

Cambridgeshire Safeguarding Adults Board Strategy 2026 - 2029



What is the Cambridgeshire Safeguarding Adults Board?

We are a multi-agency partnership, including police, health, social care, the community and voluntary sector who work together to safeguard adults in Cambridgeshire, so they can live a life free from abuse and neglect

The Care Act 2014 requires every local authority to establish a Safeguarding Adults Board and sets out the role of the Board which includes three duties:

- Develop and publish a strategic plan setting out the work of the Board and how it's member and partner agencies will contribute to safeguarding adults in Cambridgeshire
- Publish an annual report, showing our progress against our strategy and priorities, and what difference our work has made to keeping adults in Cambridgeshire safe
- Undertake Safeguarding Adults Reviews for serious cases which meet the threshold and where there is system wide learning, under Section 44 Care Act 2014



Our Strategic Plan



Our strategic plan for 2026 – 2029 sets out:

Our Vision

What we want to achieve to keep all adults in Cambridgeshire safe

How we will do this

Our Vision

'For safeguarding adults to be everyone's responsibility, where all partners work together so that adults with care and support needs in Cambridgeshire can live their lives free from abuse and neglect within our community'.

How will we deliver our strategic plan and vision?

We will achieve this by focusing our collective efforts on two priority areas

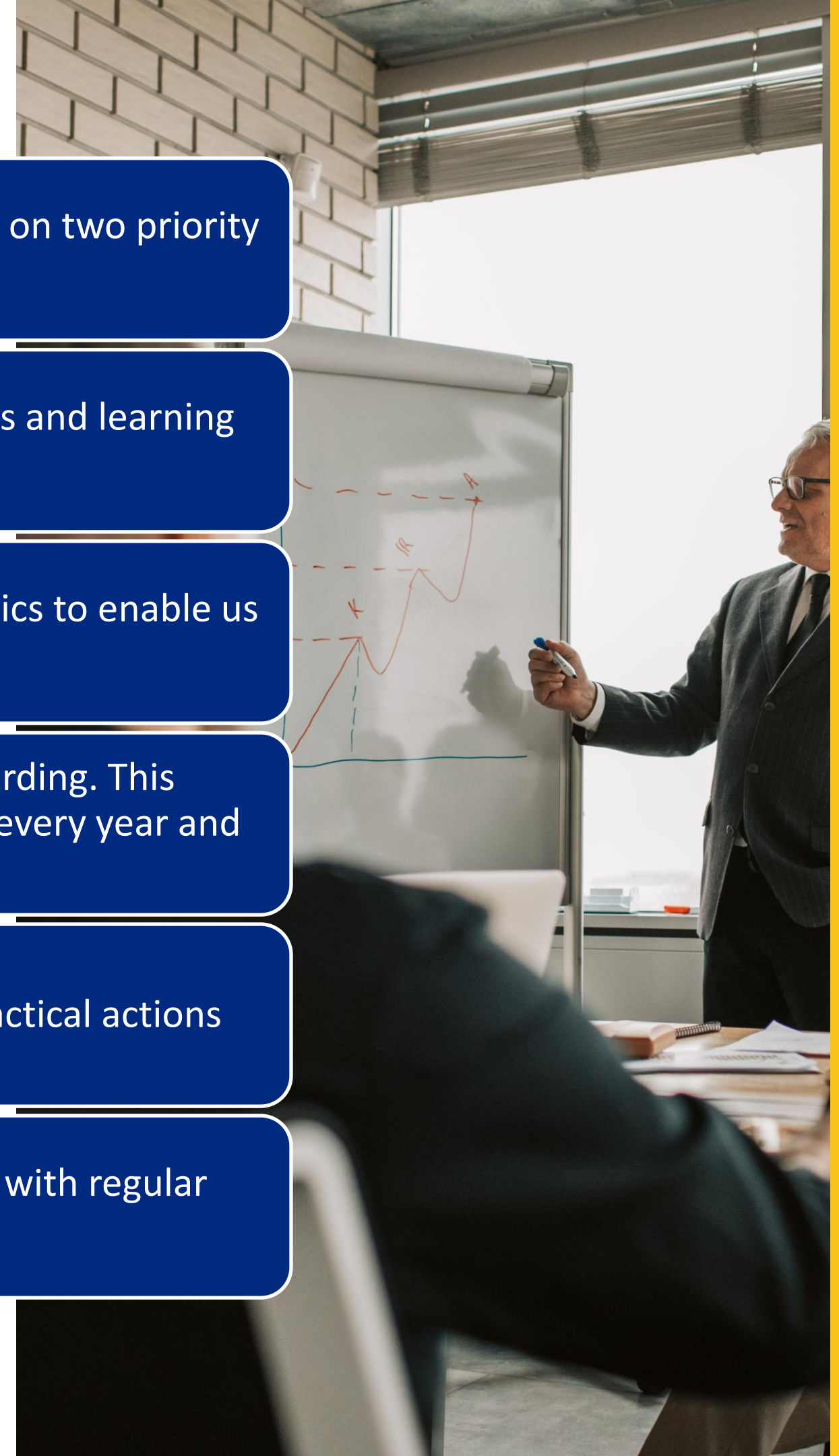
We identified our priorities by looking at local themes and learning from our Safeguarding Adult Reviews

