

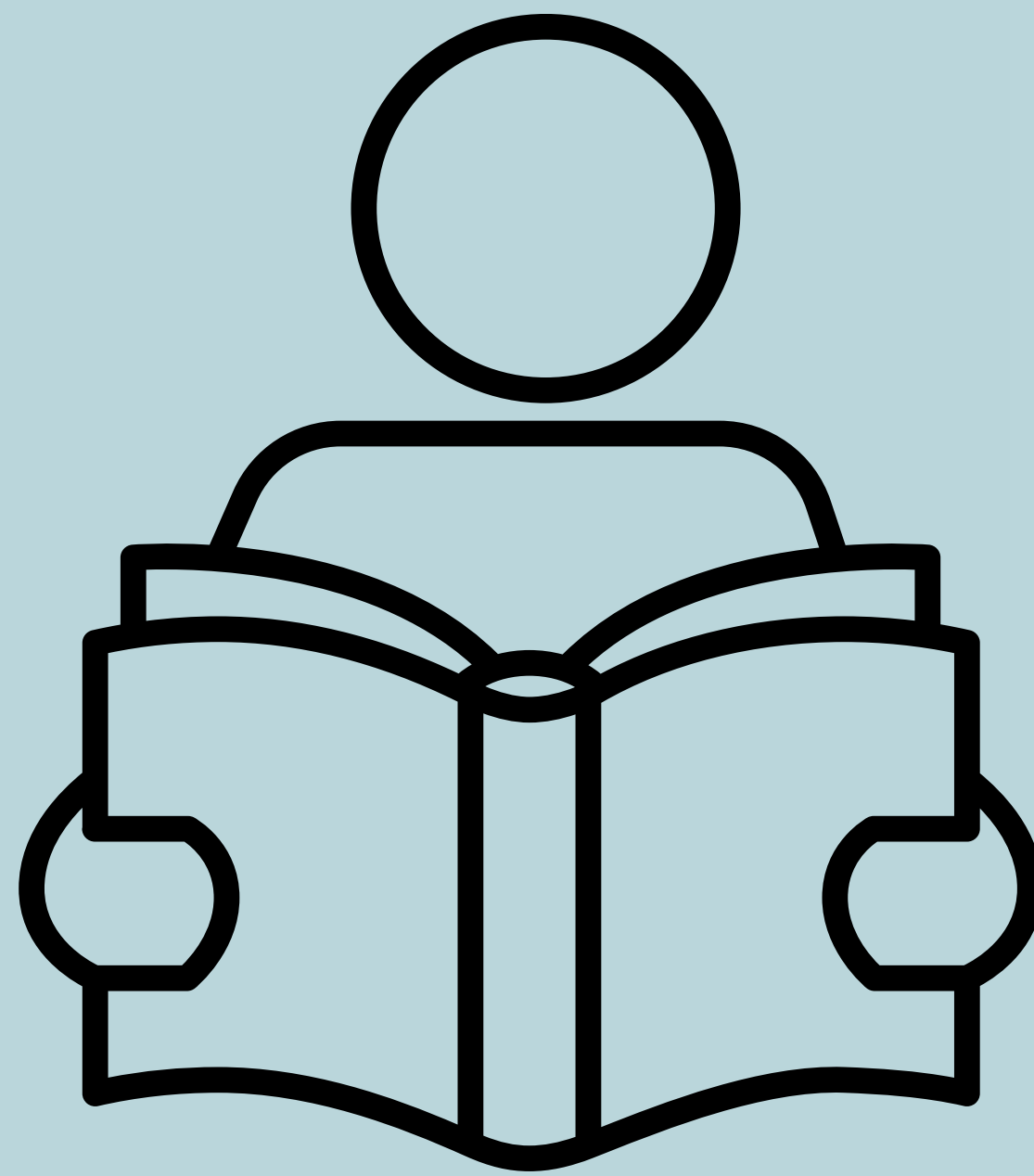


**Hillingdon Safeguarding
Partnership**



Annual Report

2023-2024



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.

We have a business plan that we try to follow. This says what we need to do, and when we need to do it by.

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 asked us questions about how we work together, and how we listen to adults and children.

Alan found that we work together well, and that we try hard to listen to adults and children.

Alan asked us to think more about how we make changes when we realise we need to do them.



What we have done



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

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

This is sent to every organisation working with children or adults in Hillingdon.



We asked adults and children what professionals do well, and what could be better. Some adults who are carers came to meet with the Board to tell us what we do well, and what we can do better. Some children did the same for our child board.

We have kept working to make sure that all professionals know how to listen to your views and work with you to stay safe.



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 have started two new Safeguarding Adults Reviews



We checked what had changed after Safeguarding Adults Reviews we did in 2022.

We found out that we need to do more to make sure that professionals know about Safeguarding Adults Reviews and what we can do differently.

Alan agreed with us that this is important.



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.



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 that adults and children get any help and support they need when they are at the airport. This subgroup finished everything on the plan



Some people need help to look after themselves, maybe they need help to have enough to eat, or to stay clean. Neglect is when carers don't give the person the care they need.

Our Neglect Subgroup has worked with care providers and carers to understand what can make Neglect happen, and to try to stop it.



This year we have worked with London Fire Brigade to reduce the risk of people being hurt in fires.

We have trained lots of professionals to know about the things that can increase risk.

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



The Adult Multi Agency Safeguarding Hub has been very busy, managing 250 referrals every week. In the year Adult Social Care have completed 2077 adult safeguarding enquiries.

Neglect is the most common reason for an adult to need support or protection. Next is financial abuse and then physical abuse.



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 police have changed how they help adults with mental health problems, making sure that they have support from the best service to help them. This is called Right Care Right Person.



The NHS has started a new project to train GPs to better help adults affected by Domestic Abuse. This is called IRIS.



Hillingdon Hospital has made more safeguarding referrals than ever before. The most referrals were for neglect and then self-neglect and mental health issues. The hospital has a safeguarding team of specially trained nurses. They attend all the Safeguarding Partnership meetings.



Central and North West London NHS Foundation Trust organised a whole day of safeguarding training that thought about children and adults. This is the first time it has happened. Over 600 people attended.

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. We have some new priorities for this year. These are:



Transitional Safeguarding, working to make sure that children and young people have the support they need as they get older and become adults.



Cuckooing and adult exploitation. This is when an adult has their home taken over by a person or people who cause them harm.



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

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



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

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