

# Safeguarding Adults in Islington

## Help us to stop abuse!

- Do you have recent experience of using health and social care services? This could be in your own home, in hospital or in a care home or a day centre.
- Or are you a carer for someone close to you?
- Perhaps you have been through the safeguarding process yourself, or know someone who has?
- Or you may be a member of an Islington group?
- Do you want to work with us to keep people safe?



**Islington Council is looking for people like you to join the service user and carer group, to help us stop abuse.**

### What is the Safeguarding Adults Board?

The Safeguarding Adults Board is made up of Islington groups and organisations. They work together to protect adults at risk of abuse.

Their main goal is to *'improve safety and people's feelings of safety by supporting the right of all who are vulnerable to live free from abuse and neglect'*.

### What will the service user and carer group do?

The group will give their insight as service users and carers to the Board, to help it to stay focused on what service users and carers want. But they do not have to represent all service users and carers.

The group will meet four times a year, and there will also be opportunities to get involved in other ways. For example, this could be:

- Training our staff, or other service users and carers
- Finding ways for others to give their views
- Raising awareness about safeguarding with staff and the public. This could be through events, by talking to local groups, or by helping us with awareness campaigns.
- 'Mystery shopping' services to see how well they're doing, or interviewing other people who use services to find out what they think

### **What skills and experience do you need?**

We are looking for a range of people from different groups and communities in Islington. You do not need to have been a member of a board or committee before to be able to take part. But you must have recent experience of using Social Services and social care, or have experience of being a carer for someone who does.

As a member of this group you will be expected to:

- Take part in discussions at group meetings.
- Share the role of attending Board meetings with other group members.
- (After training) talk about the work of Safeguarding to other service users and carers and feed views back to the group and Board.
- Have the opportunity to take part in some of the other activities listed above.

### **What support will you get to take part?**

We will support you to take part and be an effective member of the group, especially if you have never taken part in formal meetings before. We will:

- Meet all reasonable access needs, such as help with travel, caring costs, or use of Support Workers or Interpreters.
- Use Plain English as standard, and also provide accessible information as needed, for example Easy Read.
- Give you training in Adult Safeguarding Awareness.
- Offer you other free training to help you feel more confident about taking part in meetings, presenting your views, and doing research.
- Pay all reasonable expenses, and for some activities we may also offer a thank you payment for your participation. This is in line with the Council's Reward and Recognition Policy.

Above all, we will ensure that everyone is made to feel welcome.

### **If you have any questions, please contact us.**

#### **Contact details**

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