



East Riding
Safeguarding Adults
Board

“Safeguarding is everybody’s business”

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Annual Report 2024 - 2025

The role of the East Riding Safeguarding Adults Board

East Riding Safeguarding Adults Board (ERSAB) is a statutory body that makes sure that all agencies are working together to help keep adults in the East Riding safe from harm. We have a statutory duty to do this under the Care Act 2014.

This annual report is for the year 2024-25.

It also links to the priorities in our ERSAB Strategy which runs from 2022-25 and at the time of writing a new ERSAB strategy is being written .

Our vision is that:

- abuse is not tolerated.
- the signs and symptoms of abuse are understood.
- organisations work individually and in partnership to maintain high standards of safeguarding practice.
- services are equipped to respond effectively and quickly if abuse is suspected or happens.
- We have a culture of continuous learning and improvement.

The board will do this by:

- ensuring organisations work together
 - mobilising community resources and working closely with the community and voluntary sector
 - listening to users, carers and the public
 - holding board members to account
 - encouraging learning from when things go wrong
- Maintaining robust policies, procedures, training and guidance

Board Governance and Membership

We meet on a quarterly basis and are led by an independent chair. We have a range of representatives from diverse partner agencies, this includes three statutory partners non-statutory agencies, voluntary and community sector. The board is supported by a small business support function, and we have a number of sub-groups with membership from the partnership who make sure the board's priorities and aims are carried out.



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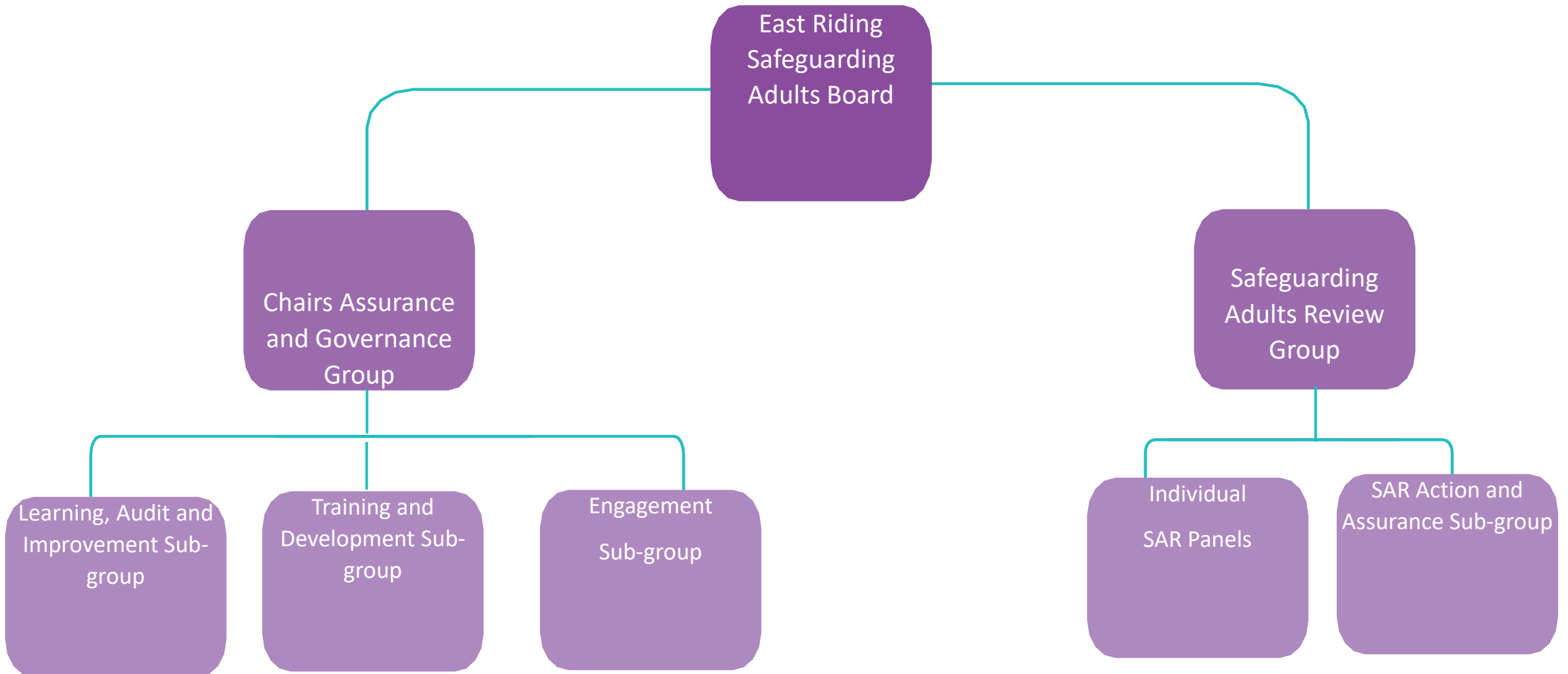


**Humber and
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Integrated Care Board (ICB)



Serving our communities to
make them safer and stronger

Board Structure



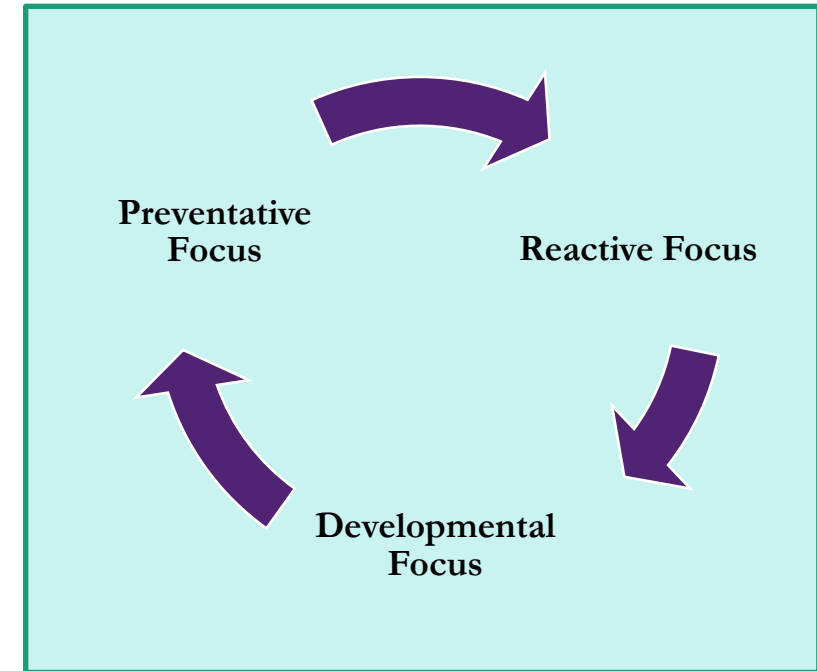
Board Function

Three areas of focus

Firstly, the board has a **preventative focus** ; whereby we develop resources, a website and speak to the public about safeguarding so that it is prevented, where possible

Secondly, it also has a **reactive focus** in instigating Safeguarding Adults Reviews following a death, or other situation that meets the criteria set out in s44 of the Care Act 2014 and also responding to issues regarding provider concerns.

