

Keeping Adults Safe in Halton:
Strategy for Prevention in Adult
Safeguarding
2017 – 2022

An Easy Read summary



Our strategy for prevention in safeguarding



What is a strategy?

A strategy is a **plan** about we are going to do and how we are going to do it.



What is prevention?

People say that **prevention is better than cure**.

Prevention means trying to **stop something happening**.

Prevention is very **important** for protecting people.



What is safeguarding for adults?

Safeguarding is protecting **vulnerable adults** from abuse or neglect. It means making sure people get **good access to health care, stay safe and stay well**. It is wrong if **vulnerable** people are not treated with **respect and care** by people who care for them.

Organisations should **work together to prevent harm**.



The No Secrets report in 2009 said that the **safeguarding system** was designed to **respond** to problems **instead of preventing them**.

To **respond** means to **answer to something**.



A lot of **abuse** and **neglect** can be **avoided** or have less of an impact by **taking preventative steps in the first place**.

Different levels of prevention for safeguarding?

There are 3 different levels of prevention:



- 1 **Primary prevention** is about **stopping harm from happening** in the first place and making sure the environment people live protects people from harm.



- 2 **Secondary prevention** is about putting special arrangements in place to give **more protection to people who are receiving care** and support or who are identified as at risk.



- 3 **Tertiary prevention** is about making sure that organisations **learn lessons and make improvements** to care and support when harm is identified to, make sure it doesn't happen again.



What is the prevention plan?

There is always more we can do to prevent harm.

This plan tells you about **what we can do to prevent harm**.

Who wrote the plan and why?



The plan has been **written by a partnership** and is a **commitment to work** together to make things happen.

The partnership is a group of people, from different organisations who can help protect people and can **take**



actions to protect people.

The plan will tell you what the **Safeguarding Adults Board** will do to help keep people safe and how they will make the plans happen.

It will show the work that will take place over the **next 5 years** to help keep vulnerable adults in Halton safe.

What the strategy says

The vision for what will happen



The strategy has a vision **to keep adults in Halton safe from harm.**

A vision is a wish of what things will be like in the future.



The vision will make sure that adults in Halton can live their life **free from harm** and free from fear.

Harm and abuse often take place in private, or kept secret. The vision will make sure that **no one can ignore abuse** or the risk of abuse and **always speak out.**



The vision will make sure everyone **works together to protect adults.**

The vision will make sure everybody can **see where harm may happen** and **stop it** if it does.

How we will make the vision happen



The strategy will **make recommendations** for **things that need to be done** at each different levels of prevention to make the vision happen.

A recommendation is a suggestion of an **action that needs to take place** to make something happen.



The strategy makes one overall recommendation and then different recommendations that need to happen for each level of prevention.

The list of recommendations

The overall recommendation



Everybody working with adults gives the **best care possible** all the time and they all **learn lessons and get better** if problems do happen.

1 Primary prevention recommendations



Make sure **everybody knows** about safeguarding and how to prevent harm.



Make sure that organisation working to prevent harm **share information** to make sure they are all working as well as they can together.

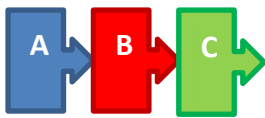


To make sure we all **look for gaps** where data or information may not be shared between different services well enough.



Make sure every agency is **working together** to help predict where and when problems may happen in future to try and **stop them happening** at all.

2 Secondary prevention recommendations



Make sure there is a **single easy pathway** for services to use to refer people who need support in health services.



Work better with carers and people who care for other people who have a mental health illness to make sure the right support is available.



Make sure there **are no gaps in support** and care when a child grows up and moved from children's services into adult services.



Make sure we have **good services** to help people if they reach **a crisis** with their health, mental health or care.

3 Tertiary prevention recommendations



Make sure we have services ready to support people and carers in times of crisis and to help **stop harm from happening again.**



Make sure that different organisations **look at the reasons** why a problem has happened and **learn lessons** to stop it happening again.

For organisation leaders involved in caring and supporting adults in Halton, to help shape and contribute **to make Adult Safeguarding a priority** in the service they provide.

What will happen next?



The Adult Safeguarding Partnership will **develop an action plan.**

An action plan is list of actions that says **what we will do** and **when we will do it.**



The Safeguarding Adults Board will make sure that everyone is **doing what the action a plan says they should do.**

When the actions are all finished the adult Safeguarding Board will **review what has happened** to make sure that all the recommendations have been achieved.

If you would you like more information

You can find the **full Safeguarding Prevention strategy** on the Halton Safeguarding Adults Board website <http://adult.haltonsafeguarding.co.uk/> or



0151 907 8306

If you are worried that you or another adult may be at risk of abuse

You can ask for help and advice between Monday and Friday by phoning Halton Borough Council Adult Social Care Services



0151 907 8306

You can ask for help and advice at night time, weekends or on a bank holiday by phoning Halton Borough Council Emergency Duty Team



0345 050 0148

Please phone the police if you are worried that someone is in immediate danger



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