

## Chair's Blog Spot

Hello,

Welcome to the latest edition of the Kingston Safeguarding Adults Board Newsletter. I hope it finds you well. It comes at a time where the pandemic is increasing in prevalence and a new National Lockdown is in place. Times are tough for a lot of people, both professionally and personally and it remains so important to recognise this, support each other and help where you can. The need for safeguarding is ever present, not only for adults with care and support needs but also for children and families. Getting the right information and passing it on through referrals is important and allow those in need to get the right help more quickly. A seven minute briefing (7MB) has been created and published on the KSAB website to help with this, more details are provided below.



We had two Kingston Safeguarding Practice Award (KiSPA) nominations this time, both worthy of recognition, so well done to the recipients. Both relate to the importance of partnership working and demonstrate what can be achieved when people work effectively together across agencies. On the subject of working in partnership the recent KSAB meeting received a Safeguarding Adult Review (SAR) Report, which amongst other learning highlighted the need to effectively share information. This will be included in the SAR Action Plan, but in the meantime if you are unsure of the rules, or how and when you should share information, please speak to your Line Manager.

As always, we would like to hear your thoughts on the Board Newsletter i.e. ways to improve what we are doing or information you would like included. Please let us know by email ([ksab@kingston.gov.uk](mailto:ksab@kingston.gov.uk)).

Thank you for reading. Richard

## Board Summary

On the 15<sup>th</sup> October 2020, KSAB held their third virtual meeting. Amongst the usual business discussed at the Board, the SAB reflected on their previous board presentation on BAME and discussed what the SAB can do. This topic will remain on the SAB agenda.

The SAB received a presentation from the MARAC Co-ordinator (Kavitha Ramakrishnan) & the MARAC Chair (Ryan Green). The presentation explained what MARAC (Multi Agency Risk Assessment Conference) is about and covered the criteria for referrals. Kingston MARAC continues to see more new cases and a higher demand for emergency MARACs, indicating an increase in the severity of abuse as a result of the lockdown. If you have concerns about a case, please email [marac@kingston.gov.uk](mailto:marac@kingston.gov.uk)

The SAB approved a SAR (Safeguarding Adult Review) Final Report and agreed the next steps. The Kingston & Richmond CCG LD Mortality Review (LeDeR) Annual Report 2019/20 was presented. This detailed the monitoring process, notifications, Reviewers and learning and recommendations.

Adult Safeguarding Data Performance was discussed in detail. A Data Intelligence Sub-group is proposed and will look at specific issues of concern.

## Spotlight on ... “Partnership Working & Information Sharing”

In this edition the spotlight will focus on **Partnership Working** and **Information Sharing**.

The key principles of **Partnership Working** are, openness, trust and honesty, agreed shared goals and values and regular communication between partners. Partnership Working can be easily defined as two or more individuals coming together to achieve a common purpose. The importance of partnership working with colleagues and other professionals is it enables us to build up productive ways of interacting and communicating, to break down barriers between ourselves and the organisations with which we work. Partnership working in health and social care brings together separate organisations that can benefit from pooled expertise and resources. The goal of the partnership is to enhance the efficiency and quality of service.

With the information provided in recent KiSPA nominations, it was evident that partnership working was one of the key elements to the success in the numerous complex cases presented.

**Information Sharing** describes the exchange of data between various organisations. This can be shared by individuals; shared by organisations; or shared between software. Information sharing must be necessary, proportionate, relevant, accurate, timely and secure. Always ensure that the information you share is necessary for the purpose for which you are sharing it, is shared only with those people who need it, is accurate and up-to-date, is shared in a timely fashion, and is shared securely.

A recent SAR Report indicated an improvement was required to information sharing between agencies and to ensure all agencies are signed up to an Information Sharing Agreement; to ensure this is promoted as a method of gaining and sharing information to enable safe decisions to be made; ensure through supervision that information has been shared appropriately, and to pay attention to patients who switch between public and private providers, sharing safeguarding concerns and best interests decisions.

### Kingston and Richmond Safeguarding Children's Partnership

Kingston & Richmond's Safeguarding Children's Partnership publishes monthly newsletters available on their homepage, you can sign up to receive them directly by email [here](#).

October's edition features items on Modern Slavery, and Parental Vulnerability and Adverse Childhood Experiences, which are relevant to safeguarding adults too. There is also information on how to access the varied training which professionals and volunteers are warmly welcomed to enrol on.

### Briefings

Seven Minute Briefings (7MB) are available on:

- [Adult Safeguarding Referrals](#) – helpful guidance on the essential information required

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

See [here](#) on “How to report a concern about the quality of care” or email [adultscommissioning@kingston.gov.uk](mailto:adultscommissioning@kingston.gov.uk)

## Good News

Since introducing the Kingston Safeguarding Adults Practice Awards (KiSPA) which recognises and rewards exemplary practice, we have been pleased with the response and would like to encourage more nominations. Two nominations were received for this month's KiSPA.

The first nomination was received from Claire Singers, Senior Practitioner – Adult Safeguarding who recognised that the recipient goes above and beyond whilst working with Social Workers on complex cases, reducing risks, safeguarding individuals, encouraging interventions whilst maintaining trusting relationships with adults at risk.

The recipient is: **Sam Horgan, OVP Support Worker**

The second nomination was received from Kerrie Klinger, Senior LD & Adult Safeguarding Nurse for Your Healthcare who recognised a multi-disciplinary team of professionals for their outstanding work in supporting an adult with care and support needs in an extremely complex case of self-neglect. The professionals built relationships and went above and beyond to provide support.

The recipients are: **Jade District Nursing Team (Your Healthcare); Elizabeth Nicholls, Tissue Viability Nurse (Your Healthcare); Adam Phippen, OVP Team; Camilla Gibbs, RBK Social Worker**

All this work exemplifies the safeguarding principles of Prevention and Partnership working.

Nominations are welcome and should be submitted on a completed Nomination Form and forwarded to [ksab@kingston.gov.uk](mailto:ksab@kingston.gov.uk) for consideration.



### SAR Sub Group

There are currently two ongoing SAR's with one SAR recently completed. There are currently no new referrals. Details of how to make a SAR Referral can be found [here](#).

The sub-group agreed the Final SAR Report which went to the October SAB to be endorsed. The sub-group also discussed learning from SAR's and the usefulness of 7MB's.

The next meeting is on 10<sup>th</sup> December 2020.



### Training Sub Group

The sub-group discussed focusing on training workshops highlighted during the pandemic for Self-Neglect, Domestic Abuse, Human Trafficking and Scams.

The next meeting is on 14<sup>th</sup> December 2020.



### Communications Sub Group

The sub-group discussed this year's **National Safeguarding Week, 16<sup>th</sup>-22<sup>nd</sup> November 2020**. Keep your eyes open for information being circulated during the week.

The next meeting is on 14<sup>th</sup> December 2020.

## 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](mailto:ksab@kingston.gov.uk) with the subject line 'SAB Newsletter'