

Thurrock Safeguarding Adults Board

Annual Report - What we have done
from April 2022 to March 2023



Thurrock Safeguarding Adults Board Annual report 2022/23



Our Aim

To ensure the effective co-ordination and delivery of services to safeguard and promote the welfare of adults in Thurrock at risk of abuse and neglect, in line with the Care Act 2014 and the accompanying Statutory Guidance.

Statutory duties

The Care Act 2014 and the accompanying Statutory Guidance set out the responsibilities of the SABs, SABs have three core duties. They must:

- develop and publish a strategic plan setting out how they will meet their objectives and how their members and partner agencies will contribute
- publish an annual report detailing how effective their work has been
- commission safeguarding adult reviews (SARs) for any cases which meet the criteria

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Our plan for
2020-23



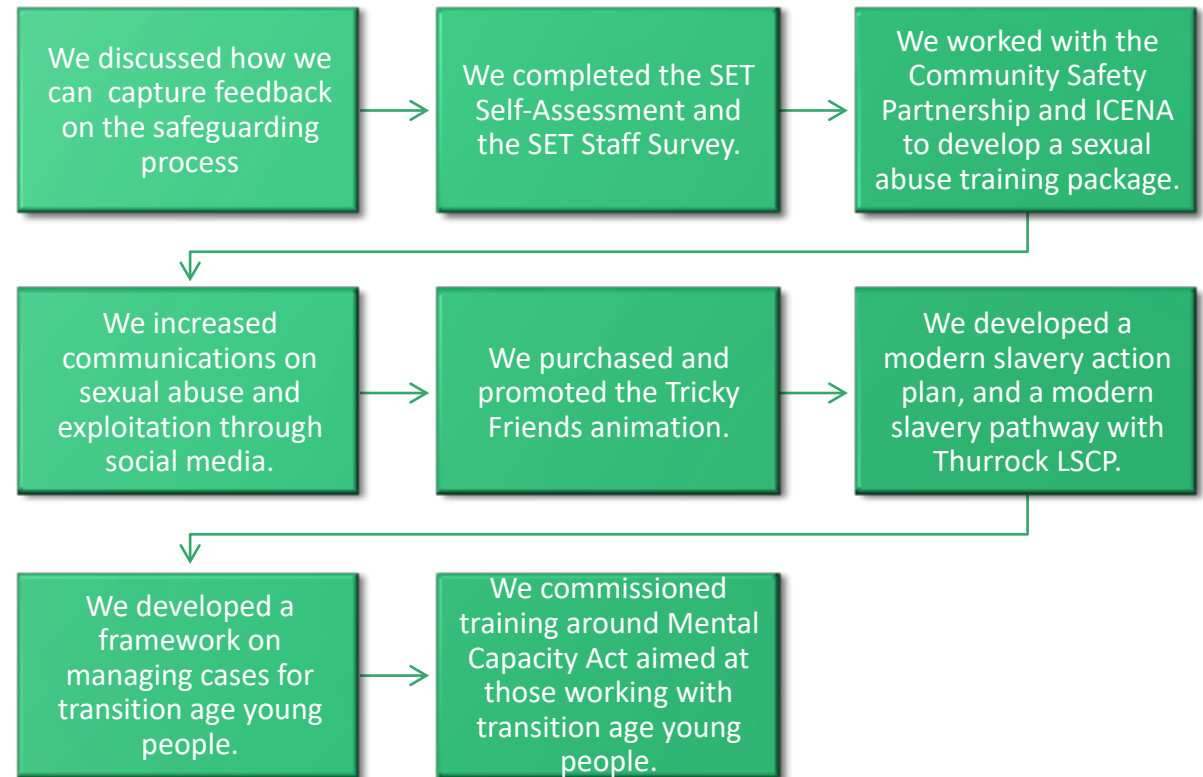
TSAB Strategic Plan

This is the final year of the current strategy and there have been so many fantastic pieces of work that has taken place to make adults safer. The current priorities are:

