

Teeswide Safeguarding Adults Board

Annual Survey 2025-26 (Public)



The Teeswide Safeguarding Adults Board works in partnership with a wide range of organisations to safeguard and promote the wellbeing and independence of adults at risk of abuse and neglect (Safeguarding means “protect from harm”).

Your views are important to us to help shape our work and protect communities. Please take a few minutes to fill in the survey below from your point of view.

The form can be completed on someone’s behalf if the person is asked for their views.

Please tell us who you are (Tick one box)	Please tell us where you live
I am a member of the general public who: ☐ Has <u>not</u> used adult social care services ☐ Has used/ is using adult social care services ☐ Is a carer	☐ Hartlepool ☐ Middlesbrough ☐ Redcar & Cleveland ☐ Stockton-On-Tees

Please tick one answer for each statement	Yes	No
I know how to report abuse and neglect	☐	☐
I know how to get help and support in relation to abuse and neglect in my area	☐	☐
 I am aware of the Safe Place Scheme	☐	☐

Please tick which types of abuse you would like more awareness of, to help us to plan our work, including awareness raising campaigns:

(There is a page at the back of this survey to help you to understand the different types of abuse)

☐ Discriminatory	☐ Neglect	☐ Self-Neglect
☐ Domestic	☐ Organisational	☐ Sexual Abuse
☐ Financial	☐ Physical	☐ Sexual Exploitation
☐ Modern Slavery	☐ Psychological	

Please tell us how you like to receive/ access information:

(Please tick all the ways you use)

☐ Facebook	☐ Resident publications	☐ Radio
☐ X/ Twitter	☐ Libraries/ Community hubs	☐ In person
☐ Instagram	☐ TSAB website	☐ Other (please state):
☐ Leaflets/ posters		_____

What should the Teeswide Safeguarding Adults Board's priorities be for the next twelve months?

**Please tick
3 boxes**

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| 1. Improve general awareness of what safeguarding means and how people can protect themselves. | ☐ |
| 2. Work more closely in engaging with local communities and local services to on how to report concerns of abuse and neglect. | ☐ |
| 3. Focus on preventing adult abuse and neglect. | ☐ |
| 4. Work more closely with other organisations to improve lives of people and families most at risk of abuse and neglect (including children's partnerships and community safety partnerships). | ☐ |
| 5. Work more closely in engaging with local communities and local services to provide more opportunities for those with lived experience to support the work of the Teeswide Safeguarding Adult's Board. | ☐ |
| 6. Raise awareness of how professionals and organisations can better support those who have experienced trauma to access and engage with services. | ☐ |

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The survey is completed anonymously, so if you have any specific questions or queries that you would like to raise about the survey, please contact us directly by emailing us on the email address above.

The results from this Survey will be published in our **Annual Communication and Engagement Report in June 2026** <https://www.tsab.org.uk/the-board/annual-reports/>.

What are the different types of abuse?

Discriminatory Abuse is when people treat you badly because you are different to them. This can be because of the things you believe in, the colour of your skin, a disability, who you choose to love, or if you speak a different language.

Domestic Abuse is when someone in your family or someone you are in a relationship with abuses you. This can be when they make threats or hurt you, or they try to control you.

Financial Abuse is when someone takes your money or things which belong to you. This can be when they control your money or make you pay for things. It is also when someone steals your money or the things that belong to you.

Modern Slavery is when people use other people to make money for themselves. This can be when someone forces someone else to work for free or very little pay. People get treated badly, and someone else controls where they live and what they do.

Neglect is when people don't keep you safe. It means you are not being looked after properly. It could mean you are not getting support when you need it or not getting the right support. This can be when people don't give you enough food, help you get dressed or go shopping. It can be when they don't give you your medication or take you to the doctors if you are ill.

Organisational Abuse is when staff in a hospital or care home do not care for you properly or respect your rights. This can be when some of the staff are not trained, there may not be enough staff on duty, staff do not take time to understand your needs, staff ignore you, or you are made to stay in your room.

Physical Abuse is when someone hurts you. This can be when someone hits, kicks, bites, scratches you or pulls your hair

Psychological/ Emotional Abuse is when people do things to you that upset you because they know it upsets you. This can be when someone teases you, swears at you, ignores you, puts you down, treats you like a child, or makes threats.

Self-Neglect is when you are not looking after yourself or the place you live in. This can be when you don't or can't keep yourself or your home clean, you don't care about your health, you hoard things, or don't look after your pets.

Sexual Abuse is when someone touches your private parts or other parts of your body in a way you do not like or do not want. It is also when someone makes you do sexual things that make you sad, angry or frightened. This can be when someone kisses you without asking, makes you touch them, touches your bottom or breasts or other private parts, makes you look at pictures or films of a sexual nature, have sex with you when you do not want them to.

Sexual Exploitation is the sexual abuse of an adult in exchange for attention, affection, food, drugs, shelter, protection, other basic necessities and/ or money. The person being exploited may believe their abuser is their friend, boyfriend or girlfriend.

If you are concerned that yourself or someone you know is experiencing or is at risk of abuse or neglect, please contact your **Local Adult Social Care Team**:

Hartlepool: 01429 523 390

Stockton-on-Tees: 01642 527 764

Middlesbrough: 01642 065 070

Redcar & Cleveland: 01642 771 500

Evenings, Weekends: 01642 524 552

Call Cleveland Police 101 or 999 in an emergency