

Safeguarding Adults

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Self-neglect videos

The RWSAB has produced a video aimed at raising awareness of Self-neglect, and how to report it – please check it out and spread it wide to your networks!

[Richmond video](#)

[Wandsworth video](#)

We are also working with colleagues in Community Safety, Housing and Police on a multi-agency Cuckooing Guidance, which will be available on the website when ready.

Multiple Exclusion Homelessness – a Safeguarding tool for practitioners

This [3-stage toolkit](#) was developed with the aim to improve multi-agency support for individuals who appear to have care and support needs and are experiencing Multiple Exclusion Homelessness.

Research has shown that people experiencing Multiple Exclusion Homelessness are often overlooked by services and their care and support needs are not well recognised, leading to missed opportunities to do preventative work.

Right to choose: Spotting the signs of forced marriage

A powerful video from the Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Office, raising awareness about dangers of [forced marriage](#) – remind young people to speak up if they think they or someone they are close to are in danger.

Ethnicity and importance of discussing

A [video by young people](#), highlighting the importance of being aware of ethnicity and discussing cultural differences in relation to Mental Health.

Important upcoming dates for the diary

19th February 2024 – Richmond Peer Support & Challenge Event, virtual via MS Teams

20th February 2024 – Wandsworth Peer Support & Challenge Event, virtual via MS Teams

12th March 2024 – Annual General Meeting, in-person, Twickenham York House TW1 3AA

Useful guidance and research around hoarding from Research in Practice

[Working with people with hoarding disorders and self-neglect | Research in Practice](#)

[Let me get this straight: Hoardiculture | Research in Practice](#)

[Working with people who hoard: Frontline Briefing | Research in Practice](#)

[Working with people who self-neglect: Practice Tool \(2020\) | Research in Practice](#)

Update from SAB Executive

The SAB Executive met in November 2023 and in January 2024. We had an update around the Advanced Customer Support service covering Safeguarding in DWP, discussed establishing a Task & Finish Group on interface with Wandsworth Prison and the wider Criminal Justice System, agreed to update the Information Sharing Agreement and have each member agency sign it, and noted report on the work of the sub-groups. The Executive discussed the Right Care Right Person and noted it was going well, although early days yet – it will remain on the agenda for monitoring. The Local Authority will keep CQC Inspection as a standing item, to update on any work around this, and the Head of Refugees Service gave an update on the forming of the team.

Quality and Improvement Sub-group



The Quality and Improvement Sub-group met in January 2024. It discussed an update on actions assigned to the sub-group in the Business Plan

2023/24. We had a good long discussion and update around homelessness and rough sleeping, including safeguarding concerns raised on people with no fixed abode. The sub-group discussed updates around training compliance from partners at future meetings, reviewed the Dashboard for Q3 and heard updates on safeguarding cases around sexual abuse, as well as an audit of concerns which did not progress to enquiries.

Safeguarding Adult Review (SAR) Sub-group



The SAR Sub-group met in December 2023 and January 2024. It discussed updates on Regulation 28 reports concerning partners in Richmond or Wandsworth, and Learning from other reviews (DHRs, Children Reviews and SARs from other neighbouring Boroughs). There were no new referrals.

You can access via the website the [Published reports](#) and [7-minute briefings](#) for all SARs.

Richmond and Wandsworth Community Forums



The Richmond Community Forum met in December 2023 and the Wandsworth Community Forum is due to meet in February 2024. They discuss the Performance Dashboard, look at the actions assigned to the Forums in the Business Plan 2023/24, and update on the Local Authority's Refugee Service.