- To increase our understanding of abuse and neglect using data
- To contribute to the implementation of the recommendations of the Sexual Abuse/Violence Joint Strategic Needs Assessment (JSNA)
- To focus on perpetrator disruption
- To strengthen transitional safeguarding arrangements



Some of the things we did





Scrutiny and challenge

Care and Support Statutory Guidance states that Safeguarding Adult Boards should “*establish how it will hold partners to account and gain assurance of the effectiveness of its arrangements*”. This means that the Board are assured that adults with care and support needs are safe and that there is good safeguarding practice in Thurrock. This included:

- Care home provision
- Mental health
- Implementation of the ICB
- Suicide Prevention
- Safety of patients in hospitals
- Ukrainian refugees
- Firearms licensing
- Covid pandemic

Safeguarding Adult Review

Section 44 (Care Act 2014) states SABs must conduct a SAR where it has concerns about how members of the SAB or other agencies, have worked together to protect an adult who has care and support needs, and who:

- has died as a result of suspected abuse or neglect, or
- is still alive, but has experienced serious abuse or neglect, and would have died if it were not for intervention or has suffered permanent harm.

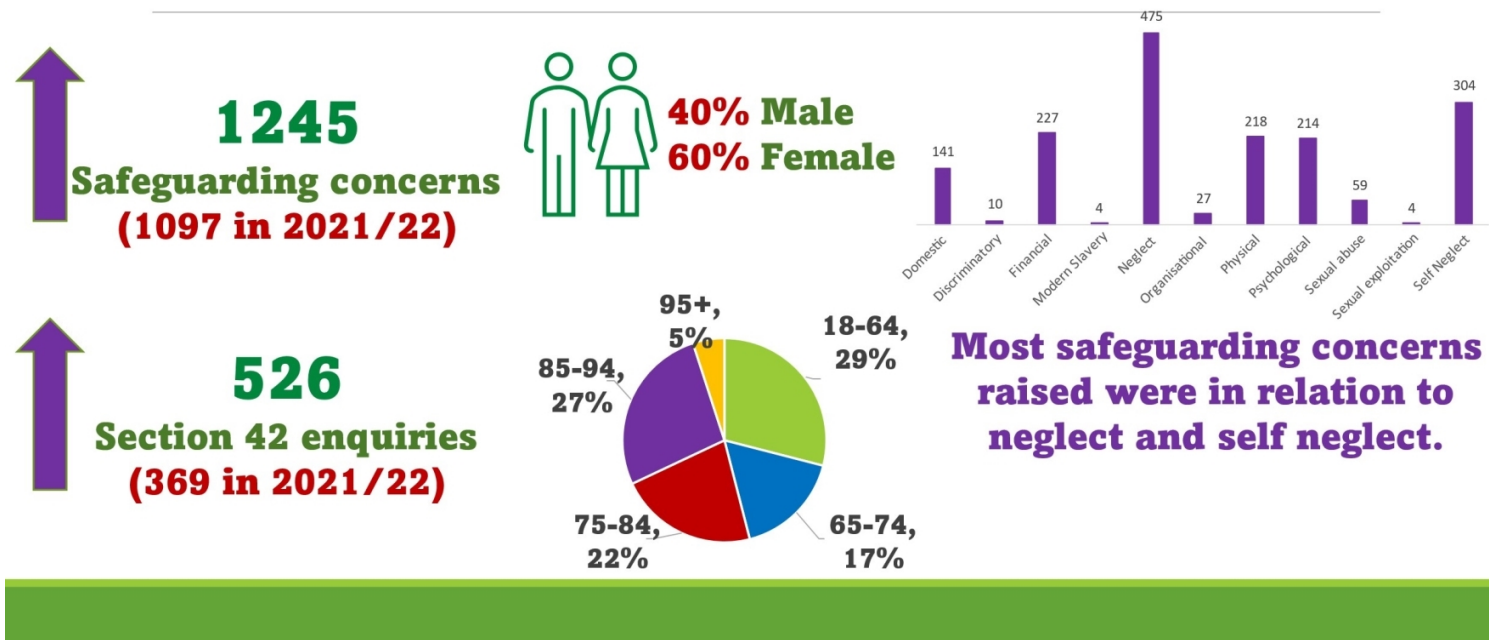
This year TSAB Received 2 safeguarding referrals

