

Wolverhampton Safeguarding Together Partnership (WST) Annual Report 2024-2025

Easy read version



Alison Hinds, who leads Wolverhampton Safeguarding Together (WST) says:

- This report tells you how WST has worked to keep children and adults safe in Wolverhampton from April 2024 to March 2025.
- WST is a group of different organisations that work together to protect children and adults from abuse and neglect
- Abuse is when someone hurts you or treats you badly.
- Neglect is when someone does not look after you properly or give you what you need.
- This report also tells you what WST has learned from its work and what it plans to do next.
- Alison Hinds is the Director of Children's Services. She is the person who is in charge of the services for children in Wolverhampton.

- **What did WST do in 2024-2025?**



- WST did a lot of work to check how well it is keeping children and adults safe.
- WST has worked hard to make the help for families easier to get and to make sure it happened as early as possible.
- WST to find out as much as we could from people who have used services to learn from what happened to them.
- WST also provided training to the people who work with children and adults. Training is when you learn new skills or information.
- WST has learned from the times when things did not go well or when someone was harmed.

What did WST find out from its work?

WST is doing a lot of good work to keep children and adults safe.

WST needs to do some things better, such as:



- Involve the people who use the services more in the work of WST.
- Help people who are not well cared for or need help to look after themselves.
- Make sure that the people who work with children and adults can find out who is being neglected and get them the help they need.
- Make sure that the training that WST provides for people who work with children and adults helps them to do their job better.

What did WST learn from the reviews of children and adults?

WST reviewed some cases of children and adults who were harmed or died because of abuse or neglect.



A review is when you look back at what happened and decide what can be learned from it.

This showed that WST needs to do more work on training, managing risks and helping professionals to share what they are worried about.

WST needs to make sure that everyone that more work is done to make sure that all those working with adults or children GPs have the right information.

What happens next?

WST is going to do some more work in 2025-2026 to:

- Improve the support to people who have been harmed for a long time
- Improve how we help people to cope with change and new things
- Make sure that children who are being supported receive the help they need as they become adults.
- Improve the support to people who are not well cared for or need help to look after themselves.
- Finish the work from last year.

