

Chair's Blog Spot

Hello,

I hope you are all well and keeping safe. As you will see from this newsletter some of the KSAB activities have slowed and some have been cancelled. Despite the challenges I do think it is important to try and maintain some momentum for the Board, whilst recognising that the operational response to Covid-19 must come first. We held an online Board meeting on 23rd April, which was well attended and is described in more detail below. I have had regular telephone conversations with senior leaders from each of the Board statutory partners to hear how they are communicating and working together to face the many ongoing and complex challenges. Through working together and supporting each other strong partnerships come into their own in times like these. I have also heard of some really positive work by individuals and teams across the borough, including the local police being recognised on the Twitter account of the Royal Family for their kindness in helping a person in distress (a KiSPA nomination has been received!).

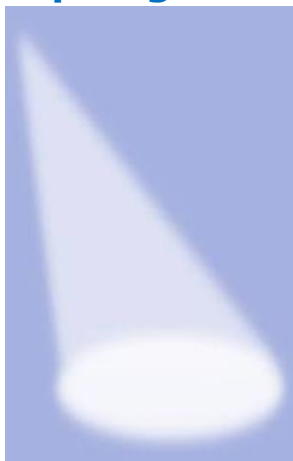


The often used phrase 'Safeguarding is Everyone's Responsibility' is especially important during these unprecedented times. Ways of working have changed and people are performing roles that they may not have done for a while, if ever, and the services of volunteers are being utilised. However, safeguarding remains a statutory duty and it is vitally important that we continue to protect those with care and support needs. I want the SAB to be supportive and help you to be the best 'safeguarder' you can be in your individual role, so in this newsletter you will find some links to key information to provide guidance and support during the Covid-19 pandemic.

I hope you find this newsletter useful and informative. It is the second one the KSAB has produced, so if you have any feedback, contents or thoughts on ways to improve it, please let us know (details of how are shown below). I would like to finish by congratulating Kingston Adult Social Care who have been awarded a Certificate of Excellence at the Public Sector Transformation Awards, well done to all involved.

Thank you for reading and for your continuing efforts to keep people safe, Richard

Spotlight on ... "Think Family!"



At this time of Covid-19 Crisis and lockdown, it is well known that across the UK and locally, referrals to Children's Social Care have fallen and vulnerable children are not all attending school at this time. Those who volunteer and work with adults are in a vital position to be our eyes and ears in the community, looking out for concerns for children and unborn babies-domestic abuse, parental mental health difficulties, learning disabilities or substance misuse concerns. Last year, a multi-agency audit looked at children and adults with mental health concerns.

Findings and pointers to 'Think Family!' can be found [here](#).

In Richmond and Kingston, please call the SPA (Single Point of Access) if you have concerns for a child or a parent.

Call 020 8548 5008 from 8.00am-5.15pm, Monday to Thursday; 8.00am-5.00pm on Friday. During Out of Hours, call 020 8770 5000.

Board Summary

On the 23rd April 2020, we held our first online Board Meeting with representatives from the Police, KCCG, Your Healthcare, Adult Social Care, Public Health, Healthwatch Kingston, Housing, Probation, CQC, London Fire Brigade, and Achieving for Children. The Board received assurances from all partners that adult safeguarding remains at the forefront, with evidence of good work and working together successfully.



SAR Sub Group

The SAR Sub Group has not formally met since the last newsletter and all current SAR's have been paused. However, all referrals should still be forwarded to sar.referral@kingston.gov.uk.

The Sub Group's next meeting is 16th June 2020.



Communications Sub Group

The Communications Sub Group has not formally met since the last newsletter. The Sub Group's next meeting is 22nd June 2020



Training Sub Group

The Training Sub Group has not formally met since the last newsletter but has been requested by the SAB to consider Post Covid-19 Planning. A session will be arranged jointly with the Communications Sub Group. The Sub Group's next meeting is 22nd June 2020.

Good News

In our first newsletter we introduced the Kingston Safeguarding Adults Practice Awards (KiSPA) in which we want to recognise and reward exemplary practice.

The recipients were nominated for improving the safeguarding of adults at risk across the borough. Our first recipients are:

- Trish Goggin, Social Worker (based at Kingston Hospital), RBK
- Caroline Hughes, Hannah Corder, Sophie Otway & Yolande Donovan, Blue District Nursing Team, Your Healthcare

All Awardees will be invited to a future meeting to receive their certificates and personal thanks from the Kingston Safeguarding Adults Board.

All nominations should be submitted on a completed Nomination Form and forwarded to ksab@kingston.gov.uk for consideration.

