

Chair's Blog Spot

Hello,

Welcome to the April edition of the Kingston Safeguarding Adults Board Newsletter, I hope it finds you well.



You will see from the reports in the newsletter that there has been lots going on. The Subject Matter Expert Programme is up and running, with the first presentation on Mental Capacity being delivered in March. Application of the Mental Capacity Act was an area of concern raised in Safeguarding Adult Reviews, so I am pleased that this session was delivered. It is important that if you are able to attend these sessions, you take the opportunity to talk about them with colleagues. Not everyone can attend and talking about them afterwards spreads the learning more widely.

Back in March, I attended the local police extended Leadership Meeting and delivered a 6 Minute Briefing designed to raise awareness of safeguarding adults. The Police Leaders present have agreed to cascade the briefing to their teams. The link to the briefing can be found [here](#) and is available on the SAB website.

This will be the final blog that I write for the newsletter as I have taken the decision to stand down as the Chair of the Board. Thank you to all of you who work hard to keep the residents of Kingston safe, and thank you to the SAB members for their engagement with the board.

Thank you for reading, Richard

Board Summary

On the 22nd April 2021, KSAB held their fifth virtual meeting. Amongst the usual business discussed at the Board, there was a discussion on the 'Future of the Board'. Members all agreed it would be appropriate to review how the board works, what has been working well and what hasn't, its responsibilities, membership and what happens next.

The Board received Guidance on 'Person in a Position of Trust' draft procedures. This document provides a framework and toolkit for the approach and process to follow when responding to allegations and concerns relating to people who work in a Position of Trust with adults who have care and support needs.

Also discussed was KSAB SAR Report. This followed the first [National Analysis of Safeguarding Adult Reviews](#) (SARs) published in October 2020. It considered SARs completed between 01/04/17 and 31/03/19, which KSAB submitted data for inclusion in the analysis. The completed review posed a series of questions for SAB's and SAR authors. The questions raised in this report for consideration will be taken forward by the SAR Sub-group.

The Board decided to go ahead this year with the SAB Self-Assessment. It was agreed last year for this process to be paused due to the pandemic. KSAB in its role to seek assurance about the quality of safeguarding activity across all partner organisations, undertakes this process annually with all partners. The aim is to provide all organisations in the borough with a consistent framework to assess, monitor and/or improve their Safeguarding Adults arrangements. This in turn supports the Board in ensuring effective safeguarding practice across the borough.

Spotlight on ... “[Kingston Community Safety Training](#)”

Kingston’s Community Safety Team are joining with specialist services to offer a series of virtual, in-depth training sessions about community safety and safeguarding.

These sessions are open to all professionals within Kingston. Most of the sessions have a limited number of participants, so make sure you don’t miss out!

- 18th May, 10.30-12.30pm [Afruca Webinar - Understanding Harmful Practices within BME Communities](#)
- 21st May, 10.00-12.30pm [Supporting Victim/Survivors of Modern Slavery \(Adults focus\)](#)
- 27th May, 10.00-12.00pm [Supporting Survivors with Complex Needs](#)
- 14th June, 9.30-12.00pm [Stalking Awareness Training](#)
- 23rd June, 9.30-1.00pm [Supporting Survivors of Sexual Violence](#)
- 1st July, 10.30-12.30pm [Sensitively Handling Disclosures of Domestic Abuse](#)

Good News

Since introducing the Kingston Safeguarding Adults Practice Awards (KiSPA) which recognises and rewards exemplary practice, we have been pleased to have given a KiSPA to 9 recipients and 2 Teams.

There was one nomination received this month. The nomination came from Ivonne Hanniford, Team Leader – Chessington & Surbiton Hub who nominated **Amanjit Sandhu**, Senior Social Worker. Ivonne explained “Amanjit is the Safeguarding Lead with the Chessington & Surbiton Hub, taking responsibility of ensuring timescales are met, liaising with teams to ensure good practice as well as supporting colleagues. Any new referrals which are unknown to the team are subsequently held by Amanjit”. Ivonne stated Amanjit embodies all 6 Safeguarding principles – Empowerment, Prevention, Proportionality, Protection, Partnership and Accountability. A recent case demonstrated all these principles.

A safeguarding concern relating to a case of coercive control of an elderly person was received, all contact with family/friends had been severed and an LPA had been obtained. There were challenges consulting with the person, but eventually they were assessed independently and deemed as lacking capacity to make certain decisions.

The safeguarding enquiry involved partner organisations including Police, GP, DV Hub, Advocacy Services, Kingston Hospital, Office of Public Guardian and LA Legal Services. The case was also escalated to MARAC and referred for a SAR. The case was presented to the Court of Protection for a welfare decision. The person was overjoyed with the outcome; the social work assessment process supported them to identify their strengths in relation to positivity, resilience and wishes to live an active life.

The award highlights Amanjit’s excellent work, both on an individual level and also the benefits of involving and working with partner agencies to achieve positive outcomes.

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

Update - Subject Matter Expert Sessions

The Subject Matter Expert programme was launched in March and kicked off the programme with a session on the Mental Capacity Act facilitated by Alex Ruck-Keene. The session was well received and all those who attended have received a copy of Alex's presentation.

Further sessions have been set and are as follows:

- **Domestic Abuse and MARAC** (including coercive & controlling behaviour) – 20th May 2021, 10.00-12.00pm
- **DBS & Safeguarding** – 28th July 2021, 10.00-12.00pm
- **Pressure Ulcer & Safeguarding** – 22nd September 2021, 10.00-12.00pm

Future topics will cover 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; Modern Slavery; Care homes and quality; Homelessness and Safeguarding; HBV/Forced Marriage; Prevent/WRAP; Domestic Abuse and Older People; Gangs/County Lines; Cuckooing or Home Invasion; Medication Errors; Learning from the Pandemic. Each session will be approximately 2 hours and if you would like to attend, please email ksab@kingston.gov.uk, your place will be reserved and a calendar invite will be forwarded to you.



SAR Sub Group

The two ongoing SAR's are progressing, with one presenting their Final Report to the July Board. There were 3 new referrals considered. It was decided one will await the outcome of an SI/RCA; one did not meet the criteria for a SAR; further information was required and the current safeguarding enquiry to be completed. The case will be considered again at the June Meeting. The next meeting is on 23rd June 2021.

Details of how to make a SAR Referral can be found [here](#).



Training Sub Group

The sub-group discussed seeking reasonable assurance from partner agencies that training programmes have been sustained during the unusual circumstances of the last year and ensuring that the application of learning from SARs is being delivered. The next meeting is on 14th June 2021.



Communications Sub Group

The sub-group discussed the production of easy-read literature; reviewing themes and trends; developing Twitter & Facebook pages and linking with Kingston Safer Partnerships to support joint initiatives. The next meeting is on 14th June 2021.

Briefings

- Thank you to SW London Leads Group and Central London & Community Healthcare NHS Trust for sharing the following information:
 - [Domestic Homicide 7MB](#)
 - [Applying the SAFER Guidance when making a Referral to the LA](#)
- Information provided by the OT Department on **Electric Hoist Daily Checks** 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**'