



**BROMLEY  
SAFEGUARDING  
ADULTS  
BOARD**



**Annual report  
for 2022 to 2023**



# Introduction



I am Teresa, the Independent Chair of the Bromley Safeguarding Adults Board.

Thank you for reading this report.



This report is about what the Bromley Safeguarding Adults Board has done over the last year to keep adults with care and support needs safe from abuse and neglect.



In this report, we have compared our data for this year (2022 to 2023) to the data for last year (2021 to 2022).

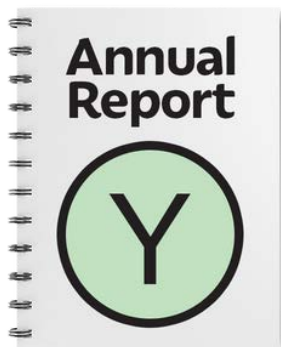
# About the Board



The Board is a group of organisations that work together to **protect adults with care and support needs from abuse and neglect.**



The Board includes people from Bromley Council, the police, health services, criminal justice services, Healthwatch, charities and community groups, and care providers.



Every year the Board must write a report to let people know how the board is working.

# About this report



This report is a summary of what the Board has done to make sure adults with care and support needs are protected from abuse and neglect.



Abuse is when someone:

- hurts other people
- treats people badly
- says things that makes them upset or frightened



Neglect is when people who are there to help others do not look after them properly or they cannot look after themselves properly.

# What has the board done over the last year?



The Board makes sure that all organisations, like social care, police, ambulance service and hospitals are working together to protect adults from abuse and neglect.

## Number of people helped:



During the year, **1,464 concerns** were looked at because of the risk to the adult.

**NUMBER**

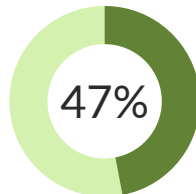


This is **910 more** than in 2021 to 2022, when 554 concerns were looked at.

In 2020 to 2021, 1,083 concerns were looked at.

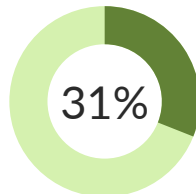


The Board looked at **424** of these in more detail:



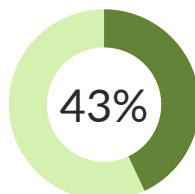
**47% were men.**

This was 38% last year.



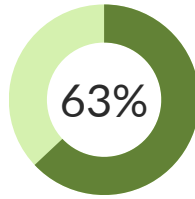
**31% were for neglect.**

This was 29% last year.



**43% took place in their own home.**

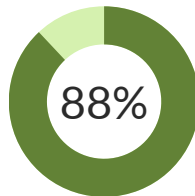
This was 49% last year.



**63% were by someone the person knew.**

This was 46% last year

## RISK



**88% had the risk of abuse removed or reduced.**

This was 94% last year.

## Tasks we finished:



### The Board:



- Looked at lots of information from all our partners to make sure they are providing a good service that protects people from harm and abuse.
- Looked at the policies and procedures to update them and make them easy to find for people who work with adults.
- Finished three reviews looking into how adults are safeguarded. These are called Safeguarding Adults Reviews (SAR). We are still completing one more review.





- Worked with partners to make available and promote training that is needed and useful to all organisations.



- Told people about how to stay safe and how to get help.

## What people told us:



Last year we talked to **over 100 people** about the work of the Board.

They told us that we should think about



- Helping people who experience loneliness



**Deaf**

- Helping people who are hard of hearing



- Helping faith groups understand more about safeguarding



- Helping those who are homeless and sleeping rough



We also held a two-day Roadshow event at The Glades shopping centre.

# Our priorities:

## Priority 1 – Domestic abuse



- We promoted our easy-read awareness campaign on how to spot the signs of domestic abuse and what to do.



- We published a Domestic Abuse Services and Referral Pathway guidance.



- We published the Domestic Abuse Professional's Service Directory.

## Priority 2 – Financial abuse



- We developed a webpage on community advice supporting the cost-of-living increases.



- We distributed our Safeguarding Vulnerable Adults pocket guide to community members.



- We shared Trading Standards news on our website.

## Priority 3 – Self-neglect



- We developed a leaflet in easy-read format to raise awareness of spotting the signs of self-neglect.



