

- The average number of safeguarding alerts raised by BICMs in the last year = 17.72. The highest number of alerts reported was 48.
- BICMs reported concerns with the effectiveness of safeguarding procedures in reducing risk (Figure 1).
- Three areas of difficulty were identified within current safeguarding procedures; a lack of understanding of brain injury among social services and local authorities, absence of information sharing and communication between services, and a failure to assess mental capacity correctly.
- Recommendations were made by participants around a need for ABI-specific safeguarding training and the need for more effective communication within and across organisations.

| Effectiveness Level | Number of Responses |
|-----------------------|---------------------|
| Extremely effective | 0 |
| Very effective | 0 |
| Moderately effective | 4 |
| Slightly effective | 5 |
| Not effective at all | 2 |
| Potentially hazardous | 1 |

