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Spotlight on...

Cost-of-Living Hubs

With the cost of living affecting more and more people around us, we would like to highlight the information on available support on the Richmond and Wandsworth Councils' websites. Please feel free to signpost clients and have a look at them as well!

There is information on a wide range of topics, including:

- Support over the Christmas period
- Support with Bills
- Money
- Housing and home improvements
- Employment support
- Food
- Health and care costs
- Family and childcare
- Mental health
- Warm Spaces
- Support for businesses

[Richmond Cost of Living Hub](#)

[Wandsworth Cost of Living Hub](#)

RWSAB Safeguarding Adults Practice Awards

Zoe Burridge, an Assistant Locality Manager in Richmond and Wandsworth Council, was nominated in recognition for her involvement with chairing S42 meetings, great partnership working, making sure all agencies, family members and individuals are involved and have their say. You are courteous to all participants, making sure they are up to date on any developments in the cases which may impact the meeting.



Zoe said: "It was lovely to receive this and unexpected. It highlights the importance to all of us of putting the service user and their advocates at the centre of our safeguarding practice, and ensuring they are supported to be a valued part of the safeguarding process."

Update on Liberty Protection Safeguards replacing the Deprivation of Liberty Safeguards

The consultation for the new Mental Capacity Act Code of Practice, which includes the Liberty Protection Safeguards (LPS) closed in July 2022. The Department of Health and Social Care received over 700 responses and they are currently working through these. At present the timeline for the revised publication of the Code of Practice is Winter 2022/23. There is no implementation date for LPS at present, however, it is unlikely to be before October 2023.

Nationally and London-wide work continues to prepare for the implementation to ensure readiness across all health and social care organisations.

Locally there are a number of implementation groups being established to start preparatory work. SWL Integrated Care Board (ICB) will be coordinating work with local authority colleagues across SWL, this will bring together Richmond and Wandsworth, Croydon, Kingston, Merton and Sutton, as well as the Acute and Community Trusts. A key theme of this steering group will be to share information, to consider joint approaches for consistency and to maximise resources.

Diane Fossey on behalf of the London Boroughs of Richmond and Wandsworth and Sarah Loades for SWL ICB, are both members of the London Region MCA and LPS Clinical Reference and Implementation Group. The purpose of the group is to promote the principles of MCA and all aspects of the LPS implementation. A briefing event was held on 29th November, to raise awareness and to identify work streams to support implementation.

If you would like further information please don't hesitate to contact Di Fossey or Sarah Loades.

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Please find for your information and learning a **Lewisham Safeguarding Adult Review** on Eileen Dean, who died after being assaulted by another person in a care home

https://www.safeguardinglewisham.org.uk/assets/2/ed_7_mins.pdf

Al-Hasaniya Moroccan Women's Centre is a domestic abuse service for Moroccan and Arabic speaking women. They run several projects including:

- A drop-in service for DA survivors at Trellick Tower, Bays 4-5, Golborne Rd, London W10 5PA every Friday 10.00am – 12.00pm where women can receive advice and referred on to appropriate services [info here](#)
- A Mental health project – 1:1 counselling sessions to women across London, see contact details and a referral form [here](#)

Update from SAB Executive

The SAB Executive met on 29 November 2022. An update on the Deprivation of Liberty Safeguards and the implementation of the Liberty Protection Safeguards was presented. Assurance was received on issues with CHC providers and learning from the Serious Incident is expected. The group discussed the new CQC Assurance Framework and what this would mean for the Local Authority and for the SAB. A review of the structure and governance for the RWSAB will be undertaken early in 2023. The Local Authority also presented findings from a recent Transitional cases live audit, showing overall good practice with some learning for particular teams, which is being taken forward. The Executive heard updates from the sub-groups and discussed the business plan update and the risk log.

Performance and Workforce Sub-group



The Performance and Workforce Sub-group met on 12 December 2022. It discussed the Performance data, and updates on the Quality Assurance Framework and the Workforce Development Framework, which are due for review. The group also discussed discriminatory abuse, which sees low recording numbers across most Boroughs. Agreed to raise staff awareness around this and encourage staff to explore the element of discrimination in cases.

Safeguarding Adult Review (SAR) Sub-group



The Sub-group met on 07 November and 05 December 2022. There was one new referral, for which more information was needed to decide if it would meet criteria for a SAR. The group also discussed letters from the Department of Health and Social Care in response to escalation from others Boards on wider issues from two SARs. One letter confirmed there were no plans in England to allow Power of Entry for Social Workers, and the other addressed issues on resident-to-resident incidents in care homes.

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 14 December 2022. The Forum members discussed the Performance Dashboard, updates on the events during National Safeguarding Adults Week, updates from partners, and impact of the Cost-of-Living Crisis on safeguarding and information for residents.

Richmond and Wandsworth Safeguarding Adults Board wishes all colleagues Happy Holidays and all the best for 2023!

