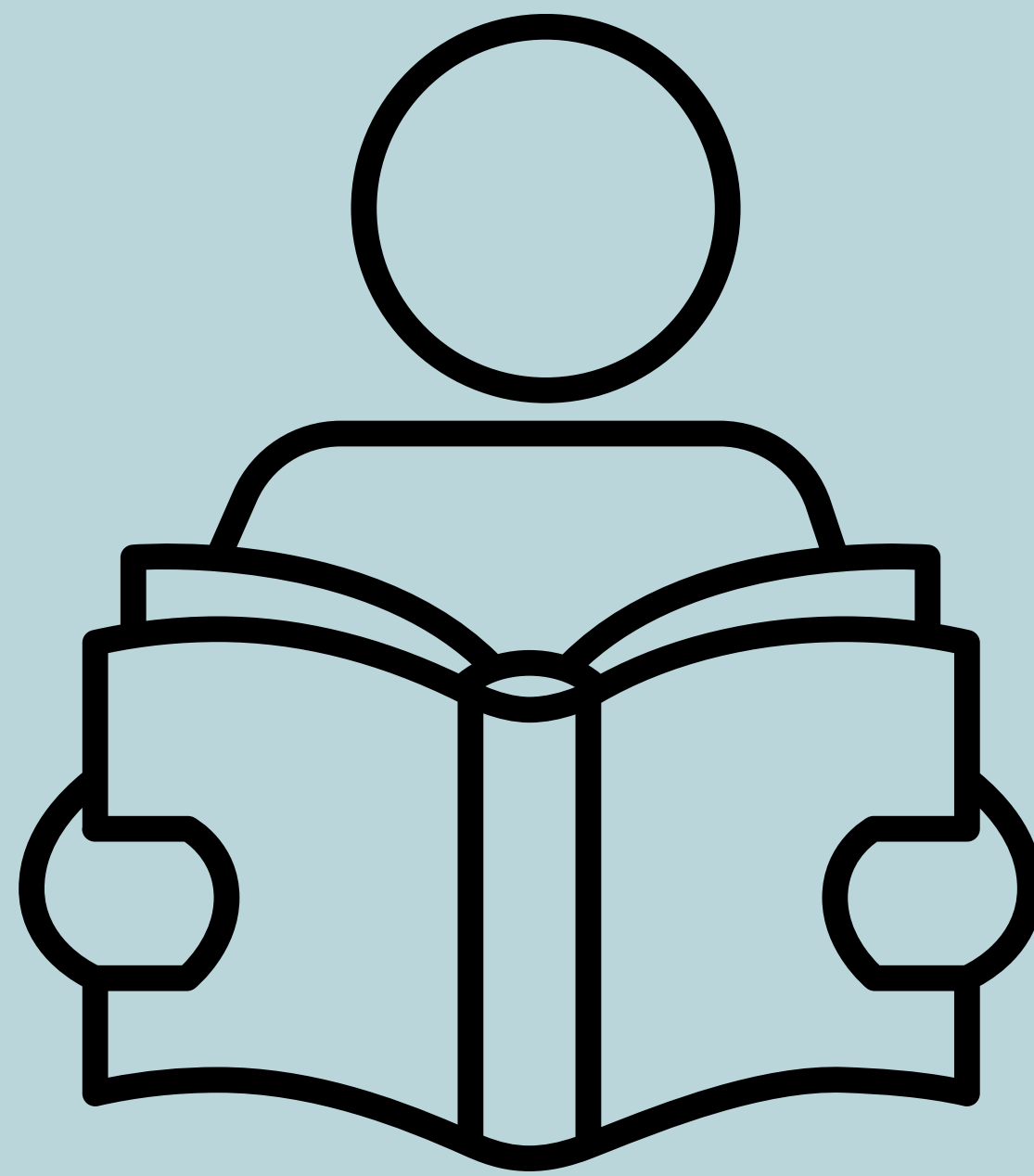


**Hillingdon Safeguarding
Partnership**



Annual Report

2022/2023



Easy Read Version

What is the Safeguarding Partnership?



The Safeguarding Partnership is a group of people from different organisations.

This includes the London Borough of Hillingdon, Police, NHS and Healthwatch.

We work to keep children and adults safe from abuse and neglect.



Our aim is for all people to live in safety with their rights protected.

People should not be abused, or feel scared.



Every year we must write a report to say what we have done, how well we have done it, and what we plan to do next.

This report is about our work to keep adults safer.



Every year we ask a man called Alan Caton to come and check our work, and help us to do things well.

