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17/11/2021 @ 14.00-16.30

Via MS Teams

To book please [register here](#)

Scam Awareness Event

18/11/2021 @ 14.00-15.30

Virtual Training – all bookings are [via TPD](#)

For questions on bookings, email tdservice@richmondandwandsworth.gov.uk

What is Safeguarding Adult Review (SAR)?

18/11/2021 @ 14:00-15:00

Virtual event organised by Merton SAB and led by Haidar Ramadan (CLCH Head of Adult Safeguarding) and Anne Sinclair (CLCH Safeguarding Advisor)

To book please [register here](#)

 Spotlight on...

Christabel Shawcross

Interim Independent Chair to RWSAB

We are pleased to introduce our new Interim Independent Chair of Richmond and Wandsworth Safeguarding Adults Board – Christabel Shawcross.

In her own words, Christabel is “delighted to have been offered this important role”. She is currently Independent Chair of the Camden SAB and previously was 5 years the Chair at Tower Hamlets and 18 months at Enfield. She has a wealth of experience developing partnerships with health and social care and working to engage with local communities. She has always promoted Safeguarding strategies and awareness as Strategic Director/Deputy Managing Director in the Royal Brough of Windsor and Maidenhead, previously working as AD Adult Social Care in London, and also as policy adviser at the Department of Health, Social Services Inspectorate. Professionally she is a registered social worker and is keen to get to know all of you and the safeguarding issues for residents in Richmond and Wandsworth.

Over the next few months, Christabel will have an opportunity to attend our meetings and sub-groups and meet with you. We hope you will give her a warm welcome!



Domestic Abuse Support

Message from Community Safety Partnership

From midnight on **01 November 2021**, the provision of advocacy and emergency accommodation services for survivors of domestic abuse in Richmond and Wandsworth will be undertaken by [Hestia](#).

Hestia are one of the largest providers of Domestic Abuse services across London and the South East, as well as campaigning and advocating nationally on the issues that affect survivors. They will offer emotional and practical support to survivors who are experiencing domestic abuse and ensure every service user has an up-to-date risk assessment and individual support plan tailored to their needs.

The practical effect for anyone wishing to access support will be minimal, with Hestia providing the lead advocacy and safety planning that had previously been undertaken by Refuge/Victim Support. Refuge will continue to deliver their Complex Needs support for survivors.

The new contact number for Hestia is **020 3879 3544** and email is RichWan.IDVA@hestia.org. The council website will also be amended to reflect changes and the new Hestia referral form will also be accessible.

There are no changes to the availability of the **National Domestic Abuse Helpline 0808 2000 247** and other specialist organisations who offer advice and support.

Survivors who are currently being supported by Refuge in Richmond or Victim Support in Wandsworth will be notified of the changes and supported around any transition to either Hestia or other services as necessary.

Information on Incels

In light of the recent Plymouth tragedy in August 2021, where a man killed five people before turning a gun on himself, RWSAB would like to share some useful information with partners around the Incel ideology and concerns. Below are some key points provided by the police.

Please also see the link below for more information.

[Incels: A Guide to Symbols and Terminology - Moonshot \(moonshotteam.com\)](https://moonshotteam.com)

What is an Incel?

The world of involuntary celibates is predominantly male community with the term 'Incel' referring to 'involuntary celibates'. It is a mainly online subculture who define themselves as unable to find a romantic or sexual partner despite desiring one, a state they describe as 'Incelldom'.

Involuntary celibates (incels) are men who define themselves by their inability to form or access sexual relationships with women. They believe this is the combined result of genetic factors, evolutionarily determined traits in women, and inequitable social structures. Incels are predominantly interested in accessing sex with women. They generally identify themselves as mainly white, heterosexual males. There are several known sub-groups in existence typically inferring the Incels' ethnicity for example "Currycel", "Ricecel". There is a community for female involuntary celibates referred to as "Femcel".

With the advancement of women's rights, independence, and sexual freedoms, incels believe women's behaviour now dominates the sexual marketplace where women are now selective with their sexual relationships.

In the UK this "new" ideology is becoming more apparent due to the ease with which persons can access the community online. Despite existing largely online and often posting on public forums, Incels are a closed community who prefer to hide their true identities. Discussions in forums are often characterised by resentment, misanthropy, self-loathing, racism, a sense of entitlement to sex

& the endorsement of violence against sexually active people.

Risks:

The risks Incels pose are due to their interest in the ideology and actions of extremist groups that offer access to sex or disrupt society through targeted violence. Incels discuss the merits of both violent far-right groups and jihadists, which advocate for traditional gender roles or sexual slavery, as potential solutions to their virginity.

There are incels who have engaged in societal violence, such as the Canadian terrorist Alek Minassian, who committed the 2018 Toronto van attack. Incels also discuss unrelated terror attacks, questioning whether the perpetrator was motivated by incelldom, and debating the merits of societal violence as a means to revel in the pain and suffering of women. They celebrate others' attacks and review and compare them in detail. Incels share images, videos and stories of violence against women, either by third parties or other incels, to celebrate violence committed against women. Interpersonal violence by incels tends to fall into three categories of violent criminal behaviour – violence against women, actions to emotionally hurt or humiliate women and actions to make women physically uncomfortable and fearful.

