

Chair's Blog Spot

Hello,

Welcome to the first edition of the quarterly Kingston Safeguarding Adults Board (KSAB) newsletter. The primary purpose of the newsletter is to raise awareness of adult safeguarding and to pass on information that will help to keep people in Kingston free from abuse and neglect. It will report on the content of the KSAB Board meetings and will start with an update from me.



I want to start with a reminder about the Safeguarding Common Objective that was launched in Kingston last year. This is an agreement by the agencies that form the Board to adopt the same objective for their staff. The objective will be assigned to each individual staff member by their line manager within their annual appraisal system. I believe that this will help bring people together with a common purpose and support them to work collaboratively across agencies to safeguard adults at risk.

As you will read below at the January KSAB meeting the Kingston Safeguarding Practice Award was launched. We want to hear about the excellent safeguarding work that is taking place. This will allow for the work to be recognised, and will help us to learn from good practice as well as learning when things go wrong.

You will also read some feedback from the London SAB Annual Safeguarding Conference on 6th February. A selection of people from the KSAB attended and they have submitted their thoughts on what they learnt from the day. I think it's important that when a conference, workshop or training event is attended those taking part disseminate the learning more widely.

I hope you enjoy the newsletter and find it useful, if you have any feedback or would like any further information on its content, or if you have anything that you would like included next time please email the KSAB email address shown at the foot of the newsletter.

Thank you for reading, Richard

Spotlight on ... "Kingston Safeguarding Adults Practice Award"



The SAB recognises that learning and development can come in many forms, when something went wrong and also when something goes right. Therefore, the Board has introduced an Award to honour a professional working within the borough who exemplifies the best of the six key principles (Empowerment, Prevention, Proportionality, Protection, Partnership & Accountability) set out by the Care Act 2014. All nominations received will be collated and considered by Executive Members. Each nomination will receive a letter of thanks from the Chair. The individual chosen (one per quarter) will be invited to attend the Board to receive thanks along with their award.

All examples received will be reviewed regularly and considered when devising board activities and agendas that strengthen safeguarding adults work in the borough.

All nominations to be forwarded to ksab@kingston.gov.uk

SAR Sub Group



The SAR Sub Group receives requests and referrals on behalf of the SAB for consideration of a SAR (Safeguarding Adult Review). The group meets quarterly (3 weeks before each SAB), however, the group will convene an extra-ordinary meeting within 2 weeks of a referral being received to decide what actions needs to be recommended in response to a referral. All referrals should be forwarded to sar.referral@kingston.gov.uk.

One new referral is currently being considered; one SAR has recently been completed and the report is available on the website and 2 further SAR's are about to commence.

The Sub Group's next meeting is 16th April 2020

Communications Sub Group



The Communications Sub Group continues to promote the message of adult safeguarding and looks at new and innovative ways of raising awareness.

The Group last met in December 2019 and one of the topics discussed was the proposal to organise a 'Scams/Fraud' event in partnership with the Police.

The Group have also agreed the proposal by the SAB Chair to introduce a Safeguarding Newsletter. The newsletter will detail a brief synopsis of what was discussed at the last SAB, will shine the spotlight of something new, and detail informative dates and news.

The Sub Group's next meeting is 23rd March 2020

Training Sub Group



The Training Sub Group has recently appointed a new Chairperson, Grahame Snelling. He chaired his first group in December 2019 and gave thanks to Su Fitzgerald for her contribution in chairing the group up to this point.

The group's first challenge will be to refresh/update the Training Strategy and to clarify the levels of training offered. The group will focus on sharing knowledge and promoting greater understanding of best practice across the partnership as well as learning from SAR's; promote an effective workforce through the common objective with staff understanding their role in respect of adult safeguarding.

The Sub Group's next meeting is 23rd March 2020.

Su Fitzgerald, Your Healthcare said:

Liberty Protection Safeguards will have clearer definition in the final guidance and following consultation, will be introduced no earlier than October 2020. The IMCA will remain involved for the duration not just for the assessment.

And from the Self-Neglect & Hoarding Group we learnt the term 'RaMmPSS':

R – risk / **a** – assessment / **M** – mitigation / **m** – making safeguarding personal / **P** – proportionate / **S** – safeguarding / **s** – support
It was encouraging that most areas have a VAMA Panel and are increasing multi-agency risk assessment and risk mitigation planning.

Lynn Wild, Richmond & Wandsworth Council said:

Liberty Protection Safeguards are to replace DoLS, a key difference integrates consideration on whether the person being assessed has mental capacity to consent to the proposed arrangements/care plan and if the care and support/treatment limits the person's liberty. This will be known as the screening assessment. There will also be 3 key assessments i.e. Medical, Mental Capacity Assessment and Necessary & Proportionate Assessment. In the new scheme it will be possible to use previous assessments i.e. 'Medical Assessment' when the condition is not likely to improve; 'Mental Capacity Assessment' when a person's capacity has not changed; for the 'Necessary & Proportionate Assessment' details how the person is deprived and outlines why this is in the person's best interest and is a new assessment each time. There is also a strong emphasis to involve the person's family in the best interest decisions and involving IMCA's when there is no family.

Lucy O'Connor, Met. Police said:

Some learning points were firstly the need to be clear on who 'owns' a safeguarding case when more than one LA is involved and secondly but most importantly, the need to listen to the individual.

It was very positive to see many safeguarding colleagues from across the partnership and to feel part of a strong network.

Gemma Blunt, Kingston Adult Social Care said:

It is always useful to learn what other councils are doing about safeguarding adults. I gained an example about an adult MASH which provides food for thought to see what we can develop locally. It was also useful to hear about how making safeguarding personal is being delivered. Watch this space for new MSP Workshops this year!

Peter Warburton, Kingston CCG said:

Peter attended a session on homelessness and multiple exclusion. There is a myth that people being homeless is a lifestyle choice. This is not the case. There is not sufficient wrap around support for homeless people and safeguarding referral are not being made. Assumptions being made that another service will be supporting someone when this is not always the case. Evidence from SAR's showing multiple missed opportunities for safeguarding referral and to mitigate risk there needs to be a decision on which service is taking responsibility. There are still many people who are hidden homeless not just street homeless but these group of people are harder to recognise. There have been a number of SAR's from across the country for homeless people and we need to take on board the learning from these.

Upcoming Events for 2020

Look out for the upcoming events:

- Scams/Fraud Session in partnership with the Police – 5th May
- Think Family Conference

Next Board

The next meeting is 23rd April and topics on the agenda for discussion are:

- Homelessness and Complex Lives
- Liberty Protection Safeguards

Stop Press!

The KSAB Annual Report for 2018/19 is now available on the website – click [here](#) to view.

Briefings

Seven Minute Briefings (7MB) are available on the website on:

- London Fire Brigade Referrals
- Domestic Violence – coming soon