

Safeguarding Adults

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Spotlight on...

National Safeguarding Adults Week Nov 2023

Programme of events

Monday, 20 Nov

12:00-13:30

What is My Role in Safeguarding Adults? [Registration](#)

Tuesday, 21 Nov

All day (09:00-17:00)

Multi-Agency Anti-Racist Practice Conference

Venue: Wandsworth Civic Suite, SW18 2PU.

Please ensure that you book your place in advance [via TPD Online](#). You can find this event via this direct link

<https://s4s.wandsworth.gov.uk/T212833>

12:00-13:00

Organisations Working Together: Community Safety [Registration](#)

Wednesday, 22 Nov

10:00-13:00

Main London Safeguarding Adults Conference [Registration](#)

Key Topics Include:

- Building Safe Organisations and Cultures
- Making Safeguarding Personal
- Effective Co-production
- Insights from the London Safeguarding Voices Group
- Panel Discussion & Q&A

Thursday, 23 Nov

12:00-13:00

Adopting a **Trauma-Informed Approach** to Safeguarding Adults: [Registration](#)

Friday, 24 Nov

12:00-13:00

Insights from Safeguarding Adults Reviews [Registration](#)

Hate Crime Awareness

The week of the 16th of October was Hate Crime Awareness Week!

The RWSAB, together with Community Safety, produced [a video aimed at raising awareness of Hate Crime](#), and how to report it – please check it out and spread it wide to your networks!

Recording of ethnicity

Following our multi-agency live case audit, and internal audits of Safeguarding cases, we are asking all partners to take special care and make particular effort to record ethnicity – not only in any Safeguarding referrals made, but in your own records. Recording of ethnicity can be much better across the partnership, and we are hoping you can help us address this gap!

New guidance on Controlling or Coercive Behaviour!!

The main highlights of the guidance include:

- Clear information on what constitutes controlling or coercive behaviour and how to identify the offence.
- Overview of the Domestic Abuse Act 2021 and how this offence is firmly embedded.
- Guidance to the police and other criminal justice agencies on circumstances where the offence applies and where other offences might be considered.
- Information on reducing risk to the victim, including: using protection orders; supporting the victim; and responding to the perpetrator's behaviour- multi-agency approaches are emphasised in this section.

Update from SAB Executive

The SAB Executive met in July and in September 2023. It heard update on the VASA Panel in Richmond and Kingston, signed off the [Annual Report](#) and heard updates from the sub-groups and from the Executive members.

Performance and Workforce Sub-group



The Performance and Workforce Sub-group met in September 2023. It discussed a view of the yearly data by service user group, ethnicity, age and gender and type of abuse. It discussed the changes coming with the new reporting schedule and change in name to Quality and Improvement Sub-group, and an update on actions assigned to the sub-group in the Business Plan 2023/24.

Safeguarding Adult Review (SAR) Sub-group



The SAR Sub-group met in July, August, September and October 2023. It agreed the Terms of Reference for one new SAR, agreed to have updates on any Regulation 28 reports concerning partners in Richmond or Wandsworth at its meetings, and discussed a Family T report from Kingston and Richmond Safeguarding Children Partnership bringing issues around sexual exploitation. 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 September 2023 and the Wandsworth Community Forum met in October 2023.

They discussed the Performance Dashboard, newest scams to disseminate to the public, the Changes to RWSAB Sub-groups' structure, and looked at the actions assigned to the Forums in the Business Plan 2023/24.

NHS Constipation Campaign and LeDeR resources



The campaign to help recognise, treat and stop dangerous constipation in people with a learning disability is now available – please help us to share across networks and with colleagues!

The below also includes other updates that will be of interest, including the new LeDeR resource bank, please share with those in your networks who will benefit from reviewing.

Constipation can be a life-threatening issue for people with a learning disability who are at heightened risk from complications if it is left untreated.

These [resources](#) have been created to help prevent, recognise and treat constipation in people with a learning disability.

They are designed to be printed and used in home or care settings, facilitating conversations about constipation, and hopefully leading to swift treatment and improved outcomes for those people with a learning disability who are experiencing constipation.

Resources are available to support people with a learning disability, their carers, and people who work in primary care.

Clinical guide for front line staff to support the management of patients with a learning disability and autistic people – relevant to all clinical specialties

During the COVID-19 pandemic, NHS England wrote and published guidance about caring for people with a learning disability and autistic people.

Three years on, [the guidance](#) remains important for front line practice, so has been updated. The guidance supports health professionals to deliver good quality care for people with a learning disability and autistic people.

New LeDeR resource bank

This year NHSE has gathered a range of good practice in supporting people with a learning disability and autistic people, so that clinicians and paid carers know how to make services better.

We have developed a [new bank of resources](#) focusing on the main causes of early death. The LeDeR (learning from lives and deaths) resource bank will continue to grow with case studies and practical examples of how services can improve to meet people's needs.

Race and Health Observatory report published: 'We deserve better – ethnic minorities with a learning disability and access to healthcare'

[New review identifies poorer care and lower life expectancy for ethnic minorities with a learning disability - NHS - Race and Health Observatory – Race and Health Observatory \(nhsrho.org\)](#)