Thirdly, the board has a **developmental focus** in drawing out and disseminating the learning from Safeguarding Adult Reviews, keeping local organisations up to date with national developments, and building and nurturing inter-agency networks that support the safeguarding agenda.



Safeguarding Training

- The ERSAB also has a small training function and the Training Officers provide different types and levels of training to the independent sector health and social care providers across the East Riding.
- This training is free and is a mix of e-learning, virtual on-line and in-person training.
- There are also bespoke sessions which are delivered to the multi agency partners

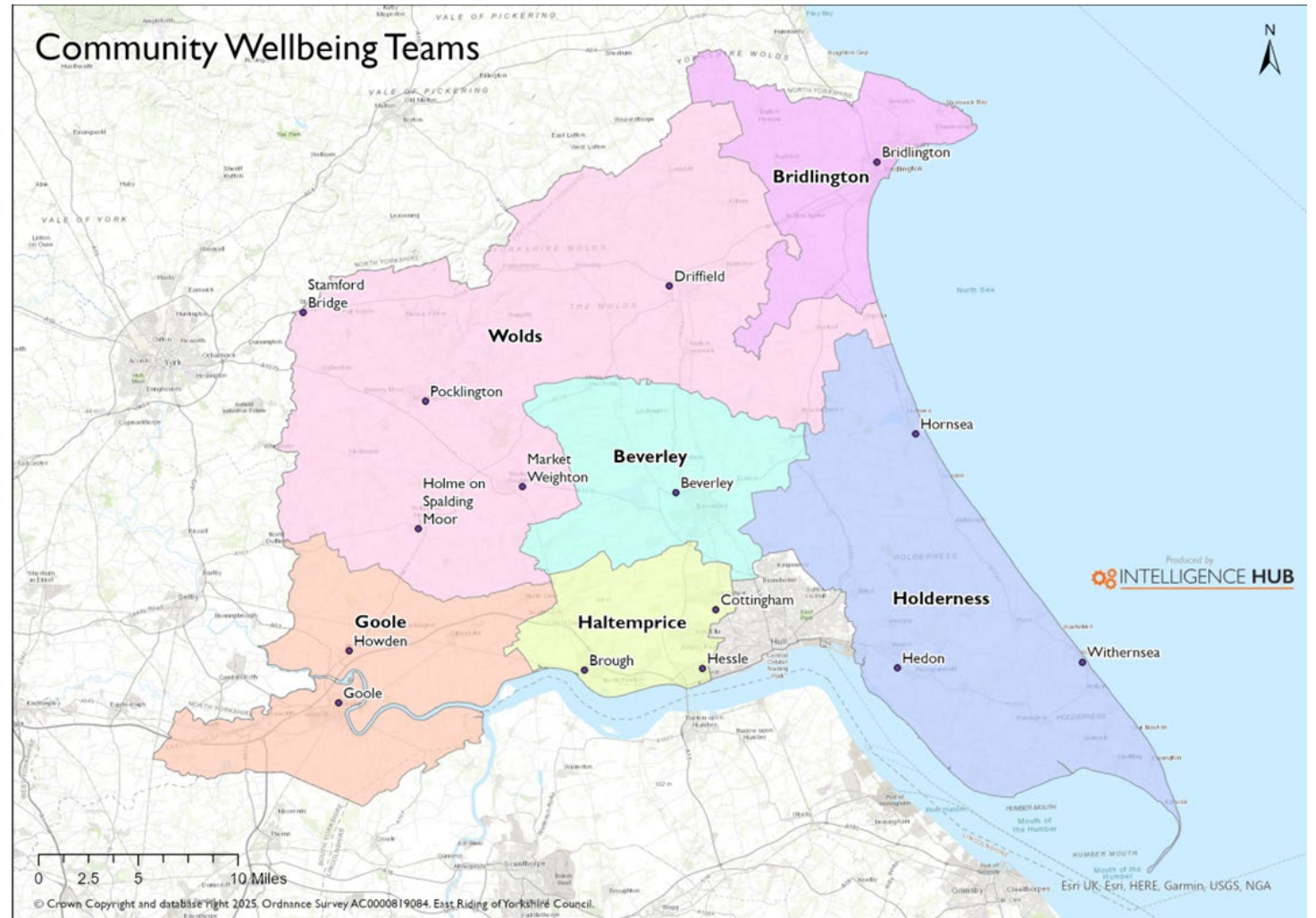


ERSAB training delivered in 2024 – 2025

The table below shows the training delivered by East Riding Safeguarding Adults Board trainers, cascade trainers, the online resources and the numbers of people who completed the training.

	eLearning	Workbook	Virtual online	In person	Cascade	Total
L1 Recognising Adult Abuse	1279	122	85		339	1825
L2 Mental Capacity Act	71		87			158
L2 Reporting Concerns			319			319
L3 Role of the Manager				97		97
L3 S42 Enquiries				26		26
L3 Cascade 2 day train the trainer				18		18
PiPoT (Person in a Position of Trust) briefing			39			39

