

Peterborough Safeguarding Adults Board Strategy 2026 - 2029



What is the Peterborough 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 Peterborough, 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 its member and partner agencies will contribute to safeguarding adults in Peterborough
- Publish an annual report, showing our progress against our strategy and priorities, and what difference our work has made to keeping adults in Peterborough 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 Peterborough 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 Peterborough 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

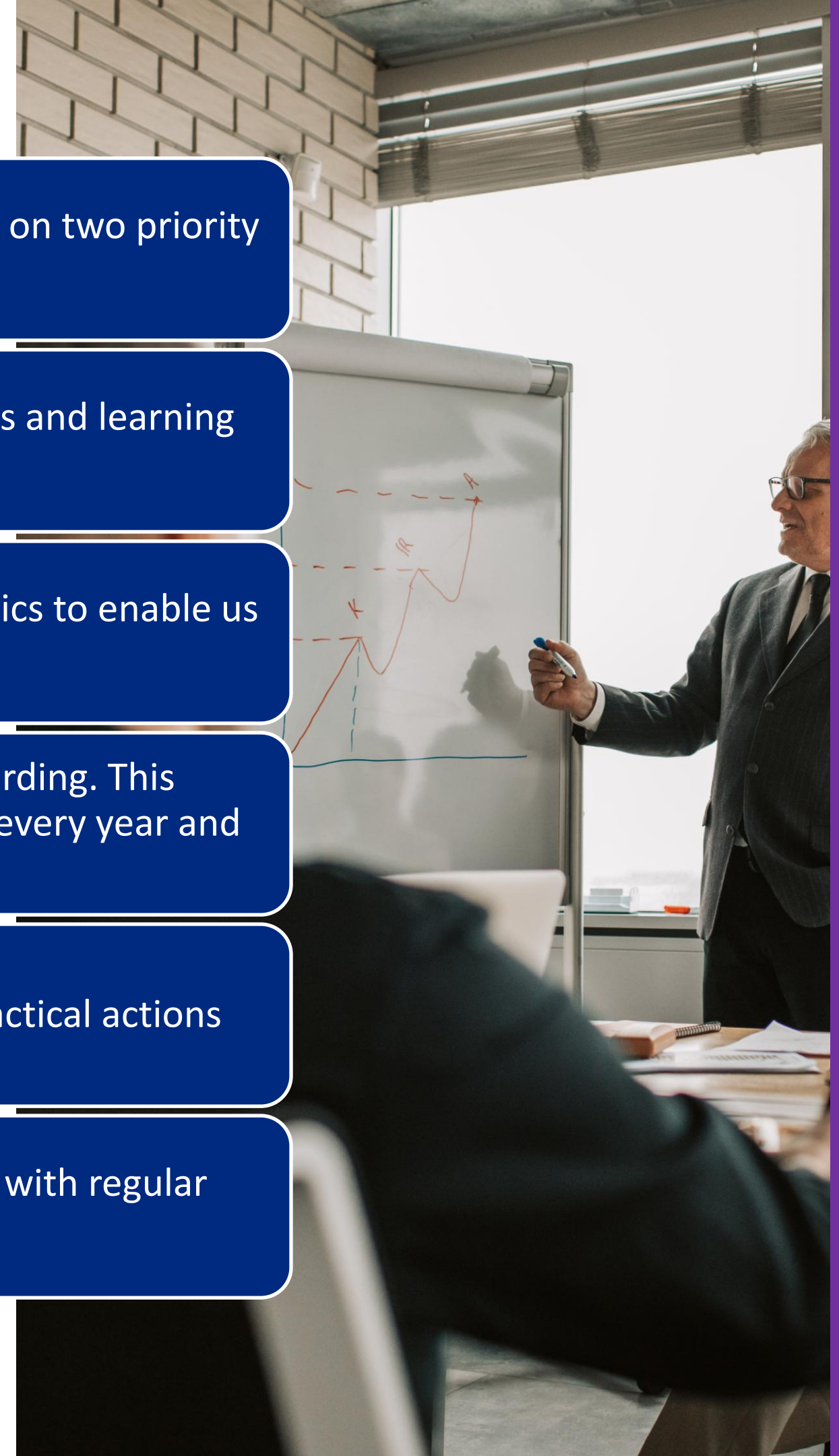
We identified our priorities by looking at local themes and learning from our Safeguarding Adult Reviews

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 – Mental Capacity Act and mental ill-health

What we want to achieve:

To understand the barriers for practitioners and managers to implementing the legislation and guidance relating to mental capacity.

To better understand how mental ill-health and mental capacity intersect.

Why this is important:

We recognise the application of the Mental Capacity Act continues to be challenging for professionals. We know we need to ensure the way we work keeps the adult at the centre of any decisions around their care.

We know that mental capacity and mental health are areas of local practice where we can make improvements to ensure the best outcomes for adults and their families.

Priority 2 – Self Neglect

What we want to achieve:

Use learning from local safeguarding adult reviews to help us deliver the best possible support to adults in Peterborough who are at risk of or experiencing self-neglect. We will ensure that the Multi-Agency Risk Management (MARM) arrangements are used to best support this area.

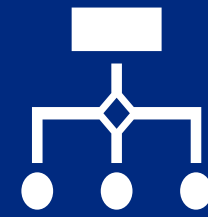
Why this is important:

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, particularly in the most complex cases.

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
- Communication and Engagement Subgroup – public awareness, community engagement



Partnership Engagement

- 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.



Workforce Expectations

- All partners must demonstrate compliance with safeguarding policies, monitored via the bi-annual self-assessment

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 Peterborough

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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