



Telford & Wrekin Safeguarding Children Board (TWSCB) and Telford and Wrekin Safeguarding Adults Board (TWSAB)  
Strategic Plan 2018 – 2019



“Keeping people safe in Telford and Wrekin”

**Statutory responsibilities of TWSAB and TWSCB include:**

- To work together to ensure effective and coordinated services to keep people safe in the Borough;
- Completing Safeguarding Adult Reviews and Serious Case Reviews when adults or children die or are seriously injured as a result of abuse/neglect;
- Public a Strategic Plan – what we will achieve; and
- Publish an Annual Report – detailing what we have done to keep people safe.

**TWSAB and TWSCB’s role is to:**

- Put the person who has been harmed or at risk at the centre of everything that we do and listen to their views about what we can do to improve the safety of people;
- Hold Board members to account – are we/they doing enough to keep people safe;
- Collect and share information about how well we are keeping people safe and what more we could do;
- Make sure our workers and volunteers get the training they need to provide safe services and share concerns if they think a person is being hurt or abused;
- Review our policies and guidance to make sure we are constantly improving; and
- Raise awareness of safeguarding issues and what to do.

**TWSCB structure:**  
Board with Independent Chair;  
Child Death Overview Panel (joint with Shropshire);  
Safeguarding Review and Learning sub-group;  
Quality, Performance and Operations sub-group; and  
Partnership Development sub-group.

**Joint TWSCB and TWSAB structure:**  
Strategy, Planning and Communications sub-group  
Domestic Abuse Thematic sub-group;  
Exploitation Thematic sub-group; and  
Training sub-group.

**TWSAB structure:**  
Board with an Independent Chair  
Quality, Performance and Operations sub-group;  
Partnership Training, Learning and Development sub-group;  
Safeguarding Adult Review sub-group; and  
Financial Abuse Thematic sub-group

**Principles and Values of the TWSAB and TWSCB:**  
*Empowerment* – presumption of person led decisions and informed consent.  
*Prevention* – it’s better to take action before harm occurs;  
*Proportionality* – proportionate and least intrusive response appropriate to the risk presented;  
*Protection* – support and representation for those in greatest need;  
*Partnership* – local solutions through services working with their communities. Communities have a part to play in preventing, detecting and reporting abuse and neglect; and  
*Accountability* – accountability and transparency in delivering safeguarding.

**What we will do during 2018-2019:**

TWSCB and TWSAB Strategic Priorities	Why?	How we will achieve it
1. Sharing and Engaging with the Telford and Wrekin Community	To actively engage people, raise awareness about safeguarding and to inspire people to take action to prevent abuse and neglect	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Develop a Communication, Engagement and Inclusion Strategy for the Boards – March 2018</li> <li>• To develop appropriate communications campaigns throughout the year to support the work of the Board – May 2018</li> <li>• To agree and circulate publicity materials and resources to support disclosure of harm and abuse – May 2018</li> <li>• Further develop the links with the housing sector in the Borough to raise awareness of their roles and responsibilities in respect of safeguarding – Aug 2018</li> <li>• To develop a joint brand for the Boards – Dec 2018</li> </ul>
2. Further develop Safeguarding Pathways	To support practitioners across agencies to work together to safeguard that child, adult, family for harm.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• To re-launch the procedures with professionals and promote multi-agency prevention and keeping safe– April 2018</li> <li>• To focus specifically on the development of multi-agency transition processes from children to adult services where required (e.g. child sexual exploitation) – December 2018</li> <li>• To develop an ongoing review process for the current local multi-agency procedures to ensure they are fit for purpose – December 2018</li> </ul>
3. Ensure appropriate single agency and multi-agency quality assurance processes are in place – “So what outcomes”	To enable the Boards to challenge organisations about how they keep people safe and prevent harm/abuse/neglect.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• To implement a Peer Challenge audit to hold agencies to account for their effective safeguarding practice – February 2018</li> <li>• Revisit the Board’s approach to multi-agency audits in line with new data protection legislation – May 2018</li> <li>• Review the multi-agency performance dashboard to ensure it is fit for purpose – Jan 2019</li> </ul>
4. Ensure that the development of the workforce is informed by the Boards’ work.	To support practitioners to develop their practice in line with changes in legislation and learning from reviews and audits.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Develop and implement a Joint Training Strategy – June 2018</li> <li>• Provide range of learning opportunities for professionals in Telford and Wrekin that meets the identified learning needs – October 2018</li> </ul>

As well as addressing the strategic priorities the Board will continue to tackle issues that the Borough are facing, including domestic abuse, exploitation (including child sexual exploitation), financial abuse, neglect and children harming children.

For further information on all aspects of the Boards’ work please access the Boards’ websites:  
<http://www.telfordsafeguardingboard.org.uk> (children) or <http://www.telfordsafeguardingadultsboard.org> (adults)