Map highlighting the distribution of Community Wellbeing Teams



National Population

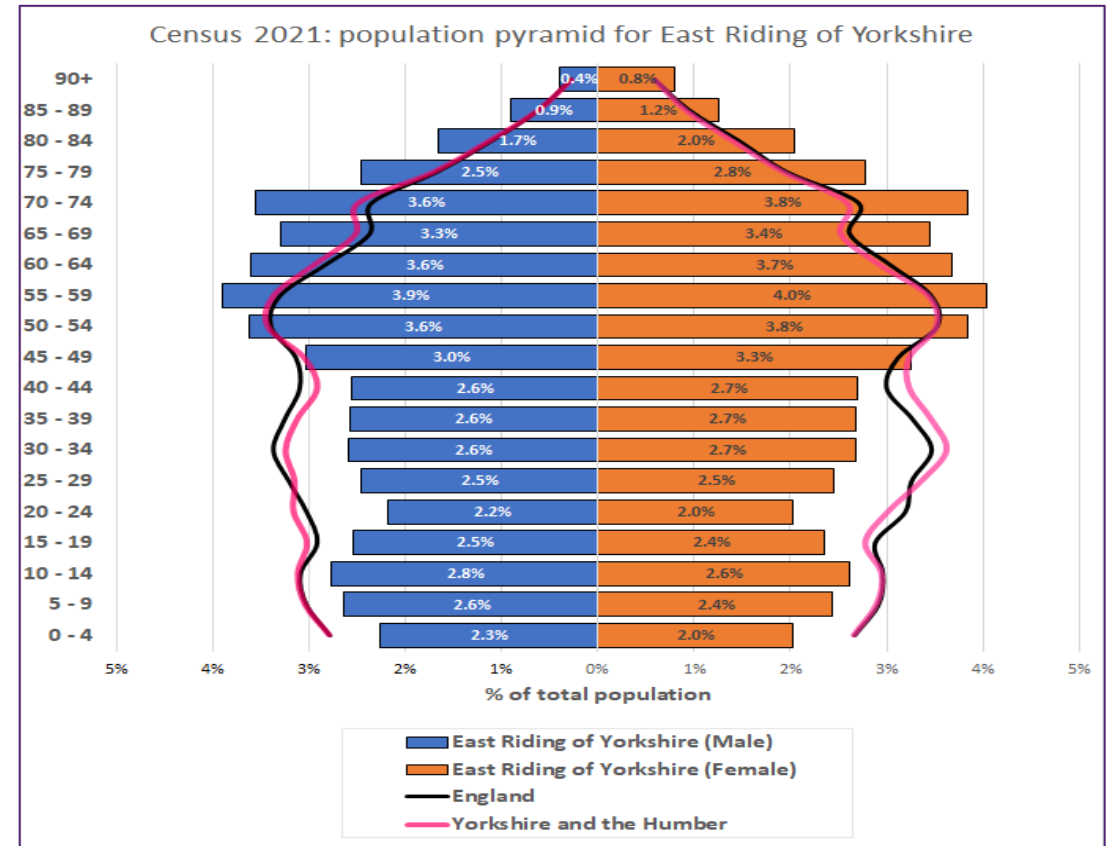
National Context

The population of the UK has been on a steady rise throughout its recent history. The Office for National Statistics (ONS) estimated that the population was around 67.6 million in 2022, with projections indicating it will reach 70 million by 2026. Just as importantly, the UK's population is ageing. In 2022, there were estimated to be 12.7 million people aged 65 or older, making up 19% of the population. This number is expected to rise to 22.1 million, or 27% of the population, by 2072. In contrast, in 1972, there were around 7.5 million people aged 65 or older, which was 13% of the population.

Local Population

The East Riding population totalled 342,200 at the last census. This is illustrated in the population pyramid opposite, which divides the population into 5-year age bands and by gender. Lines comparing the equivalent proportions for the region and England overall are overlaid on top.

Population Pyramid of the East Riding of Yorkshire Population, 2021 Census



Source ONS



In the East Riding, the age groups 50 to 74 noticeably appear to make up a larger proportion of the population than the younger age groups. Those aged 65 years and over make up 26.4% of the total population. In contrast, the region and England have larger proportions (compared to the East Riding) of younger age groups in the 0-44 age range. The proportion of 65+ year olds in their respective populations is much smaller than the East Riding at 19% and 18.4% respectively.

Community Wellbeing Teams (CWT)

- The proportion of 65+ year olds by CWT is displayed in Figure 2, showing the contrasting CWT rates of 65+ year olds around the East Riding average (26.7%). Proportions range from the significantly higher proportion in Bridlington (32.7%) to the significantly lower proportion within Goole (21.4%).
- Between now and 2040, the East Riding is predicted to increase its 65 year old population by 31% (from almost 92,500 residents to over 121,000). Table 1 provides a more granular level detail of these increases in 65+ year olds by CWT.

Table 1. Count of residents aged 65+ years by CWT in 2022 & projected counts to 2040

Area	Count of residents 65+ years					% increase from 2022			
	2022	2025	2030	2035	2040	2025	2030	2035	2040
Beverley	12,367	13,064	14,473	15,614	16,214	5.6%	17.0%	26.3%	31.1%
Bridlington	13,556	14,341	15,817	17,042	17,745	5.8%	16.7%	25.7%	30.9%
Goole	10,620	11,214	12,395	13,333	13,809	5.6%	16.7%	25.5%	30.0%
Haltemprice	21,757	23,042	25,564	27,704	28,829	5.9%	17.5%	27.3%	32.5%
Holderness	16,135	17,016	18,769	20,200	20,963	5.5%	16.3%	25.2%	29.9%
Wolds	18,042	19,044	21,013	22,654	23,544	5.6%	16.5%	25.6%	30.5%
ERY	92,477	97,720	108,031	116,547	121,105	5.7%	16.8%	26.0%	31.0%

Figure 3 Future projections of 65+ year olds in the East Riding

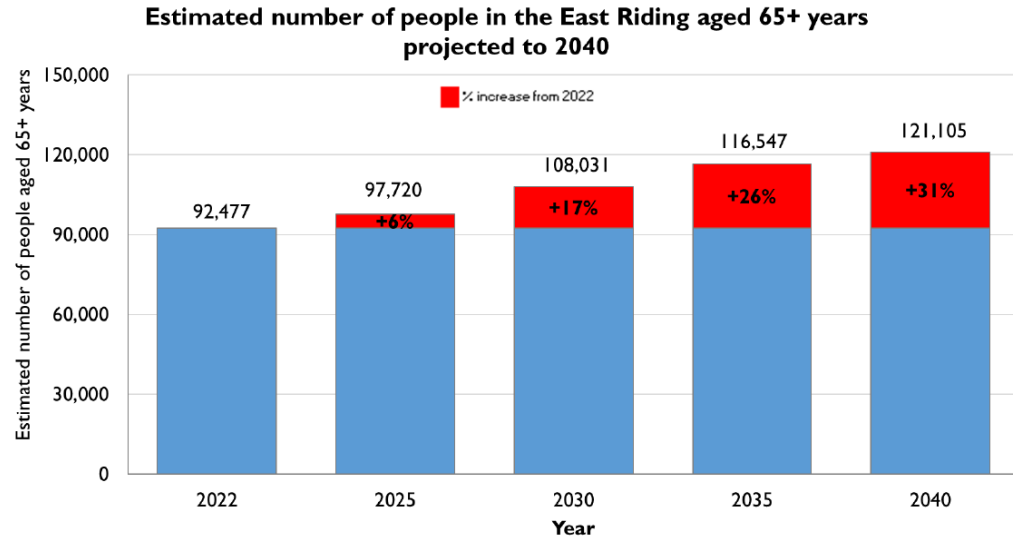
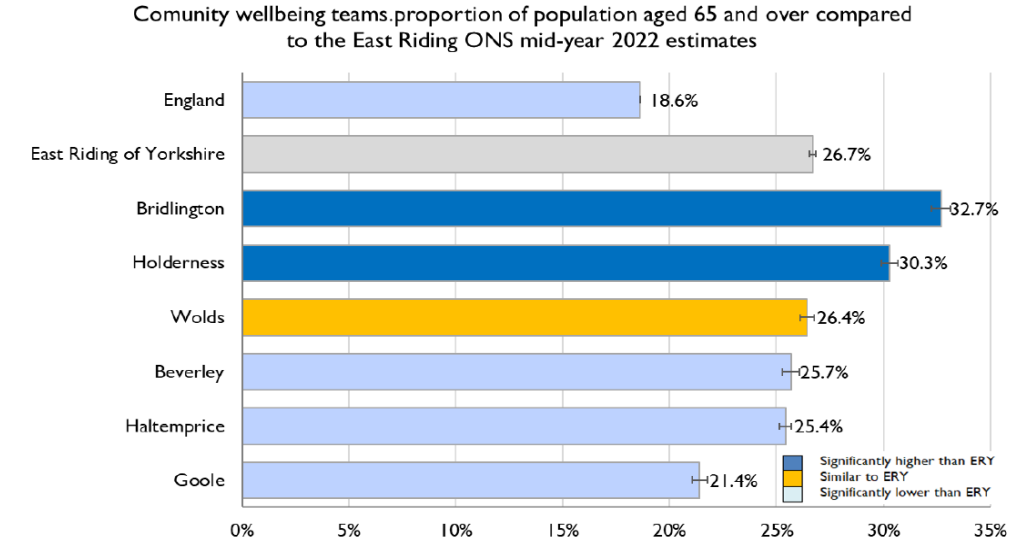


