

Chair's Blog Spot

Hello,

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

As the Board goes through a review, our statutory partners have stepped up to chair the board meetings in the interim. Thank you to Peter Warburton, Designate Nurse for Safeguarding Adults, SW London CCG for volunteering to chair the July and upcoming October board meetings, and for taking on this responsibility on behalf of the Board.

Thank you

Board Summary

On the 22nd July 2021, KSAB held their sixth virtual meeting. All Board Members agreed to the proposed Review Brief which will be conducted by Teresa Bell. The review will look at how the board works, what works well and what hasn't, its responsibilities, membership and what happens next. Teresa will be meeting (virtually) with members of the board and pulling together a report for the October Board.

Amongst other business discussed:

- The Board received the first SWL LeDeR Report (Learning Disability Mortality Review). The board acknowledged that the borough CCG had been commended across SWL for the completion of timely reviews. All those involved were congratulated.
- The Board has a statutory duty to produce an Annual Report and members were asked to provide key achievements for their organisation from 2020/21 as well as how their organisation adapted/operated during the Covid-19 Pandemic/Lockdown. Once the Annual Report is completed, it will be presented to the Health & Wellbeing Board and published on the website once agreed.
- The Board received the Q1 Safeguarding data which highlighted evidence of good partnership working.

Spotlight on ... “National Safeguarding Adults Week 2021”

This year, the **National Safeguarding Adults Week** will take place from the 15th to 19th November 2021.

Safeguarding Adults Week is a time for organisations to come together to raise awareness of important safeguarding issues. The aim is to highlight safeguarding key issues, facilitate conversations and to raise awareness of safeguarding best practice. So we can all be better together. We hope the week will enable more organisations and individuals to feel confident in recognising the signs of abuse and neglect and recording and reporting safeguarding concerns.

The [Ann Craft Trust](#) provide information and resources every year. This year, they are focussing on the theme of ‘Safer Cultures’. Promoting safer cultures is all about how organisations and individuals can take steps to minimise harm occurring in the first instance. At the same time, it means ensuring correct policies and procedures are in place. That way, if any safeguarding concerns are raised, they can be recognised and responded to swiftly and effectively.

Celebrating and promoting this week in Kingston, we have organised daily sessions under the Subject Matter Expert Programme as follows:

- 15th November – PREVENT
- 16th November – Basic Safeguarding Awareness
- 17th November – Think Family!
- 18th November – Adult Child to Parent Violence
- 19th November – Basic Safeguarding Awareness

All sessions will be held online from 10.00-12.00pm, and are open to all staff, and partner organisations. More information on each session will be advertised shortly, so keep a look out.

However if you would like to register an interest in any of the above, please email ksab@kingston.gov.uk, stating which sessions you are interested in and joining instructions will be forwarded.

Update - Subject Matter Expert Sessions

The Subject Matter Expert programme forthcoming sessions are as follows:

- **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. Your feedback from each of these sessions is invaluable to us, so wherever possible, please complete and return the feedback form – thank you.

Please send all enquiries and information to ksab@kingston.gov.uk

Good News

Kingston Women's Hub Launch

An exciting new collaboration between the Council, Refuge Charity, Voices of Hope and Kingsgate Church which includes the creation of a Women's Hub providing holistic support to women who have experienced multiple forms of abuse and multiple disadvantages.

The Women's Hub will include the One Stop Shop, Empowerment Groups, Peer Mentoring, Women's Choir and multiple self-care/empowerment workshops.

There will be a launch event scheduled for Tuesday 14th September at Kingsgate Church. If you would like to attend and show your support to this initiative, tickets can be reserved [here](#).

ALSO....

Amanjit Sandhu, Social Worker in ASC has joined the Adult Safeguarding Team on secondment for a year. Welcome to the team.

SAR Sub Group



The two ongoing SAR's are progressing, with one presenting their Final Report to the October Board following feedback from the sub-group. The group were updated on the new referrals received at the June meeting where further information was requested e.g. one will be reconsidered at the next meeting; with the safeguarding enquiry completed, it was decided the case did not meet the criteria for a SAR. A new referral was also received and it was decided and agreed by the board that it did not meet the criteria for a SAR. The next meeting is on 29th September 2021.

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

Training Sub Group



The sub-group discussed the positive feedback received from the S.M.E. programme which was launched in March 2021; feedback from the training survey and the continued assurance received from partners and proposed training with the voluntary sector. The next meeting is on 20th September 2021.

Communications Sub Group



The sub-group discussed the production of easy-read literature; reviewing themes and trends; developing Twitter & Facebook pages and the proposed plans for National Adult Safeguarding Week in November. The next meeting is on 20th September 2021.

KiSPA

9 recipients and 2 Teams have received a Kingston Safeguarding Practice Award to date and the feedback the SAB have received has been positive and it has lifted staff morale.

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

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 ensure the newsletter is relevant and helpful. Please participate by emailing us at ksab@kingston.gov.uk with the subject line 'SAB Newsletter'