



Safeguarding

Ensuring that Warwickshire's vulnerable children and adults are safe from harm is a key priority. Safeguarding Children and Adults Boards meet on a regular basis with representation from all of the key organisations in Warwickshire including the County Council, Police, Health, District & Borough Councils, Ambulance and Fire Services, Hospital Trusts, Probation, Coventry & Warwickshire Partnership Trust and Voluntary Agencies.

- At 31st March 2011, 478 children were subject to a Child Protection Plan (CPP) compared to 503 at 31st March 2010, representing a 5% decrease. Once again this year, the largest group of children to become subject to a CPP were those aged 1-4 years. These figures are snapshots as of the 31st of March.
- The rate of children subject to a CPP per 10,000 is highest in Nuneaton & Bedworth, followed by Rugby.
- The proportion of children subject to a CPP who are aged under five, including unborn children, has increased slightly to 47.9% (229) in 2011 from 45.3% (228) in 2010. Of these, 12 were unborn at 31st March 2011 & 9 unborn at 31st March 2010.
- In 2010/11 862 adult safeguarding referrals were received, this compares to 826 in 2009/10 and in 2011/12 the number of referrals is expected to exceed 1,000. In 2010/11 Warwickshire had a rate of 20 referrals per 10,000 adult population compared to the national average of 26 referrals.
- 28% of safeguarding referrals were from Nuneaton and Bedworth and 22% from Warwick District. These are directly comparable with the percentage of customers in each district, therefore there appears to be no greater risk of Safeguarding incidents based on where people live.
- 50% of safeguarding referrals related to an incident in the customers own home, 33% were in a care home.
- 53% of alleged perpetrators in 2010/11 were professional (abuse by worker or institutional abuse) and 47% were personal relationships (family, friend or informal carer).

Outcomes Sought

Children and Young People are:

- Safe from maltreatment, neglect, violence and sexual exploitation
- Safe from accidental injury and death
- Safe from bullying and discrimination
- Safe from crime and anti-social behaviour in and out of school
- Have security, stability and are cared for

Adults:

- Reduce the number of safeguarding incidents
- Safeguarding adults whose circumstances make them vulnerable and protecting from avoidable harm
- Improving services and support for victims of sexual violence
- All customers are aware of how to make a safeguarding referral
- Reduction in 'Mate Crime' and 'Hate Crime'



What are we going to do about it?

- Warwickshire Children and Young People's Plan
- Warwickshire Children Safeguarding Board
- Adult Safeguarding Policy
- Adult Safeguarding Board Performance Report
- Adults Safeguarding Plan – In development
- Keeping Safe Plan for Customers with Learning Disability

Who Needs to Know This?

- Practitioners and Commissioners in Children and Adult services
- Members of the multi-agency safeguarding boards
- GPs and health professionals
- Police
- Third sector organisations supporting vulnerable people
- Whole community

