

Safeguarding Adults

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Chair's Blog Spot

Hello,

It has been a packed couple of months. The last edition of the RWSAB newsletter reported on the annual learning event, which this year focussed on homelessness. Attendance at the event was good and the content from the presenters was very informative. There was lots of really positive discussion and thoughts on how to better safeguard homeless people. A question, Is your agency one that has a 'Duty to refer' under the Homelessness Reduction Act? Please check if you are unsure.



Last month I had the pleasure of attending two of the bite-size learning events that took place during National Safeguarding Adults Awareness week. The events covered a range of subjects, and I took the opportunity to top-up my knowledge on Modern Slavery and Domestic Abuse. I would like to say thank you to all of the presenters at these events, and to Ally Smith for arranging them. Finally I would like to ask those of you who attended these events to discuss the subjects with your colleagues, pass on a couple of things that you learnt. Not everyone can attend the training events so it is important that those who do, take something back to their teams and the workplace, thank you.

I recently met with the Governor of Wandsworth Prison, Graham Barrett to discuss how the SAB and the prison can work together. It's early days and Graham has only been in post a short while but is keen to develop a good working relationship with the Board. The prison has a wide reach into safeguarding. People are often sentenced for short periods of time, and are often released with the same care and support needs as when they were imprisoned. On release they may require housing, drug and alcohol support or mental health services, so it is important to ensure that the processes are effective and agencies work together to support them and prevent reoffending.

Thank you for reading,
Richard

Update from the SAB Executive

The Executive will meet next on 27th January 2020 and in addition to the usual business it will hear a presentation on Cyber Crime prevention from the Cyber Crime Unit of Met Police.

Spotlight on...



MSP Myths

The Local Government Association (LGA) has developed [this briefing](#) to address misconceptions and a superficial understanding about Making Safeguarding Personal, and to caution those who interpret this approach simplistically. It supports and promotes relationship and strength-based approaches in practice. It acknowledges the complexity of people's lives and challenges for practitioners to enable people (with their representatives or advocates if they lack mental capacity) to keep themselves safe and safeguarded, and to achieve resolution and recovery in their lives.

SAR Sub-group



The SAR sub-group considers all SAR referrals made to the SAB and manages the commission of SARs as well as tracking progress on actions from completed SARs. The sub-group will meet virtually on 19th December 2019 to discuss a paused SAR, the investigation on which by another agency is now nearing completion. There have been no new referrals, a SAR commissioned in July is nearing completion and two others about to commence. Three more SARs will enter Procurement phase in the new year. Actions on existing plans are on track.

We have published a 7-minute learning on a [large-scale Modern Slavery SAR](#) done by Lincolnshire SAB, as well as two Homelessness cases – [Andrew](#) and [Yi](#). Please read them and disseminate learnings in your teams and organisations.

Performance and Workforce Sub-group



The Performance and Workforce Sub-group met on 25th November 2019. There was a discussion on the effectiveness of the Dashboard and the need to ensure the data sets reported on are meaningful for the SAB and the Partners. The Sub-group is looking at changing the Dashboard to improve its usefulness and readability. The common safeguarding objective has been implemented in quite a few organisations across the Partnership and some are looking to do so from the start of next financial year with the new sets of objectives for staff. We will be sending out a shortened version of the Self-assessment tool in the new year, so look out for the email!

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'**.

Communication and Engagement Sub-group



The Communication and Engagement Sub-group met on 7th November 2019 and discussed messages for the National Safeguarding Adults Week, the general look and feel for a new RWSAB website and engaging with the hard to reach communities.

The Richmond Community Forum met on 11th December 2019. Les Jackson gave update on the scam events held throughout the year – 49 events so far, with a total of 4333 people. The online scam videos have had 12,000,000 views so far. More work is planned for hard-to-reach people, with the Crime Prevention Outreach Committee (a sub-set to the RCF) planning to visit Day Centres, Police Liaison Groups and others in attempt to reach people who don't go out much.

The updated Safeguarding Awareness Presentation was approved and will be launched in the new year.

Two **Masterclasses** are arranged for next year and booking is open for the January one:

Effective Multi-agency working – 23rd January 2020,
Wandsworth Professional Development Centre [Book here!](#)

Working with people who take risks – 5th March 2020,
Twickenham Training Centre

The [RWSAB Annual Report](#) has been published on the website.

National Safeguarding Adults Week 2019

The Richmond and Wandsworth SAB held bite-sized workshops on each weekday of the National Safeguarding Adults Week. The themes were:

- Modern Slavery,
- Self-neglect,
- Domestic Abuse,
- Transforming Care
- Cyber Security

A total of 75 people attend throughout the week and the feedback was very good. The majority of attendees were from the Council, with a few people from other agencies and voluntary organisations also joining in. The participants saw fantastic presentations on the topics and had the opportunity to hear cases on modern slavery, self-neglect, domestic abuse, including the presentation from a mum about her son's long and arduous journey to better outcomes via Transforming Care.

The RWSAB would like to thank the following colleagues for running these excellent workshops:

- Lucy O'Connor and Jo Hinchliff (Met Police),
- Haidar Ramadan (Central London Community Healthcare NHS Trust),
- Albina Hiorns (Community Safety Partnership, Richmond and Wandsworth Councils),
- Marino Latour (Wandsworth CCG) and Denise Gentry (SWL St. George's Mental Health Trust)
- Sarah Loades (Richmond CCG) and Tom Lee (Met Police)



The Richmond and Wandsworth Safeguarding Adults Board would like to thank everyone for the involvement and dedication throughout this year and wish everyone Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!