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Chargesafe Campaign

London Fire Brigade are rolling out the [#Chargesafe Campaign](#).

- In recent years there has been substantial growth in the number of fires involving lithium batteries in electric powered personal vehicles (EPPVs), such as e-bikes and e-scooters. **Fires involving lithium batteries are the fastest growing fire risk in London.**
- In 2022, **LFB attended 87 incidents for e-bikes and 29 incidents involving e-scooters.** This is an increase compared to 2021 where they attended a total of 78 fires for both e-bikes and e-scooters and a substantial growth compared to 2017 where there were two incidents for e-bikes and recorded no incidents for e-scooters.
- LFB have been promoting safety messaging in response to fires involving EPPVs for some time that has resulted in national media coverage in [the Sun](#), [the BBC](#) and [Sky News](#). They are now building on this work by undertaking a **comprehensive communications plan highlighting the risks for the public and all of our stakeholders** to deliver on crucial prevention and protection objectives on lithium batteries.
- We are also beginning to see more high-profile incidents, including fatal fires in London, which **will increase the profile of the risks posed by e-bikes and e-scooters.**

For more information please visit <https://london-fire.gov.uk/chargesafe/>

Learning Event – Safe Discharge Planning from Hospital to Home

Our colleagues in Sutton are holding a learning event for practitioners on Safe Discharge Planning from Hospital to Home. This is following the SAR on Mr F done by Sutton in 2022.

Date: 14 June 2023

Time: 09.30-12.30

Venue: Salvation Army, Benhill Avenue, Sutton

Link to register: <https://suttontraining.event-booking.org/event-detail/%3DETM0AiM/Safe-Discharge-Planning-from-Hospital-to-Home-2324>

The published report and list of recommendations are available for viewing on Sutton SAB's website: [Mr. F SAR - Safe Discharge Planning From Hospital to Home](#)

Sexual Health and HIV Prevention Service Launched

An improved sexual health and HIV prevention service launch on 01 April 2023 across Richmond, Wandsworth, Merton, Sutton, and Kingston for people living, working, and studying in South-West London.

This will include a new Sex Workers Support service in Richmond and Wandsworth specifically, as well as ongoing work to create a more comprehensive, tailored service provision for young people in the region, based on feedback from focus groups, surveys with young people and stakeholder consultations conducted throughout the past year by one of our service providers, Spectra.

For Richmond and Wandsworth, the services will be split into four areas of priority. Most of the service will remain as is, with some areas receiving additional activity, including, but not limited to:

- **Sexual health services for young people**
 - Chlamydia screening and referrals for treatment
 - Relationship and sex education and wellbeing sessions in schools and other young peoples' settings
 - One-to-one intervention
 - Condom distribution scheme
 - Mentoring and support for boys and young men
- **HIV prevention and support**
 - Awareness-raising and knowledge-building of HIV/STI prevention in minority communities.
 - HIV point of care testing in community settings and referrals.
 - Outreach activities
 - Group support to encourage and maintain positive behaviour change.
- **Sexual health outreach, prevention, and engagement**
 - Improving knowledge and understanding of safer sex, contraception, HIV/STI prevention and 1-1 support with high-risk groups including Trans communities, people with learning disabilities, people experiencing homelessness and substance misuse.
- **Sex worker support services**
 - Community outreach sessions, including provision of safer sex initiatives, testing and treatment.
 - Advocacy and support on wider issues

More information on the South-West London HIV Prevention Service

The Southwest Sexual Health and HIV Prevention service is being delivered by Spectra, which has over 25 years' experience and expertise in the field, in partnership with METRO Charity, KWA Africa and Catholics for AIDs prevention and Support.

The service aims to improve the sexual and reproductive health and wellbeing of South-West London residents through the provision of HIV prevention & support interventions, training, education, bespoke, community-based health promotion and outreach interventions and stakeholder engagement. These interventions will focus on raising awareness of sexual health and HIV amongst high-risk groups, promoting safe sex behaviours, encouraging regular STI and HIV testing and signposting residents to local sexual health services.

In addition, the service will be offering a combination of holistic and specialised services for people living with HIV, young people, people who sell sex and other vulnerable or underserved groups across SWL.

Further information is available on Spectra's website <https://spectra-london.org.uk/>.



RWSAB was part of a working group to create two videos explaining the principles of the systems approach to learning for practitioners and for senior leaders. Please follow the links below to access the videos.

SAR briefing for staff:

<https://player.vimeo.com/video/816874639>

SAR briefing for strategic leads:

<https://player.vimeo.com/video/816874506>

New Community Equipment Service Provider for Richmond and Wandsworth

The new provider for the Community Equipment Service in both Richmond and Wandsworth from 01 April 2023 is NRS Healthcare.

NRS Healthcare is one of the largest companies of their kind in the United Kingdom. They are experts in providing equipment with a focus on delivering a high quality and responsive service. The new contract will operate 24/7 with standard operating hours of 8.00 am to 8.00 pm, Monday to Saturday, and the Out of Hours service operating in the evenings, Sundays and Bank Holidays.

The new telephone number for the service is **0300 100 0253**.

A letter will be sent to Richmond and Wandsworth residents who currently have equipment and mobility aids to notify of the change in provider and new contact phone number for NRS.



Update from SAB Executive

The SAB Executive met on 21 March 2023. Executive signed off the updated [Quality Assurance Framework](#). ICB gave an update on the assurance of Mental Health services following the CQC report of March 2022 around use of restraint, and the Panorama programme on Mental Health facilities. The Executive heard updates from the sub-groups and discussed the Vision and Strategic Plan, the AGM Programme and how to get assurance around Asylum seekers.

Performance and Workforce Sub-group



The Performance and Workforce Sub-group met on 13 March 2023. It approved the updated Quality Assurance Framework and the Workforce Training Framework. The Live Case multi-agency audit report was presented and discussed, with good evidence that main themes from recent SARs are being incorporated into practice. More attention needed to be paid to ethnicity and cultural background and an action plan is in development.

Safeguarding Adult Review (SAR) Sub-group



An Extended Sub-group met on 06 March 2023 and discussed the draft report on the ongoing Jamie SAR. The Reviewer has now met with the family and the final report should be signed off imminently, and learning will be disseminated widely through the RWSAB.

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

Communication and Engagement Sub-group



referral process.

The Richmond Community Forum met on 22 March 2023 and the Wandsworth Community Forum met on 19 April 2023.

They discussed Safeguarding promotional materials, the Performance Dashboard, heard presentations on PREVENT and Hate Crime and discussed London Fire Brigade's changed approach to Home Fire Safety Visits and the

