

Barnsley Safeguarding Adults Board Annual Report 2021-22

Our Safeguarding Adults Story in Barnsley



We received **2,231 safeguarding concerns in 2021/22**, a 9% increase on 2020/21.

More people were reporting concerns for themselves, their families and friends.

42% of alleged abuse reported to us took place in people's homes.

61% of abuse experienced was **neglect** or physical, up from last year.



57% of concerns reported to us were **for women needing our support**.

We removed or reduced the risk of harm and abuse for 93% of the people we helped.

Safeguarding is everyone's business.

If you feel you're being mistreated, harmed or abused, or you know someone who is, visit **barnsley.gov.uk/safeguarding** to report your concerns and get advice.

Want to see how we've helped people in Barnsley? Check out the case studies in our 2021/22 annual report.

Our ambitions and key achievements



To collectively work hard to prevent harm and abuse across Barnsley

Safeguarding Awareness Week, held in November 2021, was a real success, with another planned for this year. Our safeguarding adults education programme is now free to access, either online or in person.



To develop citizen-led approaches to safeguarding issues

We're learning from recent cases, our partners and communities to help people with self-neglect and hoarding. We have a local D'Clutter group, run by people struggling with hoarding, which has been well received.



To continue developing safe transitions for young people to adulthood

We made this topic a focus of our first South Yorkshire safeguarding adults event, learning from regional experts and partners. We've since set up a working group to improve the support we offer young people in Barnsley.



To learn and continually improve

We've been invited to be part of national research projects around self-neglect and hoarding. We continue to work closely with other safeguarding boards, locally and regionally, and recently welcomed a peer review into our work to keep adults safe.



