

## Chair's Blog Spot

Hello,

Welcome to the November 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 continuing to volunteer to Chair the Board meetings in the interim, and for taking on this responsibility on behalf of the Board.

Finally, Kingston Safeguarding Adults Board would like to wish everyone a very Merry Christmas and all the best for a safe and healthy New Year. See you all in 2022

Thank you

## Board Summary

On the 24<sup>th</sup> November 2021, KSAB held their seventh virtual meeting. The Board received feedback from the KSAB Review undertaken by an Independent Reviewer, Teresa Bell. The review found there was a consistent view and understanding of where Kingston is currently from all members. However, there is an over reliance on certain members and a lack of funding compared to other SAB's. The review recommended recruitment of an Independent Chair who will be impartial and with links to other networks; review core partner contribution and establish a realistic budget; review of all sub-groups; Development Day to be arranged to refresh the Board Strategy and develop a Business Plan.

Amongst other business discussed KSAB received feedback of the events held during the 2021 National Adults Safeguarding Week which included sessions on Safeguarding Awareness, Think Family!, Prevent and Adult Child to Parent Violence; Guidance on SAR Principles will be used in conjunction with the London multi-agency safeguarding adult's policy and procedures and has been designed with the aim of standardising how SARs are conducted and will be incorporated into the SAR Policy; a Covid-19 Safeguarding Audit was carried out to review how safeguarding activity was affected by the pandemic in order to inform our future responses to people with safeguarding needs; the latest adult safeguarding performance data for the last quarter was received; a Final SAR Report was received for approval.

### **“National SAB Awards 2021”**

This year, the National Safeguarding Adult Network held the first **National SAB Awards**, which Kingston Safeguarding Adults Board gave their support to. SAB's were invited to submit their nominees to the following categories:

- Empowerment Champion – someone/team who demonstrated empowering individuals
- Prevention Champion – someone/team who demonstrated or acted to prevent abuse or neglect
- Proportionality Champion – someone/team who demonstrated being balanced in their approach to ensure the least intrusive response
- Partnership Champion – someone/team who demonstrated working in partnership
- Accountability Champion – someone/team who demonstrated keeping others accountable, including themselves
- Protection Champion – someone/team who demonstrated protecting adults at risk
- Lifetime Award – includes anyone who has demonstrated more than 20 years' experience in Safeguarding Adults
- Innovation – includes all areas where someone/team has been creative and set new ways of working with adults at risk

The Network agreed that each category winner would receive a certificate, trophy and local and national recognition. Along with offering their support, KSAB submitted two nominations for the awards, who were previous recipients of a Kingston Safeguarding Practice Award (KiSPA) from KSAB. The nominees were:

Blue District Nursing Team, Your Healthcare – Empowerment Champion  
3 Police Officers, Kingston Police – Protection Champion

The Board would like to congratulate both teams on their nominations. However, we are pleased to announce the **'Blue District Nursing Team'** won their category and were named **“Empowerment Champions”**.

Jo Maulding, Lead for Community Nursing at Your Healthcare said *“We would like to thank the KSAB for nominating our service for this award. We were delighted to receive the award and gain recognition for the hard work and expertise in the Community Nursing Team and their ability to respond to complex safeguarding concerns”*.

# CONGRATULATIONS

## Update - Subject Matter Expert Session

The Subject Matter Expert programme forthcoming session is as follows:

- **Medication Errors & Safeguarding** – 6<sup>th</sup> January 2022, 10.00-12.00pm

This session will be to provide an update on the general principles of Medicines Management including the legal responsibilities of Registered Nurses, and to discuss the threshold for Adult Safeguarding and key aspects relevant to information gathering and Section 42 Enquiries.

This session will be approximately 2 hours and if you would like to attend, please email [ksab@kingston.gov.uk](mailto: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.



### SAR Sub Group

There is one ongoing SAR progressing which will hopefully see the Final Report presented to the January SAB. The Final Report of another SAR was presented at the meeting, and following feedback from the sub-group, was approved by the Board. No new referrals were received for consideration and the Chair requested a Summary of SAR Themes for discussion at the next sub-group meeting.

The next meeting is on 15<sup>th</sup> December 2021.

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



### Training Sub Group

The sub-group discussed maintaining training standards during challenging times, training capacity in and to support the voluntary sector and Subject Matter Expert Programme.

The next meeting is on 14<sup>th</sup> December 2021.



### Communications Sub Group

The sub-group discussed the 'Tricky Friends Video' which has been developed by Norfolk SAB and aimed at Learning Disability service users. Norfolk SAB offered the video to other SAB's which can be geographically adjusted for a minimal fee, National SAB Awards and the need for a new Sub-group Chair to be sought.

The next meeting is on 14<sup>th</sup> December 2021.

## KiSPA

Nominations are always welcome and should be submitted on a Nomination Form and forwarded to [ksab@kingston.gov.uk](mailto: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](mailto:ksab@kingston.gov.uk) with the subject line 'SAB Newsletter'