Figure 2 Proportions of 65+ year olds in CMTs compared to the East Riding and England



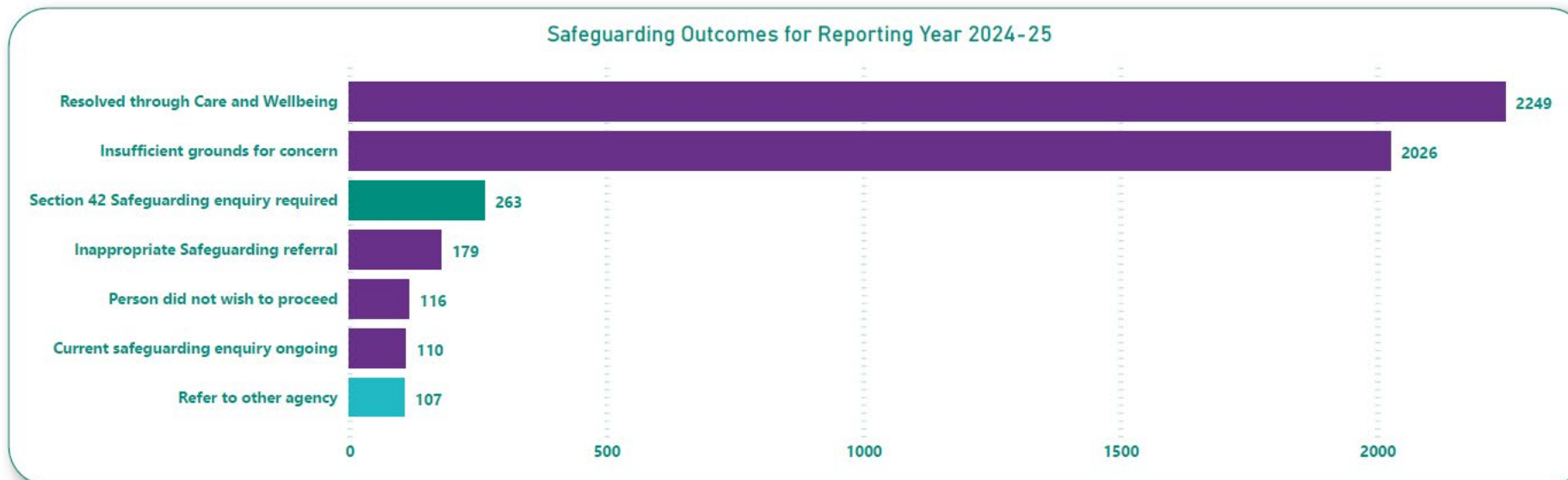
Safeguarding Statistics for the East Riding of Yorkshire in 2024-25

An issue about an adult's safety which is raised with the council, is recorded by the safeguarding adults hub (SAH) as a safeguarding concern. The hub will assess the concern and take appropriate action. The concern is considered against the three statutory criteria for a Section 42 enquiry. The Section 42 is derived from the Care Act 2014 and requires local authorities to make enquiries or instruct others to do so, if it is believed an adult is at risk of abuse or neglect. Depending on the findings, this activity may or may not be investigated within a Section 42 enquiry.

The workload of the safeguarding adults hub is reflected in two sets of data, one reflecting new safeguarding concerns received during the period and the other showing enquires concluded in the period, there can be an apparent mismatch as work spans the nominal annual reporting periods.