While most Incels do not engage in violence, the Incel ideology has already inspired several attacks and mass murders over the last few years.

Incel communities have global reach due to the internet although Incels tend to remain isolated despite the online community and attacks have been lone actor based.

Safeguarding Adults National Network receives HSJ Award

By Marino Latour, Designated Safeguarding Adults Lead for Wandsworth, SWL Clinical Commissioning Group

Congratulations to the Safeguarding Adults National Network (SANN) for receiving a 'Highly Commended Award' at the Health Service Journal (HSJ) Awards in Manchester in September 2021. The SANN is chaired by Professor Keith Brown and Co-chaired by Marino Latour, Designated Safeguarding Adults Professional for NHS South West London Clinical Commissioning Group.

Never have safeguarding services and support been so necessary and yet under so much pressure! [This video entry](#) (password: HEE09) to the HSJ awards describes how SANN as a network adapted to innovative and creative ways to support safeguarding professionals and ultimately the whole health and social care sector via its work.

Background

The Safeguarding Adult National Network was established in 2017 as a safeguarding community of practice providing the national voice of adult safeguarding professional leads across health and care.

SANN aims are to:

- Develop strategic focus; encouraging health organisations to improve quality and share learning.
- Promote effective communication to ensure that learning from Safeguarding Adult Reviews (SARs) or other adult reviews are embedded in practice.
- Share examples of good practice.
- Collectively respond to national consultation documents.
- Promote 'Think Family' trauma-informed practice.
- Ensure that vulnerable citizens' voices, wishes and rights are upheld and promoted.

At the start of the Covid-19 pandemic in 2020 SANN realised there was an urgent need to broaden and strengthen its reach to support safeguarding colleagues across the system due to the immense disruption to society and

services. SANN's ambition changed to one where it wanted to provide supportive leadership across the whole sector. It moved to digitally enabled meetings, initially weekly and moving to fortnightly and expanded its membership of "safeguarders" – membership rapidly grew to over 400 members with an attendance of over 100 at every meeting. It became an energised community of practice where members felt supported, enabled to ask questions and seek solutions for complex problems; a place where national good practice was shared, and guidance crafted and distributed. Members came from across the whole spectrum of adult safeguarding including other partner organisations such as the Care Quality Commission (CQC), the Safeguarding Adult Board (SAB) Chairs network, SAB Managers network, the independent and voluntary sector.

At each meeting there was a presentation from a variety of leading experts to share best practice. This became an important, free high-quality development opportunity for members on topics and issues that they were able to request.

The following are examples of themes that SANN members have worked on to produce guidance and information for organisations:

- Domestic abuse / Domestic Homicide Review.
- Scamming and fraud.
- Risks to people who are homeless and rough sleeping.
- Risks for people with learning disabilities.
- Risks for people who lack mental capacity.
- Risks for people with mental health problems or people who self-neglect.
- Immigration Assessment centres.
- GP support and development.

All this has been achieved without funding based on the commitment and enthusiasm of its members.

Update from SAB Executive

The SAB Executive has not met since our last Newsletter issue. This was due to unforeseen circumstances making the meeting not quorate. Despite this, the SAB Executive used virtual means to sign off the [RWSAB Annual Report](#), which is now published on the SAB website and is going through the statutory agencies' governance processes for information.

Performance and Workforce Sub-group



The Performance and Workforce Sub-group has met on 15 September 2021. A Task and Finish Group meets every month to discuss progress on the many actions from Safeguarding Adult Reviews, which are all progressing. A Professional Curiosity and Unconscious Bias event was held on 09 September 2021 and was attended by 30 colleagues from across both Richmond and Wandsworth. The feedback from the session was very positive and we thank our colleagues Virindar Basi and Alix Tonutti for their work delivering it.

The next planned event is the [RWSAB Learning Event](#) scheduled during National Safeguarding Adults Week on 17 November 2021 @14.00.

Communication and Engagement Sub-group



The Sub-group has not met since our last Newsletter.

The Richmond Community Forum met virtually on 22 September 2021 and the Wandsworth Community Forum met virtually on 20 October 2021. Both Forums discussed the Annual Self-assessment Audit, the National Safeguarding Adults Week in November 2021 and RWSAB Safeguarding Adults Practice Awards.

Safeguarding Adult Review (SAR) Sub-group



The Sub-group met on 04 October 2021. There was one new referral, which did not meet the criteria for a SAR. The Action Plan for [Alice SAR](#), which was led by Redbridge SAB, was signed off, and a 7-minute learning produced, which is now on our website.

Action plans from completed SARs have generated a large number of actions, which are now in progress and monitored by the Sub-groups. Agencies leading on actions are encouraged to ensure that activities around their actions commence as soon as possible.



Alcohol Change UK published a helpful and useful guidance on [How to use legal powers to safeguard highly vulnerable dependent drinkers](#).

BBC iPlayer – [Hidden Girls](#), a 30-minute film about the hidden world of girls in gangs and the extent to which teenage girls are being criminally and sexually exploited.

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'**.