We decided to concentrate on a small number of topics to enable us to drive positive impact

The Board recognises the changing nature of safeguarding. This means we will review progress against our priorities every year and decide if they should remain priorities

We will collectively work to turn our strategy into practical actions

The Board and the subgroup chairs oversee this work, with regular updates to track progress



Priority 1 – Self-Neglect

What we want to achieve:

Use learning from local and national safeguarding adults reviews to help us deliver the best possible support to adults in Cambridgeshire who are at risk of or experiencing self-neglect.

We will focus on the specific areas of hoarding behaviours and drug and alcohol use within this priority area

Why this is important:

We recognise that those people at risk of, or experiencing, self-neglect have some of the most complex needs and should be supported in a way which balances their wishes with the need to ensure their safety

We have recognised self-neglect as an area of local practice where multi-agency working is essential to an effective response and better outcomes for individuals

Priority 2 – Transitions to Adults Services

What we want to achieve:

To increase understanding and support available to young people transitioning into adult's services who are at risk of harm from neglect or abuse

To ensure that those young people moving into adult's services receive appropriate and timely support

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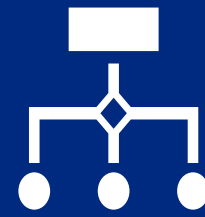
We recognise the transition to adulthood is a key moment in young people's lives when the right support from services can make a positive difference to their future

Delivering our Strategy

We have set up subgroups to help us to deliver this work:



Subgroups and Workstreams



- Quality Assurance Subgroup – audits, data analysis, practitioner and adult feedback
- Learning and Development Subgroup – workforce development, competency framework
- SAR subgroup – oversee SAR commissioning, thematic learning
- Workstreams – priority specific groups to progress activity relating to the priority areas

Partnership Engagement



- Exploring opportunities for co-production with people with lived experience.
- Strengthened relationships with health, police, housing, voluntary sector and community partners leading to active engagement in all areas of work
- Engagement with regional networks to share best practice

Delivery Plans for each priority



- Details of how the work will be undertaken and how progress and impact will be measured

Partnership working at the centre

We will work together to:

Put the adult at the heart of everything we do

Deliver high quality partnership work, preventing and responding to abuse and neglect

Support and challenge each other as members of the SAB for the quality of our safeguarding work to protect adults in Cambridgeshire

Use multi-agency data and learning from our Safeguarding Adult Reviews to understand trends, where we need to focus our efforts and the impact of our work

Embed learning to improve working practices

Offer learning and development opportunities

Seek opportunities to hear the voices and include the lived experience of adults in our work

Embrace the six key principles of Making Safeguarding Personal from the Care Act 2014; wherever possible focusing on the outcomes that each person wants

We are committed to working collaboratively with our partners in Cambridgeshire to share learning and drive improvement



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