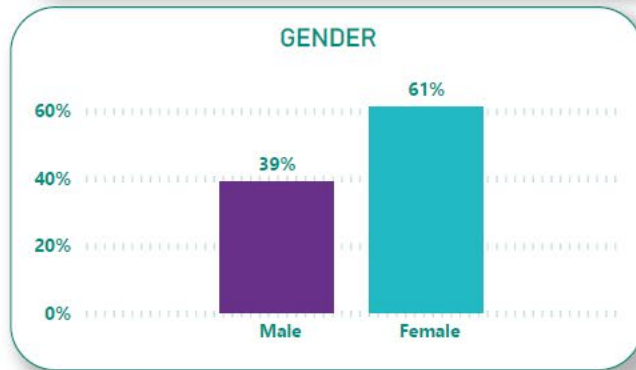
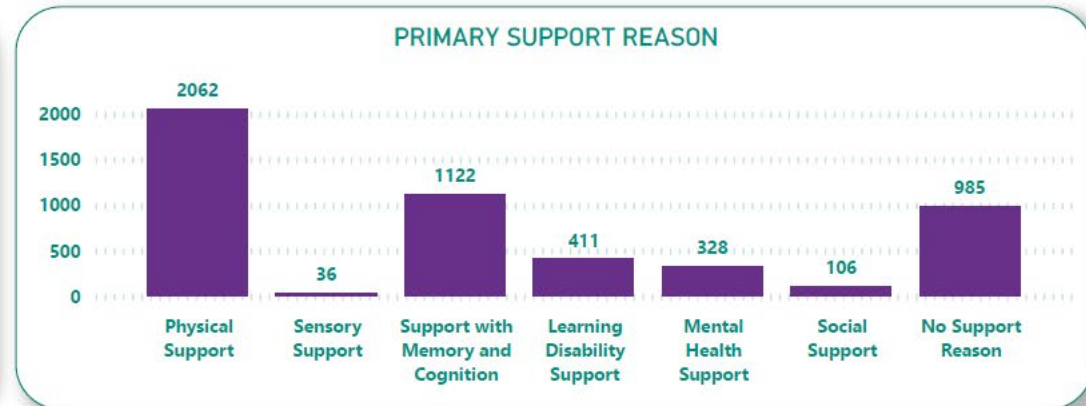
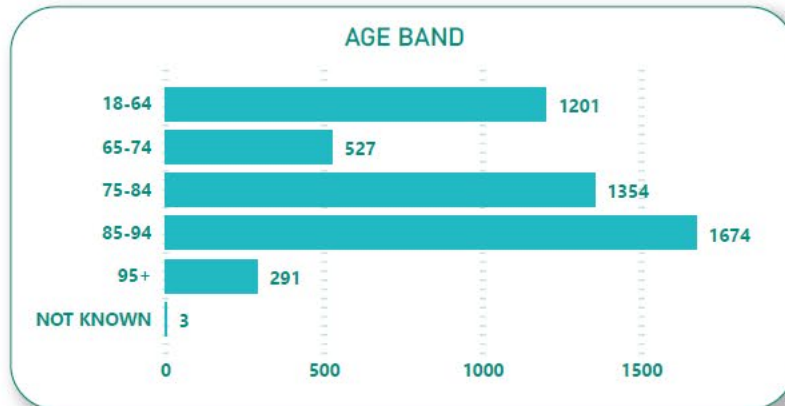


Progression of Safeguarding Concerns Received



The Outcomes recorded for concerns received in 2024-25. Proportionally it follows the pattern of previous years with 45% resolved through care and wellbeing and 40% insufficient grounds to progress. 5% of concerns raised were recorded as requiring a S42 enquiry.

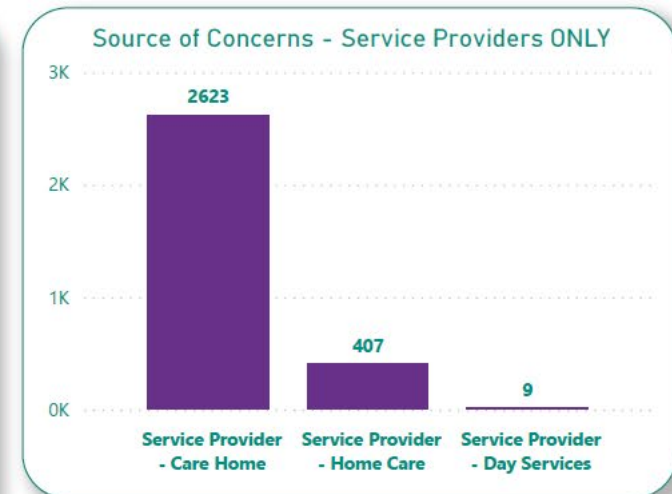
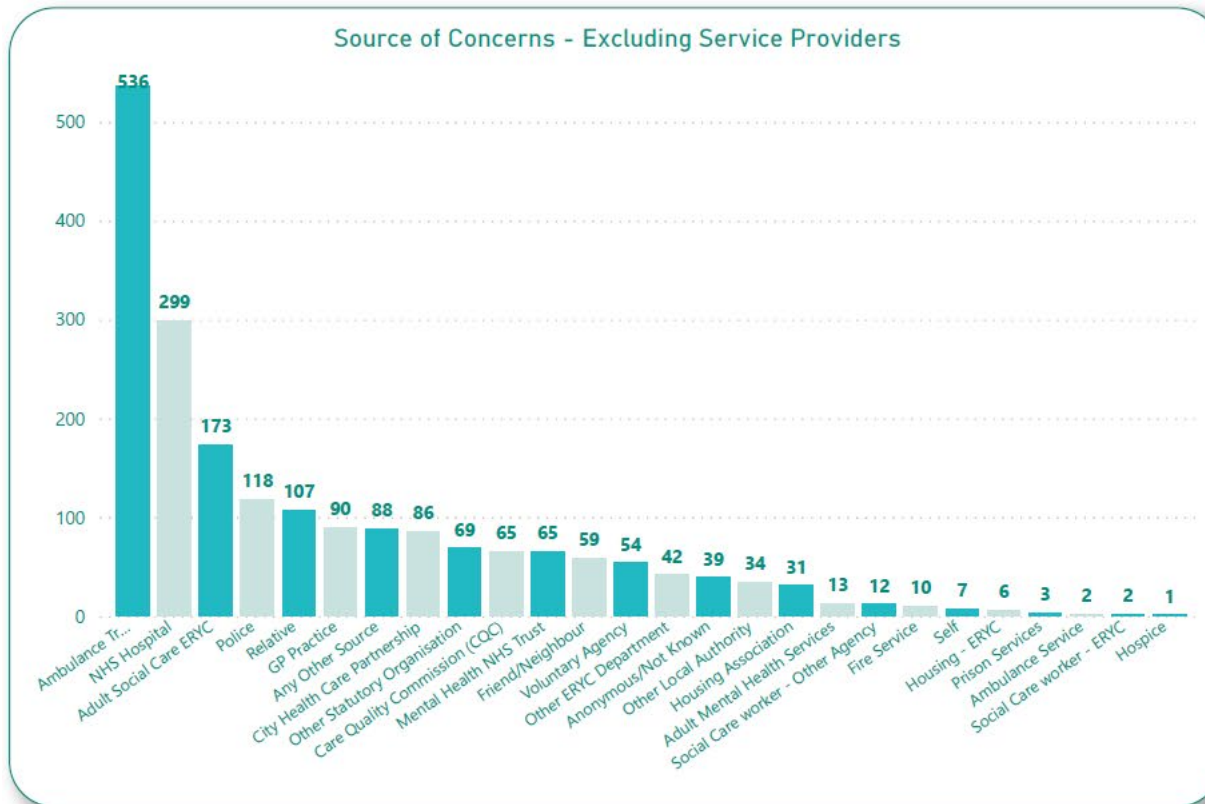
Demography of Safeguarding Concerns Received



The profile of persons involved in safeguarding concerns is consistent with previous years.

ETHNICITY	COUNT
White	4955
Mixed / Multiple	17
Asian / Asian British	14
Black / African / Caribbean / Black British	3
Other Ethnic Group	12
Refused	8
Undeclared / Not Known	41

Source of Safeguarding Concerns (Who raised it?)



