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National Safeguarding Adults Week programme of Events

"Responding to Contemporary Safeguarding Challenges"

National Safeguarding Adults Week 2022 is an opportunity to highlight key safeguarding issues, start conversations and raise awareness of safeguarding best practice, so we can all be better together. Below is a programme of events for professionals – please feel free to book!

Mon 21 Nov

- 10.00-12.00 **Transitional Safeguarding:** Learning from Safeguarding Adults Reviews, Serious Care Reviews and Child Safeguarding Practice Reviews, [link to register](#)
- 11.30-12.30 **Exploitation and County lines** [link to register](#)
- 13.00-14.00 **Transitional Safeguarding** [link to register](#)

Tue 22 Nov

- 10.00-12.00 **Safeguarding Adults with Mental Health Needs,** [link to register](#)
- 11.30-12.30 – **Self-neglect** [link to register](#)
- 13.00-14.00 **Impact of Domestic abuse on the Elderly** [link to register](#)

Wed 23 Nov

- 10.30-11.30 **Open and safe cultures in organisations** [link to register](#)
- 13.00-14.00 **Learning from a SAR** [link to register](#)

Thu 24 Nov

- 10.00-12.00 Learning from SARs: **Autism, Suicide and Safeguarding,** [link to register](#)
- 11.30-12.30 **Domestic Abuse and VAWG** [link to register](#)
- 13.00-14.00 **Safeguarding and discharge planning** [link to register](#)

Fri 25 Nov

- 10.00-12.00 – **Self-neglect, applying S42 & risk assessment** [link to register](#)

Spotlight on... *RWSAB Website update*

Richmond and Wandsworth Safeguarding Adults Board's website has had a re-shuffle of content, with the aim to make it clearer and easier to find material!

Please have a look at emails us on SAB@richmondandwandsworth.gov.uk with any feedback!

<https://www.sabrighmondandwandsworth.org.uk/>

Full of Life Fair (Richmond)



Full of Life is Richmond upon Thames' flagship annual event to provide residents with the information they need to age well and live independent and happy lives. It is a great opportunity to get information and advice from businesses, charities and community groups, to participate in a range of activities and to meet new people. RWSAB was thrilled



to be back in person at Twickenham Stadium this year for the annual Full of Life Fair on 23 September 2022. With over 70 local stallholders and activities represented and on show, it was an excellent day, with many residents visiting to have a look around the stalls or participate in the activities.

Silver Sunday (Wandsworth)



This year's Brighter Living Fair Council event was combined with the Silver Sunday Tea Dance and activities, which was held on 2nd October. Over 150 people attended to have a tea and lunch, participate in a chair yoga session and in the actual tea dance.

RWSAB Safeguarding Adults Practice Awards

Dave Nwokedi, a Service Manager in Richmond and Wandsworth Council, was nominated in recognition for his involvement with chairing S42 meetings, ability to keep the adult at risk at the centre of the safeguarding process and to manage meetings in a way which focuses on the matters which need discussion. Dave always ensures that explanation is given to relatives and service users on why meetings are held while at the same time managing their expectations well. This makes service users and relatives feel listened to and part of the decision-making process.



Dave Nwokedi said: *I am happy to accept this award for my recognition of putting services users and their families at the heart of what makes for good safeguarding practice. As they say, it takes a community to raise a child, so the same applies with good practice; I am where I am today due the many who have gone before me and walked alongside me in showing what good practice looks like. I came into this work to serve those I come into contact with and always strive to keep those who are in need of our support at the*

centre of all that we do.

Wandsworth Level of Need Guidance to Multi-Agency Partners

The new Levels of Need Guidance replaces the previous Threshold Guidance which should be removed from use. We have undertaken the change to better focus upon children's needs and to replace language about barriers that thresholds imply. The new framework focusses upon the needs of children within a family or community context and we have included new references to the impact of discrimination.

The purpose of the Levels of Need Framework is unchanged. It provides guidance and is intended to support the partnership in discussion about the needs of children and how services can support children and families **get the right help at the right time**. It contains updated advice on consent and professional judgement. Each child, family and extra-familial context will have a unique set of needs and strengths. The Levels of Need Framework is a guide and is not intended to replace creativity, curiosity, knowledge, experience, and discretion.

We would invite you to share widely with staff and to use the framework when thinking about how best to support and safeguard children; it can support discussion, decision making, supervision and reflection in your organisations

Guidance on the Levels of Need for children and young people at risk outside of the home (contextually) is also included, to reflect the changing needs and vulnerabilities of children and to provide support to partners in this complex area of safeguarding.

The Levels of Need Framework is available on the WSCP website

https://wscp.org.uk/media/4kubaxmv/level_of_need_framework.pdf



Carefree is a charity which offers free hotel breaks for unpaid carers. To learn more and refer, visit their website

<https://carefreespace.org/refer-carers/>

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

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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
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



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'**.

Update from SAB Executive

The SAB Executive met on 27 September 2022. Public Health provided an update on the work with Wandsworth Prison around suicide prevention. The group discussed the HMIC Police Report, workforce pressures, LA Care Act Compliance around CQC inspection and signed off the Annual Report. The Executive heard updates from the sub-groups and discussed the budget and the risk log.

Performance and Workforce Sub-group



The Performance and Workforce Sub-group will meet on 12 September 2022. It had a presentation from CQC on the quality of provision of Care and Health services in both Richmond and Wandsworth, which is very good. The Sub-group agreed proposal for the SAB Executive on the Annual Self-assessment questionnaire, which will be sent out in November 2022 for completion by first week of January 2023.

Safeguarding Adult Review (SAR) Sub-group



The Sub-group met on 05 September 2022. There was one new referral, which did not meet criteria for a SAR. The Action plans from completed SARs are monitored and progressing, with 96% completed actions from 11 SARs.

Published reports and 7-minute briefings for all SARs can be accessed [via the website](#)

Communication and Engagement Sub-group



The Richmond Community Forum met on 22 June 2022. The Forum members discussed updates from partners, in particular around recent scams, and agreed how to share information more widely. Members found it very good to receive and review the Performance data of Safeguarding across the borough and highlight areas of concern to all organisations. It was agreed that this will be a standing agenda item for sharing and discussion going forward. Colleagues from Community Safety gave a presentation around Violence against Women and Girls, highlighting available domestic abuse support services in Richmond, the types of domestic abuse support services through Hestia available from 21st November and noting the work of the Multi-Agency Risk Assessment Conference (MARAC). Wandsworth Community Forum met on 19 October 2022 and heard updates from partners around safeguarding. A Wandsworth GP gave an update around Public Access to Care records, the group discussed the Performance Dashboard and Impact of the Cost-of-Living Crisis on safeguarding and information for residents.

