

Safeguarding Adults

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Chair's Blog Spot

Hello,

Welcome to the latest edition of the RWSAB newsletter, I hope it finds you in good health and that you have managed to find the opportunity for a break away from work.

Throughout the course of the pandemic we have sought to maintain the momentum of the Board. The sub-groups have continued to meet and the Safeguarding Adult Reviews that were initially paused have recommenced.

The responsibility to safeguard those with care and support needs hasn't changed and I want the Board to support you to be the best 'Safeguarder' you can be in your role. I would be interested to hear any thoughts on what else we could do to achieve that aim, please get in touch.

It is very important for us to hear your views on how you think the SAB is performing, that way we can consider the responses and seek to improve where necessary. We circulated a survey in March, that was to be used for a discussion at the SAB AGM, unfortunately the AGM had to be cancelled. Understandably we only received a few responses so I have asked for it to be re-circulated and request that you try and find a few minutes to complete and submit it. You will find the details below.

I read a very sad story in the media recently about an elderly lady who died after being in a fire linked to her use of emollient creams, and her son's campaign with the LFB to raise awareness. Wandsworth SAB commissioned a SAR (titled WWF) in 2017, which is accessible [on the website](#), and included the subject of fire risk. The risk from fire to people with care and support needs is ever present and should always be considered in a risk assessment. RWSAB has published on its website a [Multi-agency risk assessment tool](#), which contains guidance on the risk of fire. Don't forget that the London Fire Brigade will conduct Home Fire Safety Visits and they have a page on their website about the safe use of emollient creams, which can be read [here](#).

Thank you for reading and for your continued efforts to keep people safe,
Richard



Spotlight on...

OWL (Online Watch Link)

About OWL

The OWL messaging service is a crime and community safety information system that will help Richmond and Wandsworth residents stay safe. OWL sends you information about crimes in your area direct from local police and council officers. By signing up to OWL, you'll receive news about local to you issues e.g burglaries, rogue traders and other incidents direct to your inbox. You will also receive crime prevention advice from our Police partners. The emails will be relevant to you because the system is able to send updates and appeals for information on a road-by-road basis.

To find out more information and register, please follow [this link](#).

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!

Masterclass – Change-resistant Drinkers

At any one time the majority of dependent drinkers are not engaged in services, and of those who do engage approximately 50% will quickly drop out. Specialist alcohol services have traditionally worked with people who are motivated to change. However, research evidence suggests that those who drop out are likely to be among the more risky or vulnerable individuals.

Date: **10 September 2020**

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

Venue: **Microsoft Teams**

To book, please [follow this link](#)

To help professionals work more effectively with this client group, we have organised a Masterclass on working with change-resistant drinkers. The session will be **virtual** (via MS Teams), led by Mark Ward, Senior Consultant in Alcohol Change UK and will **focus on how legal powers** such as the Care Act, Mental Capacity Act and Mental Health Act **can be used most effectively** with this complex client group.

The importance of relationship building in Safeguarding Enquiries

Best practice highlight

Mr A was referred to Adult Services due to a number of serious allegations of abuse. Adult Services commenced a S.42 Safeguarding Enquiry. Mr A's living situation was very complex and there were a number of agencies involved in supporting him, across different areas of the country. The Enquiry progressed through planning meeting, outcome meeting and review meeting. Throughout the Enquiry Mr A's Social Worker maintained regular contact with him and with the other services supporting him, coordinating the process. Mr A attended all three meetings, in which he engaged very openly about the allegations of abuse and difficulties he had faced. Mr A shared his hopes for justice and for the future. Unfortunately despite the efforts of Mr A and the involved professionals Mr A's ultimate outcome was not met, however Mr A shared his feedback on his experience of working with his Social Worker and how he found his Social Worker's support to be beneficial and empowering during very challenging circumstances.