Sources of concerns are consistent with previous years. 52% (2623) of Safeguarding concerns were raised by care homes. With 8% (407) raised by homecare providers. YAS with 535 (11%) was the most from a single organisation.

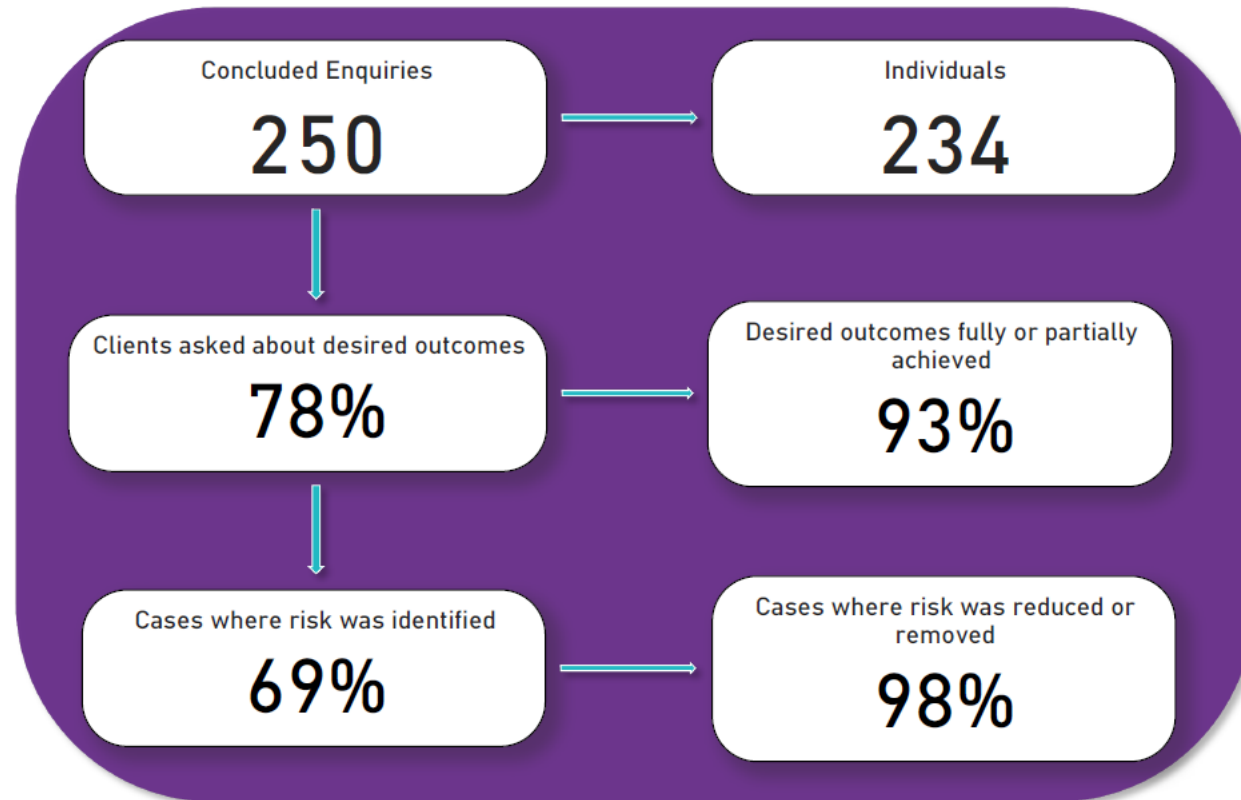
Locations of concerns that were progressed to an enquiry



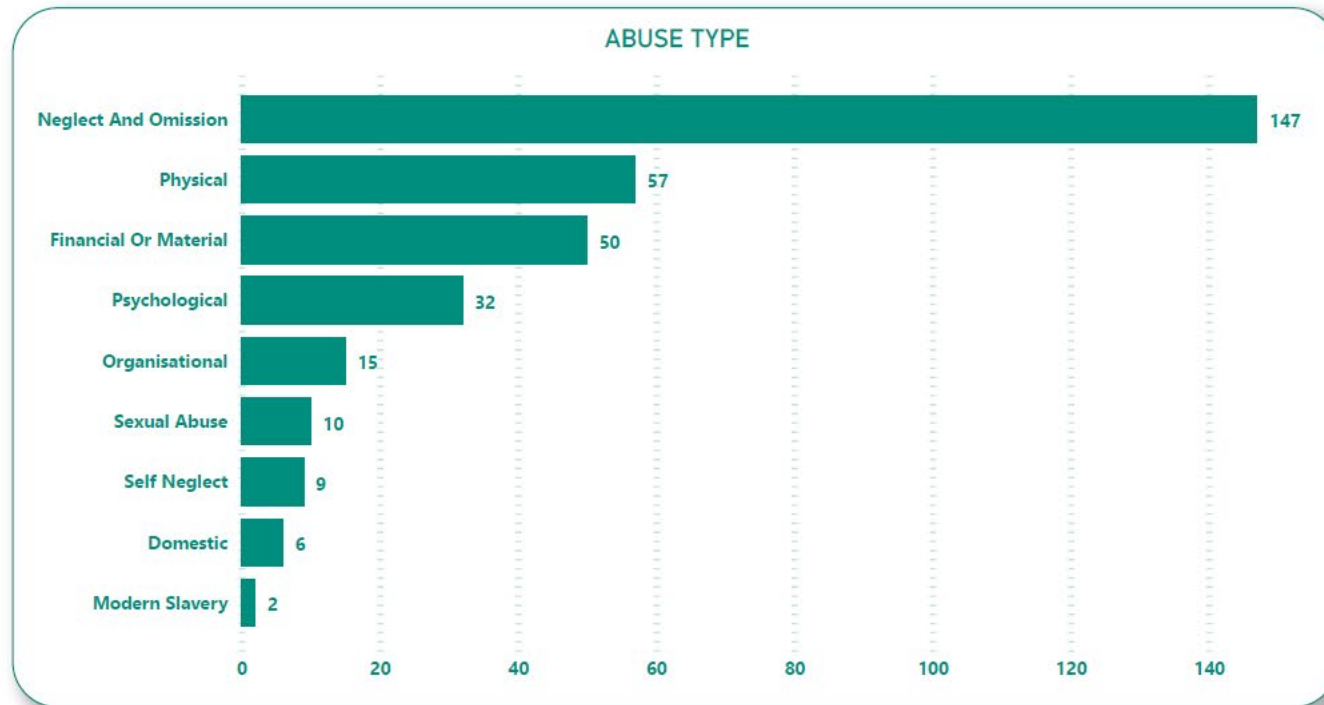
Concerns progressed to S42 enquiries in 2024-25 decreased against previous years. However concerns in Residential Care Homes and Own Home remained proportionally similar to previous years.