- Commissioned a thematic SAR
- Continued to support SET DAB with a joint SAR/DHR
- Published 1 SAR

The review highlighted that migrant and asylum-seeking individuals are likely to reach the UK having experienced a level of trauma which was compounded by the Covid Pandemic and the resulting restrictions. The review identified areas where improvements in information sharing could be made. The panel and the TSAB extend its deepest condolences to the family of Adult A. The recommendations continue to be monitored until the Board are satisfied that they are complete.

Safeguarding data

Safeguarding data by concern summary 2022/23



Communications

Do you have concerns about someone you care for that they may be experiencing abuse or neglect?

The Thurrock Safeguarding Adults Board have produced a booklet called [Lets Talk About...](#) Which helps broach the subject of abuse and neglect - If you are worried about an adult visit the [Thurrock Safeguarding Adults Board website](#)

There was an increase in social media activity this year, with a number of Thurrock Council newsletters and bulletins being utilised.

This year saw the introduction of the TSAB newsletter.

TSAB update the website on a weekly basis, adding news stories, updating documents and continuously trying to make the website more accessible.

Total posts	148
Total reach (individual people reached)	47.5K
Total impressions (no. of times content shown on a screen)	81.2K
Total clicks (to TSAB website)	554
Total comments	25
Total likes	78
Total shares	76



Engagement



We had a stand at the Orsett Show, handing out safeguarding booklets to members of the public to raise awareness of safeguarding adults. We attended:

- Coffee with cops
- Talking shops attended
- The Orsett Show
- Events with the Community Safety Partnership
- Interfaith Networking Event

TSAB also sent out copies of the TSAB “Lets talk about Safeguarding” booklets to a range of organisations within the following sectors:

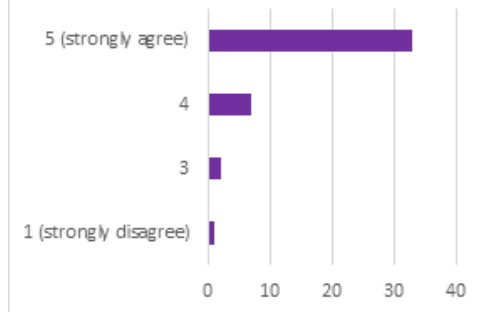
- Thurrock Care Homes,
- Sheltered accommodation
- Supported living
- Libraries
- Opticians
- Dentists



Training

"This has been definitely one of the best training I attended. It was highly informative and was delivered at a very good pace. The trainer gave every one of us a chance to speak and discuss any issues relevant to the topic covered. I will, of course, recommend my other colleagues to apply for this training."

The course achieved its stated aims and objectives



TSAB Conference

TSAB alongside Thurrock Community Safety Partnership held a modern slavery virtual conference with speakers from Essex Police. Salvation Army, Gangmasters and Licencing Abuse Authority as well as children and adult social care. There was a total of 66 people in attendance from a range of organisations in the Thurrock area.

Quote from Salvation Army - It was inspiring to hear how Thurrock are so 'ahead of the game' so to speak with work around with Modern Slavery. The work around county lines is reassuring because we still get comments about NRM referrals being used as a way out of trouble.

