

Chair's Blog Spot

Hello,

Happy New Year!

Welcome to the first KSAB Newsletter of 2021, I hope you find it informative.



Safeguarding and looking out for each other is especially important at the moment. With the current national lockdown ongoing, the threat of isolation and self-neglect is ever present for some. It is vital therefore that safeguarding is on the agenda of as many people as possible. As you will read below, we have introduced a drive to get safeguarding on as many team meeting agendas as possible, is it on yours?

The Board is currently planning an online learning session covering the Mental Capacity Act. This is hopefully going to take place in March and will be the first of our Subject Matter Expert sessions. Watch out for the date and booking details coming soon.

As you will read, a Safeguarding Practice Award has been presented to DCI Clair Kelland. I would also like to add my thanks for her dedication and support to adult safeguarding.

Thank you for reading. Richard

Board Summary

On the 21st January 2021, KSAB held their fourth virtual meeting. Amongst the usual business discussed at the Board, the Chair discussed raising safeguarding awareness more widely and for each agency to include safeguarding on Team Meeting Agenda's as it is everyone's responsibility. The team may not have anything to discuss on safeguarding but they are aware it is there for a purpose.

The SAB received from the Corporate Head of Community Housing the 'Rough Sleeper Fatality Review Procedure' for discussion and adoption. Also received was an update from the London Community Rehabilitation Company (LCRC). LCRC is working with approximately 185 service users who are resident in Kingston. LCRC's teams of Probation Practitioners operate from South Wimbledon, which they share with the National Probation Service (NPS). The teams are led by two Senior Probation Officers (Amy Tucker and Charlotte Bovill). Kingston falls within the South West Area, which comprises of 8 boroughs and is led by the Area Manager, Steven Calder (steven.calder@londoncrc.org.uk), who is the Operational and Strategic Head of Service across South West London.

The SAB approved the Final Draft of the KSAB Annual Report for 2019/20. The report will be published shortly. The SAB also approved for the Information Sharing Agreement (ISA) to be recirculated to all staff/agencies to improve awareness of the agreement. This had recently been shown as requiring attention in a recent SAR Report.

Adult Safeguarding Data Performance was discussed in detail, and it was agreed that the proposed Data Intelligence Sub-group which will look at specific issues of concern will be put on hold temporarily due to the current pressures in relation to the pandemic.

Spotlight on ... “London Fire Brigade”

Home Fire Safety Visits



Firefighters from the London Borough of Kingston's three fire stations have continued to provide free Home Fire Safety Visits throughout the Borough during the pandemic to vulnerable individuals.

A large number of these Home Fire Safety Visits have been arranged with the assistance of Kingston's Social Services and care providers. As part of these visits Firefighters have provided advice on how to prevent a fire in the home and what to do in the event of a fire in the home.

Hundreds of Kingston residents now know what to do regarding kitchen safety, bedtime routines, and have created an escape plan.

Whilst carrying out these home visits, Firefighters have been fitting smoke alarms, where needed. They have also provided fire retardant bedding to those who smoke with mobility issues.

The London Fire Brigade are keen to visit more homes especially those of vulnerable individuals i.e. the elderly; people with mobility issues; people who have visual or hearing impairments.

“NEW” Subject Matter Expert Sessions

The Subject Matter Expert programme will enhance the learning and development of staff and provide continuous professional development on an ongoing basis. It is further proposed that the programme will be offered to all staff across all key partner agencies commencing from April 2021. The sessions will be on a bi-monthly basis, virtually, with a view to move to classroom based sessions in the future, when safe to do so.

The sessions will be 2 hours and will cover topics such as Pressure Ulcer and Safeguarding; Hate Crime; Fraud & Scams; Learning Disability Mortality Review; Fire Safety; Hoarding; Financial abuse (Lasting Power of Attorney, wills and Deputy); MSP - Peer Advocate; Safeguarding in hospitals; Domestic Abuse and MARAC (including coercive & controlling behaviour); Modern Slavery; Care homes and quality; Homelessness and safeguarding; HBV/Forced Marriage; Prevent/WRAP; Domestic Abuse and Older People; Gangs/county line; Cuckooing or home invasion; Medication errors; Learning from the Pandemic.

It is hoped that individuals attending the sessions will gain a basic understanding on a specific topic; will learn about a specific area of safeguarding; be signposted to gain further knowledge and understanding; network with colleagues; ask questions and test their knowledge.

To enable the monitoring of the impact and effectiveness of the programme, a questionnaire will be sent to all attendees on a 6 monthly basis. The questionnaire will ask the individual to highlight the sessions they have attended and how these sessions have impacted on their day to day work. Responses from the questionnaires will also assist in developing and identifying future sessions.

Please send all enquiries and information to ksab@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. Feedback received from recipients at Your Healthcare have stated *'they appreciate the recognition'* and that *'it has lifted their moral'*.

One nomination was received for this month's KiSPA. The nomination came from Fergus Keegan, Director of Quality at SWL Clinical Commissioning Group. Fergus nominated DCI Clair Kelland for her continued support of the work of the Board and for taking on the Chair responsibility of the SAR Sub-group when required. The SAB unanimously agreed and thanked Clair and wished her well in her new appointment.

Nominations are welcome and should be submitted on a completed Nomination Form and forwarded to ksab@kingston.gov.uk for consideration.

Kingston Voluntary Action

KVA have launched a grant programme to support vulnerable adults and has been awarded £100,000 from the National Lottery Community Fund for the benefit of Kingston residents affected by Covid-19.

More information on the guidelines, full criteria, and deadline can be found [here](#).

SAR Sub Group



The two ongoing SAR's are currently progressing. There were 3 new referrals considered. Two referral did not meet the criteria for a SAR and it was decided the third referral could not be considered for a SAR until the current safeguarding enquiry had been completed.

The group's current Chair (DCI Kelland) is moving to a new role and confirmed the new Chair of the SAR Sub-group will be her replacement DI Semple.

Details of how to make a SAR Referral can be found [here](#). The next meeting is on 22nd March 2021.

Training Sub Group



The sub-group discussed over the last year training within organisations during the pandemic and ensuring safeguarding remains on the agenda; the link between SAR & Training Sub-groups in relation to SAR recommendations; however it remains a challenge to launch new initiatives during the pandemic. The next meeting is on 15th March 2021.

Communications Sub Group



The sub-group discussed all the feedback from National Safeguarding Adults Week and the safeguarding leaflets to be available at the Covid Vaccination Centres to increase awareness and reporting. The next meeting is on 15th March 2021.

Briefings

- **Matricide & Patricide** – an Information Leaflet for Practitioners can be found [here](#).

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'**