



Quality of Care Homes and Care providers in Barnsley

The Board heard from Adult Joint Commissioning about the work they are doing to monitor, improve and expand care services in Barnsley.

We heard that we need to increase the number of places available for people requiring nursing care and adults with learning disabilities/autism. Discussions are taking place across the South Yorkshire region to provide specialist care for adults with the most complex needs.

The Board was pleased to hear that we have very few people placed in units outside Barnsley, the small number of people placed out of Barnsley are within South Yorkshire.

The Board was pleased to hear that a quality in care homes team has been set up to work with care homes to support care homes to improve quality of care, including clinical issues and that care homes are engaging with them.

Action – Adult Joint Commissioning will bring an update to the Board in the autumn.

Helping people in Barnsley to recognise and report keeping safe concerns.

Healthwatch shared a report they had completed exploring what people in Barnsley know about adult safeguarding/staying safe, what it is and how to report it. The report showed us that we need to do more work to help people to recognise and report harm and abuse affecting them, their families, friends, and neighbours. Most people involved in the survey thought safeguarding was about children not adults, suggesting we need to change our language to staying safe or stopping harm?

We would like you to tell us how we might do this to reach more people? If you have any ideas, please contact the board manager – CathErine@barnsley.gov.uk.

We have a paid for a radio advert, which will roll out after Easter, this will provide the public with information about staying safe and how to share concerns.

We want our 2023/24 annual report to be read by more members of the public, if you have any thoughts on what it should include/look like please contact Cath – CathErine@barnsley.gov.uk

Action – To explore a joint communications plan with the Safeguarding Children’s partnership involving communications colleagues from all organisations who are members of the Board (council, health, police, voluntary organisations etc)

Improved information about safeguarding now available to the Board

The Board thanked Barnsley Council colleagues for their work to produce a new data dashboard which will allow us to identify.

- which adults are experiencing harm and abuse and whether they are living with dementia, learning disabilities, physical disabilities etc,
- what sort of harm they are experiencing
- where they live in Barnsley.
- If they are “happy with safeguarding” – did it make them feel safer, reduce the risk of further harm and whether workers listened to them and involved them?

The Board will receive a quarterly report to help us work to reduce the risk of harm to adults living in Barnsley.

Safeguarding Awareness Week

We received a report on what happened in November 2023 and agreed to try and do more public facing events and messages in November 2024. Planning will start in April 2024, if you would like to suggest activities or areas to include, please contact Cath – CathErine@barnsley.gov.uk

Safeguarding Adults Forum by Experience (SAFE)

The group reported the unexpected death of one its longstanding members and the Board sent its best wishes to his family and friends.

The group has two new members who are helping with our social media presence.

If you would like to consider joining the group, please do contact us, we provide help with transport to the meetings which take place at the town hall.

For more information – CathErine@barnsley.gov.uk