

# Safeguarding Adults

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## Spotlight on... Trauma Informed Practice Training

Please find below dates for this one-day (done in two half-days) interactive workshop for Partner Agency Staff to support the development of trauma-informed practice through increasing understanding of the prevalence, presentations and impacts of trauma, increasing understanding of trauma-informed approaches and exploring their application in practice.

### Training objectives

To support the development of trauma-informed practice through increasing understanding of the prevalence, presentations and impacts of trauma, increasing understanding of trauma-informed approaches and exploring their application in practice.

### Learning outcomes

In this interactive workshop participants will:

- ❖ Describe how to identify trauma
- ❖ Identify protective and risk factors
- ❖ Explain attachment theory and the trauma cycle
- ❖ Explain possible behavioural / psychological responses to trauma such as Personality Disorder, Eating Disorder, Promiscuity, Substance use etc
- ❖ Describe practical strategies for dealing with trauma including building trust, survivor partnerships, psychosocial therapies and medication

The dates and [TPD](#) codes are as follows (please note, participants would have to commit to both dates, as the course is completed in two half-days):

Date	TPD Code
20 and 27 May 2022 [10:00 - 13:00]	ASC/22/0619
04 and 05 July 2022 [10:00 - 13:00]	ASC/22/0506
03 and 05 Oct 2022 [10:00 - 13:00]	ASC/22/0504
12 and 14 Dec 2022 [10:00 - 13:00]	ASC/22/0507
21 and 22 Feb 2023 [10:00 - 13:00]	ASC/22/0505

## Substance Misuse Homeless Pathway

At the beginning of the pandemic the Councils' Housing Department worked tirelessly with SPEAR, the Police, Community Safety, Wandsworth and Richmond Substance Misuse services, Mental Health teams, SWL St George's Mental Health Trust, Public Health and other partners to support homeless clients into hotel accommodation. This has been a hugely successful piece of work and as of February 2022, the numbers were:

Accommodated rough sleepers:	Moved rough sleepers from temporary to more settled accommodation:
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 461 in Wandsworth</li> <li>• 159 in Richmond</li> <li>• 620 in total for both boroughs</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 222 in Wandsworth</li> <li>• 77 in Richmond</li> <li>• 299 in total for both boroughs</li> </ul>

The Office for Health Improvement for Health and Disparities (OHID) provided funds to develop homelessness pathways for clients with substance misuse issues. While the majority of those who were housed in hotels are being successfully rehoused in various types of accommodation, some more entrenched rough sleepers remain on or have returned to the streets.

The Homeless Pathway has been working with 62

clients with substance misuse needs since May 2021. The team has supported rough sleepers who were temporarily housed in Covid-19 emergency hotels across 5 sites funded by Richmond and Wandsworth, working in partnership with other organisations to create a pathway to long-term accommodation. They work in partnership with SPEAR, working with clients across several Housing First placements, as well as the Covid Hotels. Additionally, they collaborate with supported housing providers such as Metropolitan Thames Valley Housing, and hostel accommodation such as Penny Wade Hostel to find suitable solutions for the needs of each individual. They worked very closely together and helped to find long term accommodation for even the most entrenched rough sleepers.

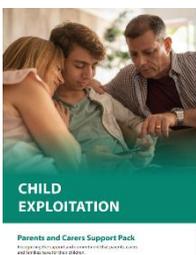
As well as supporting clients into stable accommodation through addressing their substance misuse needs, successes was also seen in enabling clients to reach complete abstinence and supporting multiple clients in following the 5 Ways To Wellbeing model to improve the stability of their lives in a holistic manner. The team have also given training on substance misuse and the use of Naloxone to accommodation providers and other partners.

<http://www.wcdas.com/>

<http://www.rcdas.com/> (Richmond website currently being finalised)



## Parents and Carers Support Pack on Child Exploitation



Public Health are pleased to be bringing to local parents and carers [a support pack](#) for those who are concerned that their child could be, or is, experiencing exploitation.

The pack, developed in partnership with local parents, exploitation services, children's safeguarding partnerships, public health teams and the Police Borough Command Unit is currently available for parents and workers to download on the local

[www.gettingiton.org.uk](http://www.gettingiton.org.uk) website.

The pack is primarily for parents whose children have experienced exploitation (or where they are concerned that they may be) either by their peers or by an adult. It is designed to help parents and carers reduce the risk of further exploitation; help understand what is happening if it does; and provides tips, helpful information and guidance to protect and support their child going forwards. It can also be used as a useful reference guidance for professionals and support workers who provide support for parents and carers.

