

Safeguarding Adults

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Chair's Blog Spot

Hello,

I hope that this newsletter finds you well. I continue to hear of positive safeguarding work carried out in challenging circumstances so this month the RWSAB Executive has agreed to introduce Safeguarding Practice Awards. These awards will be given to people who go above and beyond to provide excellent service to those with care and support needs. As well as recognising the good work it will also be an opportunity to learn from good practice and share it with others. You will find details on how to nominate people for an award further on in this newsletter.



I recently attended the Wandsworth Community Forum, which is a sub-group of the RWSAB. It was great to see so many agencies represented and to hear of the innovative work being carried out to support people with care and support needs.

This year's annual report has recently been published and can be found on the RWSAB website. I would like to thank Ally Smith for her work to produce the annual report and our Board partners for their contributions.

National Safeguarding Adults Week starts on 16th November and RWSAB has organised a Learning Event, details are shown below.

I hope that you enjoy this newsletter and find it informative, if you have any articles for inclusion or any feedback please let us know.

Thank you for reading,

Richard

SAB Learning Event – Understanding Legislation

Date: **19 November 2020**

Time: **14:00-16:00**

Venue: **Microsoft Teams**

The event will be facilitated by **Alex Ruck-Keene**, a leading expert in the field of mental capacity law in the UK. Our aim is to help the wider partnership understand better the Mental Capacity Act and navigate through it when needed, as well as to discuss the challenges around Mental Capacity that Covid-19 pandemic brought out. **To book**, please respond to the calendar invite. Feel free to forward the invite to colleagues!

Spotlight on... *Homelessness Duty to Refer*

The Homelessness Reduction Act 2017 came into force in April 2018, introducing new statutory duties on local authorities to assist those who are homeless or at risk of homelessness and eligible (as per their immigration status), with an emphasis on prevention. In October 2018, a new duty 'Duty to Refer' was introduced with the intention of ensuring that a person's housing situation is considered whenever they come into contact with any wider public service. This duty places a **statutory duty on specific public bodies** to notify a local housing authority if they identify any person whom they believe is homeless or threatened with homelessness. To find out more about who should refer and how to make referrals, please see our [new 7-minute briefing](#) on the topic.

RWSAB Safeguarding Adults Practice Awards Launch!



The Richmond and Wandsworth Safeguarding Adults Board are introducing the Richmond and Wandsworth Safeguarding Adults Practice Award (RWSPA)!

The award recognises professionals from any agency working within the Boroughs of Richmond and Wandsworth, who exemplify the best of the six key principles set out by the statutory guidance of the Care Act 2014:

- **Empowerment** (e.g. making safeguarding personal, putting the adult at risk at the centre of the safeguarding process)
- **Prevention** (e.g. has put into practice an idea of initiative which has helped prevent abuse - no matter how small!)
- **Proportionality** (e.g. has demonstrated thorough practice within a safeguarding enquiry)
- **Protection** (e.g. has responded to a crisis that has helped to protect an adult at risk from abuse)
- **Partnership** (e.g. demonstrated example of excellent partnership working)
- **Accountability** (e.g. demonstrated example of reflective and thoughtful practice in supervision or team meeting)

Nominations can be made by anyone and submitted to the Board's email address and when received, will be collated and sent to the SAB Executive members (Director of Adult Social Care and Public Health, Detective Superintendent SWL Basic Command Unit and Director of Quality SWL Clinical Commissioning Group) to judge and agree which nomination should receive the award.

The individual chosen will be invited to attend the appropriate Board meeting to receive thanks and their award (a certificate). All those nominated will receive a letter of thanks from the Board's Independent Chair.

As well as recognising good practice, the RWSPA will enable learning when things go well, not just when things go wrong (which is the case with the majority of SARs). The identified learning will then be shared with other professionals via the Partnership.

To nominate, please download our [RWSPA Referral Form](#), fill it in and send it to SAB@richmondandwandsworth.gov.uk



New on the RWSAB web pages:

- [RWSAB Annual Report](#) – the 2019/20 Annual Report is now published!
- [What to expect from a Safeguarding referral?](#) – new 7-minute briefing-style leaflet explaining the process.
- [Duty to Refer some who is homeless or threatened with homelessness](#) – 7-minute briefing explaining the homelessness Duty to Refer.
- [Cuckooing](#) – new leaflet raising awareness around cuckooing.

Kingston & Richmond Safeguarding Children Partnership

Kingston & Richmond's Safeguarding Children Partnership publishes monthly newsletters available on their homepage, where you can also sign up to receive them directly by email <https://kingstonandrichmondsafeguardingchildrenpartnership.org.uk/>.

October's edition features items on modern slavery, and parental vulnerability and adverse childhood experiences, which are relevant to safeguarding adults too. There is also information on how to access the varied training which professionals and volunteers are warmly welcomed to enrol on.

Survey on the effectiveness of the RWSAB

We ask all members to fill in [this Survey on the effectiveness of the RWSAB](#), which was originally circulated with the AGM papers. We've only had a few responses and think it is important to get more views from the wider Partnership. Thank you!

Update from SAB Executive

The SAB Executive met on 30 September 2020 and heard updates from the Sub-groups. The group reviewed its Terms of Reference, with focus on membership and frequency of the meetings and no changes were made. The Executive will therefore keep its membership as is and continue to meet every two months.

The Richmond and Wandsworth Safeguarding Adults Practice Awards were agreed to launch, with the aim to recognise and share good practice in Safeguarding in Richmond and Wandsworth.

The Executive also signed off the RWSAB Annual Report, the updated SAR Protocol and formally the updated Vision and Strategy, and the Business Plan, agreeing a few minor changes around adding Covid-19 in actions and priorities.

Performance and Workforce Sub-group



The Performance and Workforce Sub-group met on 14th September 2020.

The group discussed the Healthwatch report on Health, Care & Wellbeing Experiences in Richmond During

Coronavirus, which highlighted issues around less contact with vulnerable people who may not be able to speak candidly; the risks of dependence on others; and the huge challenges faced by carers.

The Sub-group discussed the annual Self-assessment questionnaire, deciding to follow up with London SAB on this and decide to use either the new London questionnaire or the old one used previously after seeing what Covid-19 questions will be added to the new one.

The annual Learning Event was decided to be held during National Safeguarding Adults Week 16th-20th November and focus on Understanding Legislation – in particular around Mental Capacity Act.

Some new data analysis for next year's Annual Report was agreed.

The first virtual Masterclass – on Change-resistant drinkers – was held on 10/09/2020 with very good feedback.

Communication and Engagement Sub-group



The sub-group and forums met in August, September and October 2020 and discussed updates from agencies around Safeguarding. The new leaflets on “What to expect from a Safeguarding referral”

and “Homelessness Duty to Refer” have now been published, do check them out and circulate.

Safeguarding Adult Review (SAR) Sub-group



The Sub-group met on 05 October 2020 and discussed two new SAR referrals, one of which met the criteria for SAR, but the other processes currently in progress with other agencies would provide a lot of learning, so the sub-group recommended t a separate process is not needed at this stage. This is awaiting confirmation at the SAB Executive on their meeting on 23 November 2020. All 7 currently active SARs have now resumed, with chronologies being compiled and panel meetings ongoing.

Participation and Feedback

Please submit short articles highlighting your or colleague's achievements or publicising planned events. We would also like feedback and suggestions on how we can make sure the newsletter is relevant and helpful. Please participate by emailing us at

sab@richmondandwandsworth.gov.uk with the **subject line** 'SAB Newsletter'.