Briefings

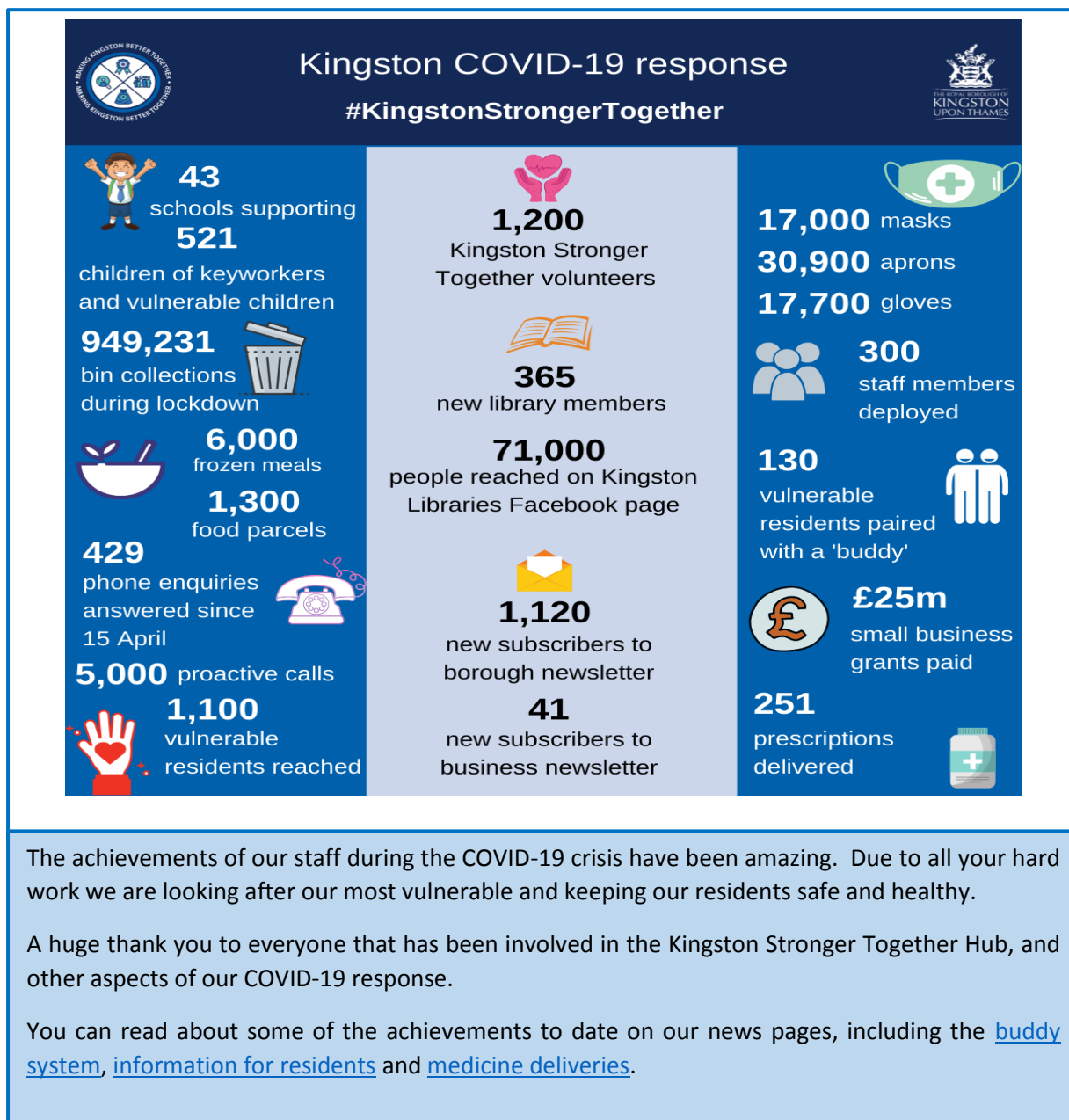
New Seven Minute Briefings (7MB) are available on:

- [Domestic Violence](#)
- [Clare's Law](#)
- [Scams](#)
- Adult Safeguarding Awareness : [Volunteers](#) (Covid-19) & [Public](#) (Covid -19)

Remember, these 7MB and those from SARs are published on our website and are a powerful tool for improving practice!

Resources

- Domestic Violence – the government has released [guidance](#), as has [Women's Aid](#) and [Safe Lives](#)
- Trading Standards on [Scams](#)
- [SCIE](#) covers resources such as safeguarding, social care, MCA and general Covid-19 advice
- The [LGA](#) has provided advice on how professionals can protect vulnerable people during Covid-19
- Care Act Easements [Guidance](#)



Participation and Feedback

We would welcome articles highlighting your, your colleague's or even your organisations 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 ksab@kingston.gov.uk with the subject line 'SAB Newsletter'

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