

# Safeguarding Adults

## News

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### Spotlight on... *Learning from Real Stories*

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| <p>Phillip’s story – person with a Learning Disability physically abused by parent:<br/><a href="https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=A419D-X09kQ">https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=A419D-X09kQ</a></p> <p>Alan’s story – Financial abuse by a relative:<br/><a href="https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=4w7Gf8CBUck">https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=4w7Gf8CBUck</a></p> <p>Keith’s story – a personal and touching film about hoarding:<br/><a href="https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=fhmftpwNZc">https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=fhmftpwNZc</a></p> <p>Strong focus on use of language and need to take time to build relationships.</p> | <p><b>What works</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• understanding the issue</li> <li>• being prepared to work collaboratively with other professionals</li> <li>• working with individuals at their own pace and over a long term</li> <li>• helping to create new strategies and habits</li> <li>• setting small achievable tasks</li> <li>• encouraging positive self-praise.</li> </ul> <p><b>What to Avoid</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Use judgemental language</li> <li>• Use words that devalue or negatively judge possessions</li> <li>• Let your nonverbal expressions say what you are thinking</li> <li>• Make suggestions about discarding possessions</li> <li>• Try to persuade or argue</li> <li>• Touch the person possessions without their consent</li> </ul> |
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### Important dates for the diary

13<sup>th</sup> November 14.00-16.00 – online Trauma Informed Practice Learning Event led by Trish Stewart in CLCH (invite to follow)

20<sup>th</sup> November 09.30-14.30 – London Safeguarding Adults Conference 2024 ([Book here](#))

### Fabricated or induced illness

The Safeguarding Adults Review on Ella was commissioned and completed by Kingston Safeguarding Adults Board following a complex case where the element of not-often considered Fabricated or induced illness was explored.

The Executive summary can be found [here](#), and the link below shares the workshop done by SCIE following the review.

<https://www.scie.org.uk/safeguarding/adults/reviews/fabricated-induced-illness/webinar>

### Intel Sharing – Modern Slavery Tool and training

The Met Police created a data tool to allow each borough to see a breakdown of modern slavery offences in their area, along with detailed information on wards, victim and suspect profiles, forms of exploitation and exploitative industries. This data is now shared via the Box cloud system, which is free to access and use. Please note that data covers cases that are known to the Police. To access this data, please email [divya@humantraffickingfoundation.org](mailto:divya@humantraffickingfoundation.org).

#### Identifying adults with lived experience of modern slavery in the UK

The Human Trafficking Foundation partnered with the British and International Institute of Comparative Law (BIICL) to examine the training provided to First Responder Organisations\* and undertake a first-of-its kind-analysis of the Duty to Notify\* data. A summary can be found [here](#).

#### London Modern Slavery SPOC Directory

The Human Trafficking Foundation works with local authorities in the Greater London area to support the development of their response to modern slavery and human trafficking. As part of this, we produce an annual directory of Modern Slavery Single Points of Contact/Champions in statutory authorities across London including representatives within the NHS, police and local authorities. You can find the directory [here](#). Please contact [divya@humantraffickingfoundation.org](mailto:divya@humantraffickingfoundation.org) if you need the password.

#### Training

Domestic Abuse and MARAC are on TPD (various dates). Details can be found [here](#)

Modern Slavery training can also be found on TPD

<https://richmondandwandsworthtpd.learningpool.com/login/>

Any issues with bookings should be referred to: [tdservice@richmondandwandsworth.gov.uk](mailto:tdservice@richmondandwandsworth.gov.uk)

### Richmond and Wandsworth Self-neglect and Hoarding Panels

The Self-Neglect and Hoarding Panels were established in partnership with key organisations that form part of the Richmond and Wandsworth Safeguarding Adult Board. They were previously called the Vulnerable Adult Multi-Agency panel (VAMA) in Richmond and the Community Multi-Agency Risk Assessment Panel (CMARAP) in Wandsworth.

Self-neglect has been identified as a category of abuse within the Care Act 2014, however not all situations relating to this will require a safeguarding response. Some adults may be willing to accept support by having a Care Act Assessment and this option should be considered in the first instance.

If the adult at risk has declined support and there are concerns for their safety, a safeguarding referral should be made. Once the safeguarding concern is allocated, if it is felt that the risk has not been reduced the case can be escalated to the relevant Self-Neglect and Hoarding panel for each Borough.

The panels aim to facilitate multi-agency discussions to share information and formulate risk management plans. Cases are escalated to this panel where the individual Safeguarding process has been unable to reduce or alleviate the risks due to challenges around engagement with the adult.

The panels meet monthly to consider high risk, complex cases typically relating to self-neglect or hoarding, and are chaired by a representative of the Local Authority Safeguarding Adults Team. Each Panel is comprised of senior representatives from organisations including London Fire Brigade, Metropolitan Police, Housing, Community Mental Health Service and other health partners.

Actions are assigned to relevant agencies or professionals to complete, and feedback will be provided by the agency's representative at the panel. Whilst the panels facilitate multi-agency dialogue, the case management responsibilities are retained by the front-line professionals.

For more information about the panels, as well as how to refer, please visit:

[Richmond Self-neglect and Hoarding Panel](#)

[Wandsworth Self-neglect and Hoarding Panel](#)

## Update from SAB Executive

The SAB Executive met in May and July 2024 via MS Teams and covered various topics, including updates on the annual report, risk log review, sub-group reports, and partner updates. Key issues discussed included workforce risks, and the impact of government policy changes.

### Quality and Improvement Sub-group



The Quality and Improvement Sub-group met in August and discussed various safeguarding topics, training updates, and performance metrics. The group looked through the yearly data comparing types of abuse and primary support reason, as well as referral sources. Noted there has been an increase of referrals from Police and increase to discrimination cases, both due to the efforts put in raising awareness about both discrimination and domestic abuse. The group is also monitoring compliance around Mental Capacity Act training.

### Safeguarding Adult Review (SAR) Sub-group



The SAR Sub-group met in June 2024 to discuss the additional information requested for the new referral at the last meeting. It recommended the case did not meet the mandatory criteria for a SAR, as the person did not die of abuse or neglect, and agencies were working together to keep them safe. The SAR Sub-group has recommended that a Practice Reflection Session be done independently, to highlight good practice and ensure some of the single-agency learnings are picked up.

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 June 2024. A leaflet on self-neglect for neighborhood businesses was proposed and agreed. Scams were discussed, as well as performance data for safeguarding for each Borough. The business plan was discussed, with a focus on measuring impact and resource allocation. Partners were encouraged to link their discussions with service users groups and safeguarding.

The Wandsworth Community Forum met in August 2024 and covered various topics, including updates from partners, performance dashboard, and the business plan. Key issues discussed involved safeguarding concerns, scams, the new Violence against women and girls strategy, and worker exploitation in care homes.