Mr A: *'My Social Worker was a very helpful person since I was referred to Safeguarding. She guided me in every matter in a very supportive way, also she was there whenever I needed her. She has a kind nature. Thanks for all the help.'*

Introducing the London Modern Slavery Leads Network

Marino Latour, Designated Safeguarding Lead for SWL CCG and co-chair of the London Modern Slavery Leads Network

The London Modern Slavery Leads (LMSL) network is a powerful example of best practice working and partnership, and demonstrates our collective belief across London that we can best tackle the scourge of Modern Slavery when councils come together to share trends and ways of working. The Human Trafficking Foundation (HTF) notified a few of us that several other local authorities wanted to learn about what others across London were doing on Modern Slavery, to share best practice. So together we decided to set up the London Modern Slavery Leads group in January 2019 – to initiate a pan-London approach and to ensure we better identify and safeguard victims of modern slavery in London.

Tamara Barnett and Rachel Smith from the Human Trafficking Foundation have made this group possible.

The LMSL aims to examine systems, services and responses to modern slavery and human trafficking for councils at both a strategic and operational level and provide a multi-agency London forum to share best practice and identify and solve challenges. We are committed to partnership working, prevention of exploitation and slavery and improving the safety of adults and children at risk of modern slavery across London. The group promotes a culture that recognises the underpinning principles from Making Safeguarding Personal, as guidance to the Care Act 2014 defines modern slavery as a type of abuse under safeguarding.

The LMSL network was chaired in 2019 by Sharon Burgess, Head of Adults Safeguarding for Enfield Council, and co-chaired by Marino Latour and Peter Davis, while meetings were hosted by London Councils and organised by the Human Trafficking Foundation.

At the end of 2019 the Chair agreed to continue in her role and an Executive Group was also formed to cover the range of areas the LMSL wants to focus on going forward. The Vice Chair, Marino Latour, Safeguarding Adults Lead (NHS SWL) agreed to continue for 2020, and the new Vice Chairs who make up the LMSL Executive Group were agreed as: Antony Madden, Head of Service (Children) for the LB of Hillingdon, Keith Stanger, Head of Community Safety and Crime for the LB of Islington and Vikki Gray, Associate Director of Safeguarding Adults (NWL CCGs).

Organisations who sit on the group has been expanding and now include MOPAC, the LGA, the Met Police's Vulnerabilities Unit, the Home Office, the MHCLG and the office of the IASC. The London Fire Brigade has also been invited, and the LMSL met with London ADASS and spoke at the Housing Directors meeting.

New on the RWSAB web pages:

- [Paul](#) – a 7-minute learning from Bexley SAB on a SAR relating to trauma, mental health and suicide.

Performance and Workforce Sub-group



The Performance and Workforce Sub-group is due to meet on 14th September 2020.

The first virtual Masterclass – on Change-resistant drinkers – is organised for 10/09/2020 (details on how to book can be found further up in this newsletter).

Communication and Engagement Sub-group



The sub-group and forums met in June, July and August 2020 and discussed updates from agencies around Safeguarding. Work is proceeding on an information leaflet for Safeguarding concerns referrers and a homelessness duty to refer 7-minute briefing.

Safeguarding Adult Review (SAR) Sub-group



The Sub-group met on 03 August 2020 and discussed one new SAR referral, which the sub-group recommended does not meet criteria for a SAR. This is awaiting confirmation at the SAB Executive on their meeting on 30 September. All 7 currently active SARs have now resumed, with chronologies being compiled and panel meetings organised.

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'**.

RWSAB schedule of regular meetings for the rest of 2020

| SEPTEMBER | | OCTOBER | | NOVEMBER | | DECEMBER | |
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| 07 Sep | SAR Sub-grp | 05 Oct | SAR Sub-grp | 02 Nov | SAR Sub-grp | 07 Dec | SAR Sub-grp |
| 14 Sep | Perf & Workforce Sub-grp | 14 Oct | WCF | 11 Nov | Comms & Engagement | 07 Dec | Perf & Workforce Sub-grp |
| 23 Sep | RCF | TBC | Learning Event | 16-20 | National SG Adults Week | 16 Dec | RCF |
| 30 Sep | SAB Executive | | | 23 Nov | SAB Executive | | |