

Safeguarding Adults

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Spotlight on...

Reporting Safeguarding Concerns

We would like to remind all partners to report safeguarding concerns through the designated online portals. Using the online forms for [Richmond](#) and for [Wandsworth](#) ensures that your concerns are addressed promptly, as the online submissions are cleared daily. This method guarantees a quicker response to a concern compared to sending emails, which can sometimes delay the process.

We strongly encourage all partners to utilise these portals to ensure that safeguarding issues are dealt with swiftly and appropriately.

Thank you for your co-operation and commitment to safeguarding.

Important dates for the diary

5th March 2025 14.00-16.00 – Trauma informed practice – Simon SAR learning event

31st March 2025 12.00-17.00 – RWSAB Annual General Meeting, in person

MCA Executive Functioning

Detecting executive impairment and assessing the effect on mental capacity can be very challenging. This helpful guidance on [Mental Capacity Act Executive Functioning](#), developed by colleagues in Blackpool and Lancashire, aims to increase the practitioner's awareness and detection of these issues, so that more specialist advice and support can be sought if required.

Fire Safety E-Learning



A toolkit developed by Sutton and generously freely available to all, it aims to equip all those who come into contact with people who are at increased risk of fire in their homes with the knowledge and understanding they need to help prevent fatal or serious fire incidents. It contains a [free e-learning course](#) on fire prevention and safeguarding which draws on the 8 key principles from the most common themes identified in serious adults and children safeguarding reviews. The principles are introduced through a [video clip](#).

The fire prevention guidance focusses on environmental factors, and lifestyle and behavioural factors to then explore the specific health and social care needs to take a person-centred approach to keep people safe from harm by fire.

Share for Better Care Week



Share for Better Care Week is a week where people are encouraged to have a stronger voice in their care.

It runs from 24th February to 2nd March, and it is all about encouraging people to leave feedback about their care - good or bad. It is run by Healthwatch and CQC.

Feedback about health and social care matters. It helps services spot and identify what's working well, and areas for improvement. However, 60% of people have never given feedback on care, and not everyone's voice is being heard. We want that to change. This week, encourage people to spend a few minutes giving feedback about their care.

We know people have busy lives, but if they take a few minutes to give feedback and share their experiences while waiting for a kettle to boil, or for a bus, they can make a huge difference to the lives of others.

You can find out more [here](#).

Positive Dementia Care Conference 2025

Kingston and Richmond Foundation Trust are holding their fifth Positive Dementia Conference on 6th of March at The Stoop Harlequins.

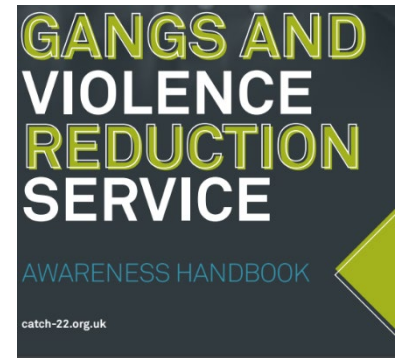
The conference is aimed at local health, social care staff and voluntary services and there will be guest speakers showcasing dementia friendly initiatives as well as a market place area for local services to publicise the support they can provide for those living with Dementia. This year's theme is Equality, Diversity and Inclusion for those living with Dementia and their carers. Topics include:

- Research findings – Hearing Loss & memory services
- Young Onset Dementia
- Health promotion
- Risk Reduction
- Joint working between Community and Kingston Hospital
- Neurodiversity and Dementia

The marketplace will be a focal point of the conference- we expect 120 delegates to attend- so it is a great opportunity to network, which is vital for the sustainability and longevity of the amazing services.

Gangs and Violence Reduction Service

Catch 22, a registered charity designing and delivering services which build resilience and aspiration in people and communities, have produced [this leaflet promoting awareness around gangs and violence reduction](#), based on their pilot community gangs programme set up in 2011 to test an 'end-to-end' approach to the issues that gangs and gang-related activities generate.



Update from SAB Executive

The SAB Executive met in January via MS Teams and covered sub-group reports, and partner updates. Key issues discussed included the updated [South-West London Multi-agency Joint Protocols on Medication Errors, Falls and Pressure Ulcers](#); the Simon SAR Report and updating the Escalation Guidance.

Quality and Improvement Sub-group



The Quality and Improvement Sub-group is scheduled to meet in March 2025.

Safeguarding Adult Review (SAR) Sub-group



The SAR Sub-group met in January 2025. It discussed the Richmond and Wandsworth LeDeR data for 2023/24, which was recently made available by ICB. It also discussed learning from a Practice Reflection done on a case by the Local Authority, and the Natalie SAR from Croydon, which was regarding a Wandsworth resident.

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 is scheduled to meet in March 2025.

The Wandsworth Community Forum met in January 2025 and heard an overview of the domestic abuse advocacy services offered to LGBT+ community by the Galop charity; discussed the performance dashboard, the business plan and heard updates

from partners.