LOCATION_OF_CONCERN	COUNT
Care Home – Residential	52%
Own Home	38%
Supported Living	5%
Care Home – Nursing	2%
Other	1%
Community Service	1%
Hospital – Mental Health	1%
Alleged Person(s) Home	0%
Not Known	0%

Concluded Enquiries - Making Safeguarding Personal



Concluded Enquiries - Abuse Types - All locations



ABUSE TYPE	COUNT
Neglect And Omission	45%
Physical	17%
Financial Or Material	15%
Psychological	10%
Organisational	5%
Sexual Abuse	3%
Self Neglect	3%
Domestic	2%
Modern Slavery	1%

The data shown is abuse categories recorded in enquiries concluded in 2024-25, and grouped by location.

Concluded Enquiries - Person's Capacity

Mental capacity of individuals who were subject of a concluded enquiry

Client lacked capacity

49%

Client did not lack capacity

51%

In 25 of the 250 concluded enquiries the subject deceased during or before the enquiry took place. The figures have been adjusted to reflect only the clients alive at the enquiry stage.

Support provided by a paid advocate, friend or family when person lacks capacity

3/4 of advocacy provided was by a friend or family member.
1/4 was paid advocacy.

Support provided

51%

Support not provided

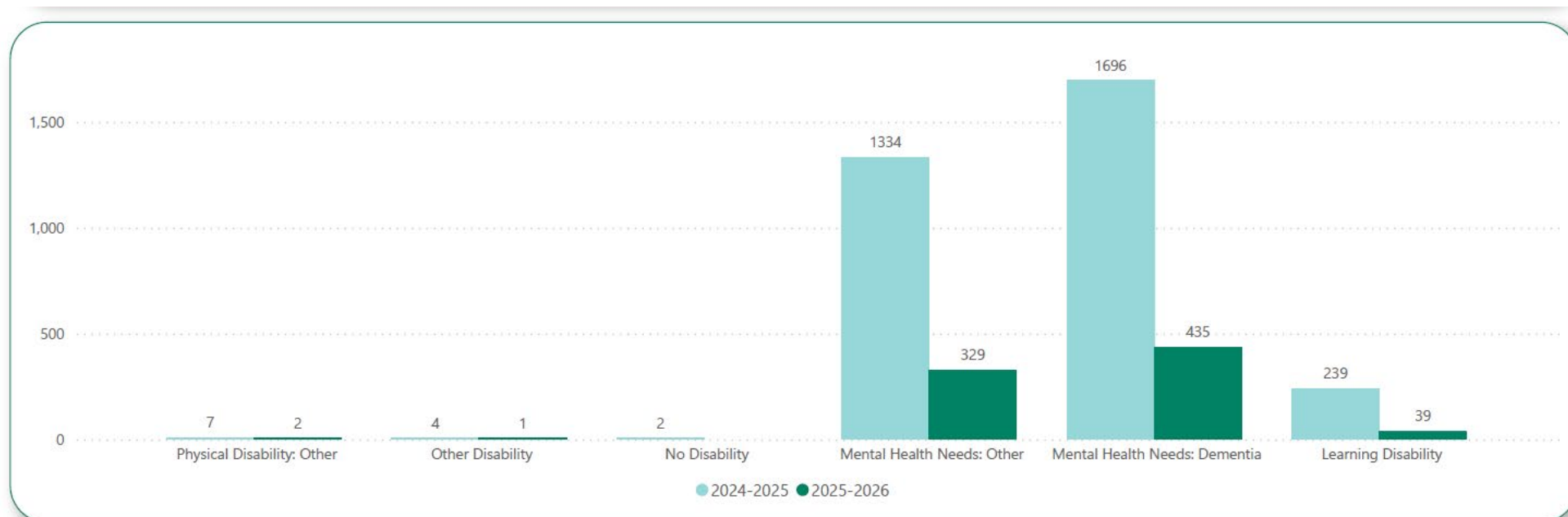
49%



Deprivation of Liberty Safeguards

- **Deprivation of Liberty Safeguards (DoLS)** are legal protections under the **Mental Capacity Act 2005** designed to ensure that individuals who lack the mental capacity to consent to their care arrangements are not deprived of their liberty without proper safeguards.
- The Local Authority is the managing authority for DoLS

DoLS Applications by DoLS Disability



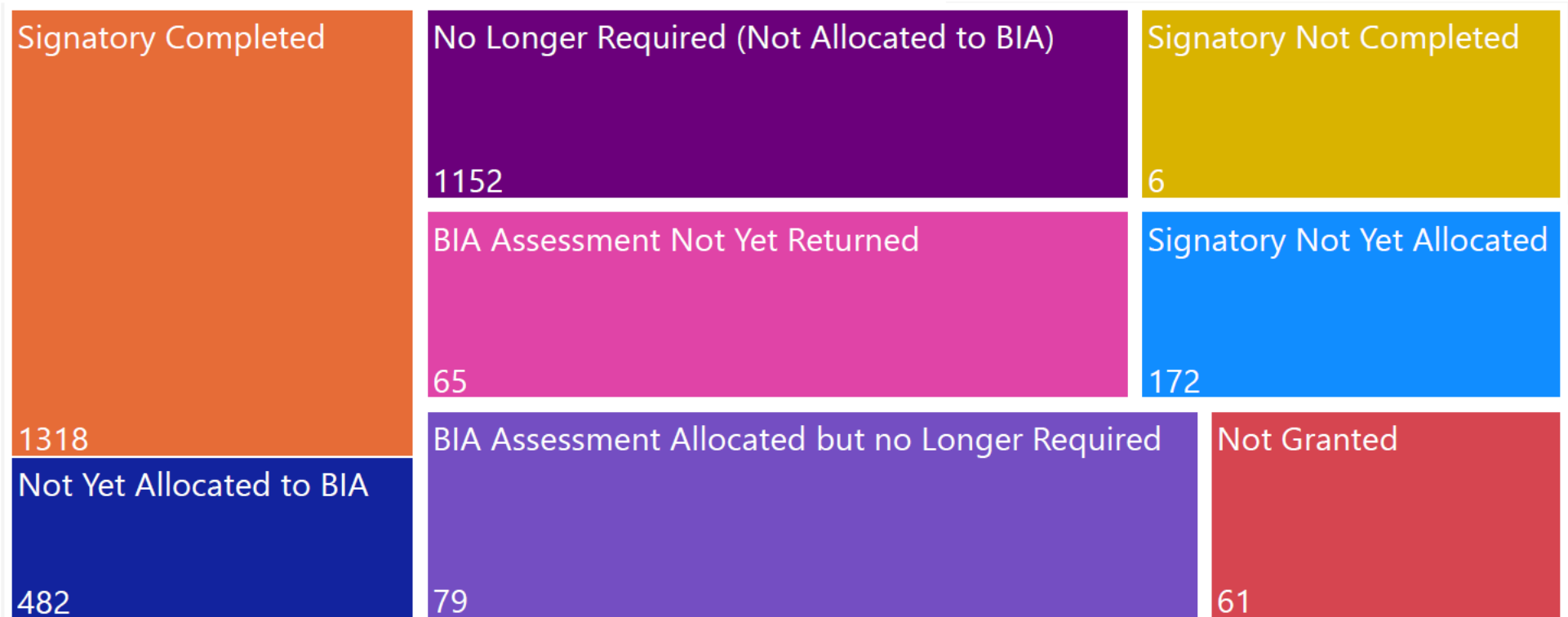
The 2024-2025 DoLS return was submitted to NHS England promptly at year end, with no data quality issues.