## New video resource – A Carers Guide to Home Fire Safety

'A Carers Guide to Home Fire Safety', the video resource developed by the Care, Health and Safeguarding team, has now launched and is live on the London Fire Brigade website.

The video can be found here:

<https://www.london-fire.gov.uk/safety/carers-and-support-workers/a-carers-guide-to-home-fire-safety/>

The aim of this video is to reduce fire risk and improve outcomes for people in receipt of care. The video will help those who have a caring role to identify fire risks and explain what they can do to reduce them.

### What you will learn

The video will show you:

- How to recognise people who are at risk of having a fire
- Identify key high-risk factors
- Show what actions can reduce these risks
- Describe what to do in the event of a fire

### Who is the video for?

This video can also be a useful resource for:

- Carers (both formal and informal)
- Clinicians
- Social or Support Workers
- Occupational or Physiotherapists
- Other relevant professionals
- Anyone providing a caring role in someone's own home

Please note that individuals must complete a short registration form to gain access to the video – they will be asked to choose between a formal and informal carer. If they select the formal option, they will be asked for their details which include job role, employer and the borough/s they work in. Following this, they will be given the choice to opt in for future contact on news about LFB's work in the Care sector.

At the end of the video, there is also a short survey. Please complete this as feedback is a valuable part of LFB's evaluation process and will help them to develop other relevant resources.

## New on website



**Patients-to-patients incidents** – guidance on safeguarding incidents patient to patient in hospital setting

**Joint Protocols - medication, falls, pressure ulcers** – guidance for health and social care staff to identify when a medication error should also trigger a safeguarding alert

**People in Position of Trust Framework (PiPoT)** – managing allegations against people in a position of trust

**Principles of engagement** – a leaflet with tips on communicating and working with people

## 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](mailto:sab@richmondandwandsworth.gov.uk) with the **subject line 'SAB Newsletter'**.

## Update from SAB Executive

The SAB Executive met on 22 March 2022. The Executive discussed updates around the NHSE Safe and Wellbeing Reviews, which are almost complete, Post-Covid updates from statutory partners (staffing challenges and moving to 'business as usual' for all partners, particular challenges around Health services as Covid pressures have not been relieved, however catching up work has now commenced in most settings), the Wandsworth Prison and Mental Health service / HMIP inspection report and preparing for the Local Authority CQC Quality Assurance reviews. It heard updates from the work of the sub-groups, agreed to proceed with a Safeguarding Adult Review and signed off the presentation and programme for the Annual General Meeting. Executive signed off the People in Position of Trust framework and the factsheet on Principles of Engagement.

### Performance and Workforce Sub-group



The Performance and Workforce Sub-group met on 14 March 2022. The quarterly Safeguarding data was collected from agencies, and no major areas of concern have been identified. The sub-group discussed the Local Authority data breakdown by age, gender, ethnicity, location of abuse, etc. No areas of particular concern were identified, and the sub-group decided keep this on the dashboard as useful to see trends in future. The group discussed what Health data would be useful to come to the Performance & Workforce Sub-group and decided to have a Task and Finish Group with Health colleagues to discuss this in more detail. Planning for next financial year's masterclasses has also commenced. Some suggestions involved working with substance-misuse and self-neglect, particularly around capacity and legal literacy. The Sub-group discussed scoping multi-agency live case audits, particularly around cases where the concern did not progress to enquiry, to audit decision making and multi-agency working. A Task and Finish Group will be set up to progress this.

### Communication and Engagement Sub-group



The Sub-group met on 09 February 2022. The Safeguarding Awareness Presentation is now updated and ready to be used at community events to promote safeguarding awareness. A Communications and Engagement Action Plan is being created, with clearer actions to identify better social media exposure for Safeguarding and make communication and engagement more structured.

The Richmond Community Forum met on 23 March 2022 and heard updates from partners around safeguarding, discussed the Communications and Engagement Action Plan and possible avenues for better engagement with the public around Safeguarding.

Plans to re-imagine the structure of the SAB website are still underway.

### Safeguarding Adult Review (SAR) Sub-group



The Sub-group met on 07 March 2022 and 04 April 2022. There have been no new referrals, however the Sub-group discussed the case of a YP to agree how the SAR would proceed. The Sub-group also considered the recently published report by Croydon on 'Madeleine', a Wandsworth young adult who took her own life. The RWSAB will liaise with the Safeguarding Young People's Board and Wandsworth Safeguarding Children Partnership on a joint response to this sad case. Action plans from completed SARs are monitored and progressing, with 67% completed actions from 11 SARs. Agencies leading on actions are encouraged to ensure that activities around their actions commence as soon as possible.