

Thurrock Safeguarding Adults Board

Annual Report

April 2020 to March 2021



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In this easy read document, difficult words are in **bold**. We explain what these words mean in the sentence after they have been used.



Some words are blue and underlined. These are links which will go to another website which has more information.

Introduction



Thurrock Safeguarding Adults Board (TSAB) works to:

- keep adults safe from harm
- support adults who have been treated badly or not looked after properly.



Our main duty is to try and stop **abuse** and **neglect**.



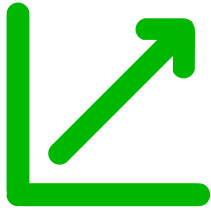
Abuse is when someone hurts you or treats you badly.



Neglect is when someone doesn't look after you properly.



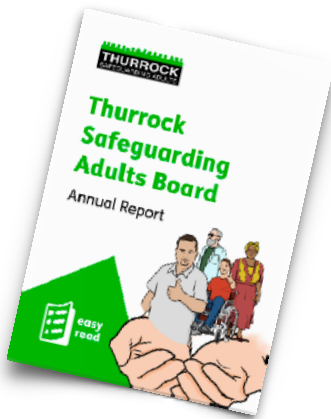
Jim is the independent chair of the Thurrock Safeguarding Adults Board (TSAB).



This means he helps run TSAB to help us get better at stopping neglect and abuse.



Every year TSAB writes a report to let people know what we have been doing.



This report describes what we have done to **safeguard** adults with care and support needs.

Safeguarding means keeping people safe from neglect and abuse.

Money

We get money from:



- Thurrock Clinical Commissioning Group (NHS)



- Thurrock Council



- Essex Police.



We spent £89,782 (Eighty-nine thousand, seven hundred and eighty-two pounds).



We did not spend all the money we were given this year. We have £71,351 (seventy-one thousand, three hundred and fifty-one pounds) left over.



We will keep the rest to spend next year.

Safeguarding concerns



There were 1071 **concerns** raised with social care.

A **concern** is when someone is worried that people might be being abused or neglected.



Not all of these needed us to help them.



If Thurrock Council Social Care needed to look in more detail at someone's concern, there would be a safeguarding enquiry. We would support the individual and find out more.



The most common type of concern we looked at was neglect.



The least common type of concern we looked at was **discriminatory abuse**.

Discriminatory abuse is when you are treated badly because of your age, sex, gender, race, religion, disability sexual orientation or if you are pregnant.

Safeguarding adult reviews



A **Safeguarding Adult Review** is when people look at how well local organisations have worked together.



The people doing the review look at what was done and how they can do things better in the future.



They also look at what changes may need to be made to services.



There is only a review when we are sent cases where things went badly wrong.



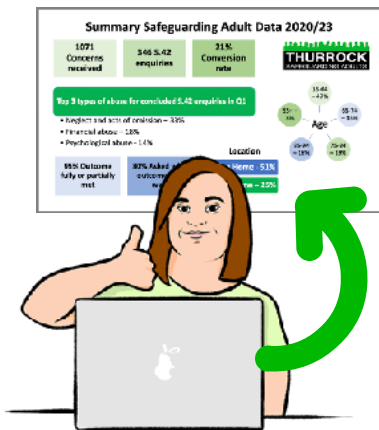
This year we were not sent any cases where things went badly wrong.

What have we done?



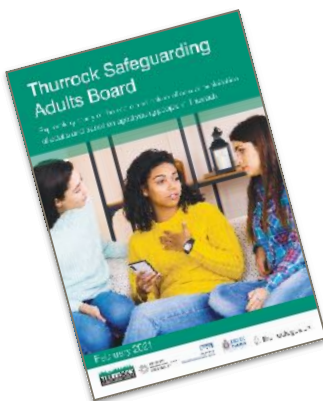
In 2020 we:

- looked at all of the safeguarding information we had found



- made a new **dashboard** for the safeguarding information

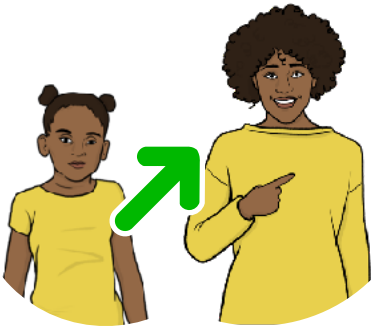
A **dashboard** is a simple way of showing information on a computer so it is easier to understand.



- finished a project about sexual abuse of young people and adults. You can ask to see our action plan about this



- found out more about the people who abuse other people so we can stop them



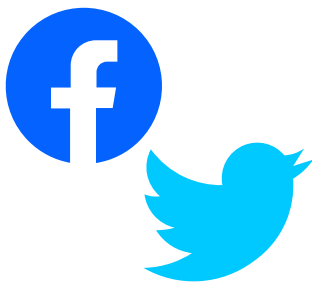
- found out about young people moving from children's services to adult's services. This will help us understand what we need to do to keep young people safe



- worked with Southend and Essex Safeguarding Adults Boards to write safeguarding information for people who work with adults



- made our website www.thurrocksab.org.uk easier to use for everyone



- shared information over Facebook and Twitter about what abuse is and how to tell people about it.



We wrote a new plan for what we want to do over the next 3 years.



You can read it here:

www.thurrocksab.org.uk/wp-content/uploads/2021/03/easy-read-tsab-strategic-plan-lo-res-v3.pdf



The most important things we will do are:

We will work to make sure everyone understands abuse and neglect.



We will look at the data on the different types of abuse.



We researched the issue of sexual violence locally and will support a plan to tackle this.



We will try and stop the people who cause abuse and neglect.



We will improve our services that protect young people who are about to become adults.

For more information



If you would like more information, please contact us by:

- email: tsab@thurrock.gov.uk
- phone: 01375 659 713
- website: www.thurrocksab.org.uk

If you or someone you know is being abused:



- phone: 01375 511 000
- email: safeguardingadults@thurrock.gov.uk