2024-25 Deprivation of Liberty Applications by Outcomes

Applications are received from 1 April 2024 to 31 March 2025



2024-25 Application Status



Safeguarding Adult Reviews (SARs)

- The East Riding Safeguarding Adults Board has a legal duty under the Care Act 2014 Section 44 to carry out a safeguarding adults review in cases where there has been serious injury or death of an adult at risk of harm and there is concern about the way in which agencies worked together. The Safeguarding Adults Board works within the national guidance to undertake the most effective review to learn from events and to improve services and practice.
- The Board also continue to consider ways of highlighting lessons learnt from local and national safeguarding adults reviews and produce seven-minute briefings as a way of sharing good practice within safeguarding agencies through identifying lessons learnt.



SAR Subgroup

The SAR sub-group meets to consider all cases referred. The role of the group is to discuss cases referred and make decisions about whether they meet the s44 Care Act criteria for a SAR. We also discuss whether there are opportunities for system wide learning from those cases which do not meet the criteria.

A significant piece of work has been trialled by the group this year which has involved reviewing each case against a local decision-making tool which recognises key elements of the legal criteria. This ensures we are always consistent in our methodology and have a strong evidence base for our decision.

The ultimate decision about whether we proceed with a SAR rests with the board's Independent Chair.

It is notable that we have seen a rise in the number of homeless deaths, and we have completed SARs on these and identified a number of learning opportunities for agencies who provide services and support for these adults.

Number of SARs in 2024-2025

SAR Referrals Considered 2024-2025	SAR Referrals Approved for Full Statutory SARs	SAR Referrals Approved for Discretionary SARs/Desktops Reviews	SAR Referrals with No Further Action
10	4	1	5



Learning from Safeguarding Adult Reviews (SARs)

Learning to date has generally fit into themes, including:

- Information sharing between agencies
- Record keeping
- Recognition of the need to initiate multi-agency meetings or escalation process
- Use of accessible information standards
- Understanding what care and support was like from the point of view of the adult

This also mirrors national learning themes

Some of our successes in 2024/25

Partnership approach to revising multi-agency policies & procedures

Co-production of the Engagement Strategy

Further enhancement of the ERSAB training offer

Partnership involvement in Safeguarding Adults week

Public consultations and engagement

Revamped the ERSAB website



Areas for Further Development

- Multi-agency training offers
- Public-facing safeguarding concerns portal
- Safeguarding Annual conference
- Engagement sessions with adults who have care and support needs
- Lessons learnt activities
- Asking the public to write further versions of the annual report with us.



Our ambitions for 2025/26

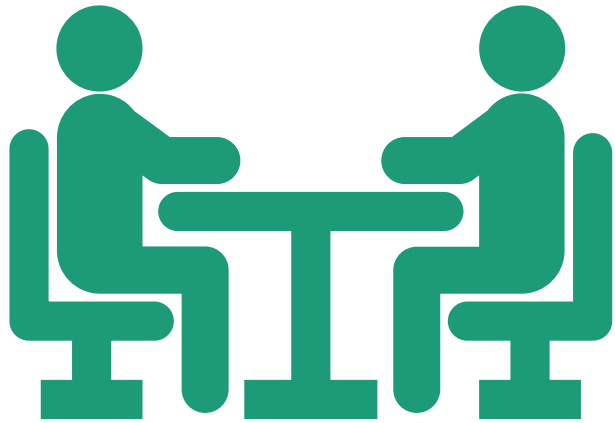
Develop citizen led approaches to safeguarding

Promote awareness of safeguarding within communities

Develop partnership approaches to safeguarding practice

Learn from experiences to improve how we all work together





The Voice of the Adult

- We have an engagement subgroup which is our mechanism for ensuring that the voice of the adult is heard
- This subgroup focuses on listening to everyone including families', friends, neighbours and colleagues
- Community VISION and partners undertook a number of engagement sessions during this year
- Through these sessions alone we spoke to 62 adults who provided a wealth of feedback which we will use in our strategy
- Our engagement strategy is split into 4 key themes:
 - The individual
 - Service improvements
 - Community engagement
 - Strategic involvement

Public and Partner Engagement

We undertook a consultation exercise with the public and partners to help us develop our safeguarding themes

We speak to individuals who join us for the public sessions during safeguarding week.

We have a public facing website which includes an area on how to get involved in the work of the board



Community VISION have worked with us for a number of years in their role providing safeguarding support, advice and training to the community, voluntary, faith and social enterprise sector communities. We could not reach out to all these groups without their invaluable support and commitment.



Community VISION hosts their own unique website which includes the area of keeping people safe
<https://communityvision.org.uk/services/keeping-people-safe/>



Partners on the board are encouraged to both use and contribute to this website



Community VISION lead the East Riding Safeguarding Forum for the voluntary and community sector



Community VISION host public events on behalf of East Riding Safeguarding Adults Board



Keeping Adults Safe is Everyone's Responsibility

If someone is in danger call 999

Need safeguarding guidance for your organisation?

Contact:- Community VISION CIO

Web: communityvision.org.uk/keeping-people-safe/

If you feel unsafe or have concerns about another adult's safety, you can contact:

East Riding of Yorkshire Council Safeguarding Adults Team

Phone: 01482 396 940

Email: safeguardingadultsteam@eastriding.gov.uk

Visit ersab.org.uk and click [Report your concerns](#).

Out of hours (Emergency Duty Team)

Phone: 01377 241 273

Email: amph.outofhoursteam@eastriding.gov.uk

Think an adult is at risk?

Report your concerns