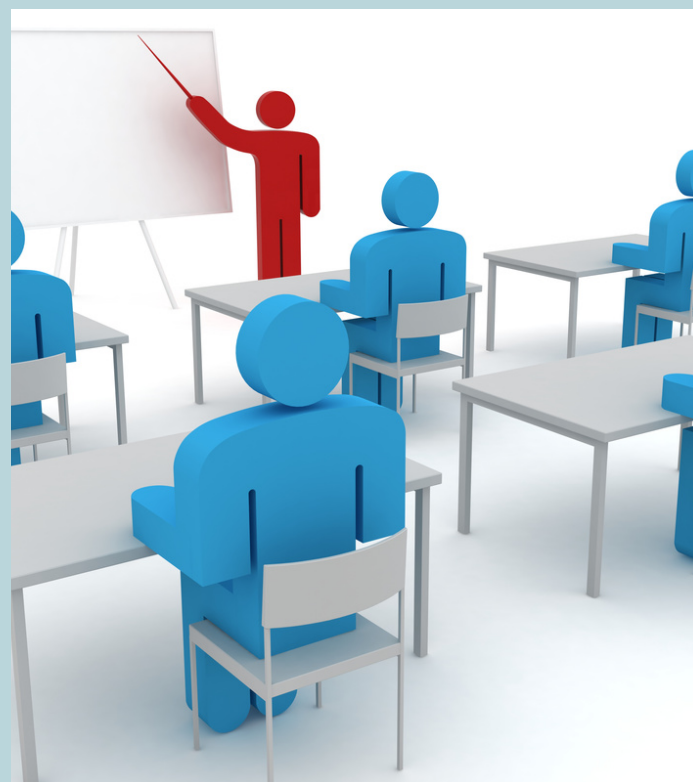
Alan Caton is our Independent Scrutineer.

This year Alan came to look at the Adult Multi Agency Safeguarding Hub (MASH). This is the team that looks at all concerns about abuse and neglect.

Alan met with lots of people, and looked at how we work together. Alan found the MASH is working well, and he gave us some ideas for what we can do next.



What we have done.



We trained professionals about different types of abuse and how to help adults and children to be safe.

This year we have trained lots more professionals than ever before.

We write papers called briefings and have a newsletter to keep people informed.



We asked adults and children what professionals do well, and what could be better. We worked together to write a survey that we used to ask other children and adults what they thought

Social workers helped other children and adults to complete the survey.

We listened and wrote a report to help professionals know what works best.



Sometimes things can go wrong. It is important to learn from this.

We talk about what could have been done better and write it in a report called a Safeguarding Adults Review.

We learned from two Safeguarding Adults Reviews.



The Safeguarding Adults Reviews reminded us that:

Sometimes adults are not able to look after themselves.

It is important to know all about adults and to listen to their families and carers.



Professionals need to talk and listen to each other more carefully.

It is important to know about physical and mental health.



We work together in meetings called subgroups.

Subgroups have people with all different jobs so that we can learn and plan together. There is always police, social care and health professionals.

Subgroups work on one topic, and make a plan about what needs to happen.



Our Mental Health and Safeguarding subgroup finished all of the work on the plan.

We made plans to help us check that practice is good.

We trained professionals, and wrote guides to help them.



Our Domestic Abuse subgroup also finished all of the work on the plan. We looked carefully at how professionals from all different services help victims of domestic abuse.

We wrote an easy read guide to getting help for adults who need support.



The Self-Neglect subgroup worked to help professionals know how to help people who cannot help themselves.

Self-neglect is when someone is not able to keep themselves clean, safe and well. Sometimes people do not want help even though they need it.



We worked with Heathrow Airport and Border Force to make sure we are helping people that are trafficked.

This part of the report tells you some of the important things that have happened this year.



Adult social care have had a busy year, with lots more people needing help and protection.

Neglect is the most common reason for an adult to need support or protection.



The police service is trying to reduce crime and increase safety.

This includes stopping domestic abuse, and to help people with mental health problems.



The NHS has been working with GPs, making changes to mental health services and supporting people who are living in hotels.



Our local hospital has a specialist nurse to help people with learning disabilities and to train other staff.

The Safeguarding Team have been training doctors and nurses across the hospital to improve their work with patients.



Our community health teams have held training around domestic abuse, and how to make sure that people can make their own decisions, and to help them when this is not possible.

What will we do next?



All of the organisations will keep working together to keep people as safe as possible.

We will keep learning and improving.



Next year we are focussed on getting better at helping people who are being neglected.

Neglect is when a person does not get the care that they need



We want to make sure that the views of adults, and their carers and families are heard.

This is to help us to understand what it feels like to have a safeguarding service, so that we can get better.



If you have any ideas or questions please let us know.

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