- We created a webpage on our website dedicated to Tackling Loneliness.



- We updated the Self-Neglect and Hoarding Panel referral form.

## Priority 4 – Modern day slavery



- We published an awareness video explaining about Cuckooing.



- We published our Cuckooing and Exploitation Guidance for professionals.



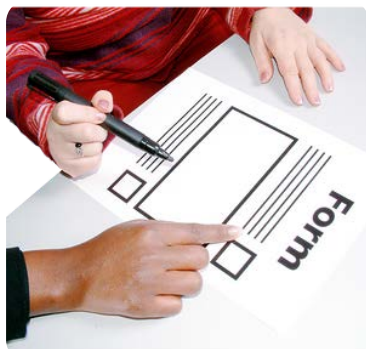
- We promoted Human Trafficking and Modern-Day Slavery online training for professionals.

## Priority 5 – Becoming an adult

### *Save the date* **Bromley's 14-25 Transition Day**

For parents, carers and all young people (aged 14 - 25) with special educational needs or disabilities living in Bromley

Join us to find out more about transition plan available in Bromley for young people Prepare across the pathways of:



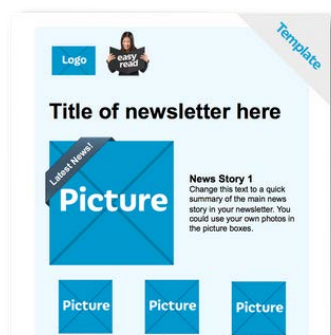
- We promoted the 14-25 Transition Day aimed for parents, carers, and all young people with special educational needs or disabilities.
- We raised awareness of the MARAC Referral Form.
- We worked with the BSCP to look at a real case example of a vulnerable adult who moved from Children's to Adults services.



## Priority 6 – Specialist care



- We continued to promote a range of helpful services for those in care home settings via our website.



- We put information about the BSAB in regular newsletters sent to care providers within Bromley.



- We held regular multi-agency meetings with providers to discuss any areas of support needed.

## Training our staff:



- We provided lots of training to professionals:

322

- 322 people attended 21 webinar sessions

7,775

- 7,775 online Me Learning courses were completed

2,800+

- More than 2,800 people looked at the Training and Learning Events page on our website.

# What we are focused on

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We have **six priorities** which focus our work:

- domestic abuse



- financial abuse



- self-neglect





- modern day slavery



- becoming an adult



- specialist care



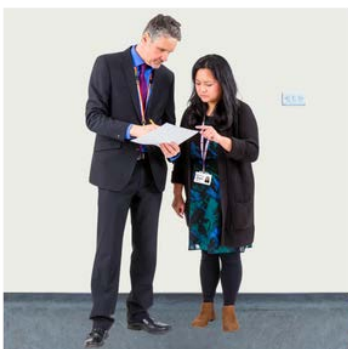
During the next year we will:



- Continue asking people about what they think of the Board and safeguarding.



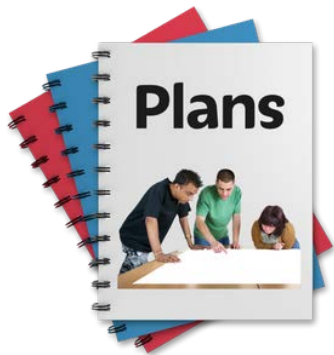
- Improve how we use data to better understand abuse and neglect.



- Complete regular inspections of organisations and professionals.



- Review our policies and resources.



- Develop a strategy to prevent abuse and neglect.



- Create guidance to help professionals deal with complaints.

# How to report concerns about an adult



If you are worried about an adult with care and support needs, talk to someone or report your concerns using the details below:



Telephone Bromley Council on  
**020 8461 7777**



You can report your worries to the Council on their website:  
**[www.bromley.gov.uk/AdultAtRiskReport](http://www.bromley.gov.uk/AdultAtRiskReport)**



Or you can call the police on **101**.

If it is an emergency, always phone **999**.

# More information



If you would like more information or you would like to tell us your story, please contact Bromley Safeguarding Adults Board on:

- email [bsab@bromley.gov.uk](mailto:bsab@bromley.gov.uk)



- Or visit our website:  
[www.bromleysafeguardingadults.org](http://www.bromleysafeguardingadults.org)



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