STEP 1: IMMEDIATE REPORTING FOR IMMEDIATE TREATMENT OR WHERE THERE IS AN IMMEDIATE THREAT TO THE PV OR PROBABLE SLAVERY AND/OR HUMAN TRAFFICKING
CALL 999 where there is an immediate threat to a PV or related individuals, emergency medical treatment is needed or the PV is still in the place of exploitation.
Call Essex Police on 102/online reporting if it is purely a suspicion modern slavery is taking place. Suspicions can also be reported to Crimestoppers - 0800 555 111 or to the 24 hour Modern Slavery Helpline - 0800 022 1700.
If the PV is under the age of 18 years old, or there are children linked to the adult PV please contact: Children's Social Care Duty Team on 01375 652802 or email: childrensocialcare@thurrock.gov.uk

Step 1

Step 2
CONTACT YOUR SAFEGUARDING LEAD, AS SOON AS IS PRACTICABLE FOR SUPPORT AND GUIDANCE
Once responsibility for the potential victim is handed over, put concerns in writing to ensure audit trail.
Consider taking the PV to a place of safety to allow for a safe conversation/ address any self-care needs.
END OF PROCESS FOR INITIAL REFERRED.

Step 3
Carry out initial assessment
Safeguarding Team, ASC will carry out an initial needs and risk assessment strategy meeting within 24hrs
Urgent Assessment: Three key immediate questions: Are they still being or likely to be targeted by their trafficker? Are they housed? Do they have income, food & warm clothes? If at immediate risk then consider moving to the next NRM stage. Consider legal and third sector support, interpreters, welfare entitlements, health checks, accommodation, asylum.

Step 4
Safeguarding Team, ASC will EXPLAIN THE NRM PROCESS TO THE PV
Unless the PV consents to the NRM referral, they will not be entitled to access the support provided through the NRM but may still be eligible for state support (unless they are under 18 years of age when consent is not required and support will be provided by Children's Social Care).

Has the PV given consent to referral into the NRM?

If No

Step 5
COMPLETE AND SUBMIT THE ONLINE DUTY TO NOTIFY www.modernslavery.gov.uk/start sections 1-4 and 7.
Do not include any personal details without PV's permission. Select 'No' in section 4.
N.B With support, some PVs will agree to go into the NRM at a later date.

Step 6
CONSIDER THE LEVEL OF NEED/RISK
Safeguard the PV and try to reduce the risk of re-exploitation. Consider a referral for non-statutory support. With support some PVs will agree to go into the NRM at a later date.

If Yes

Step 5
COMPLETE DIGITAL REFERRAL FORM Complete online referral form www.modernslavery.gov.uk/start. The form must be completed in one go as progress cannot be saved. Consider 'Act, Mourn, Purpose' definitions when completing section 3.

Step 6
PRE-IG HOUSING Safeguarding and duty of care processes must be adhered to. If PV has No Recourse to Public Funds and there is no duty to provide housing/support under other safeguarding/human rights legislation contact the Salvation Army (SA) for accommodation &/or outreach support (0200 303 8551), including Pre-IG housing, subject to assessment if PV is destitute.

Step 7
Multiagency meeting or refer into mainstream group within 30 days i.e. MASH/SARAC to develop a care plan if the PV remains in the borough or is likely to return to the borough, develop a plan around safety, housing, mental/physical health, legal advice, immigration.

THURROCK LOCAL SAFEGUARDING CHILDREN PARTNERSHIP **THURROCK** Homeless Community of Choice

Acknowledgement to the Human Trafficking Foundation and the Anti-Slavery London Working Group (LWG)

Work across SET



There are a number of [policies and procedures](#) that cover the Southend, Essex and Thurrock area which are developed across SET, this year the following were reviewed and where necessary updated:

- SET guidelines
- A guide to developing a Safeguarding Adults Policy
- Managing and responding to Organisational Safeguarding Concerns Guidance
- Missing Persons Protocol
- Safeguarding Handbook
- One Minute Guides – Hoarding and Modern slavery
- Easy Read Safeguarding Form

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Links to TSAB annual report

<https://www.thurrocksab.org.uk/wp-content/uploads/2023/09/TSAB-annual-report-2022-23-EASY-READ-V3.pdf>

<https://sway.office.com/oEBRccsyOrySbnny?ref=Link>

