

Chair's Blog Spot

Hello,

Welcome to the January edition of the Kingston Safeguarding Adults Board Newsletter, and Happy New Year to you all.

Thank you once again 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, whilst the process for recruitment of an Independent Chair gets underway.

Thank you

Board Summary

On the 24th November 2021, KSAB held their eighth virtual meeting and discussed the ongoing process for the recruitment of an Independent Chair for the KSAB.

Amongst other business discussed KSAB received a presentation from Keval Shah, the Strategic Head of Support Family's on "Family's First Model". This model was designed by Hertfordshire to tackle the challenges around children safeguarding and the risk of harm i.e. domestic abuse, substance misuse and mental health. The service will be launching in Kingston on 1st April 2022. The aim is to support children's social workers in tackling the risk factors through multi-disciplinary teams that can work with the adults in the family alongside the children's social workers and make the job a 'double role'.

Since being introduced in Hertfordshire, they have reported a 50% reduction in child protection plans, 30% reduction in the under 12's coming into care and 66% reduction in repeat police callouts to domestic abuse incidents.

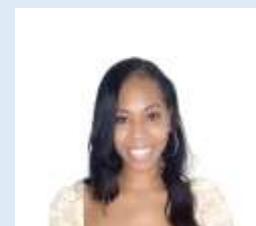
The SAB also received a briefing from Roberta Evans, Assoc Director – Adolescent Safeguarding team & Youth Justice Service on Vulnerable Adolescents Supported into Adulthood Protocol which is aimed at those that would fall between the gaps transitioning to adults. It includes new and existing pathways, gaps in services for young people aged 18-25, links to other resource papers, VASA Panel is hoped to bridge the gap.

Amongst other business discussed, the SAB received feedback from SAB Audit Challenge and thanks was expressed to partners who had participated and there was recognition of the areas for future focus; the latest adult safeguarding performance data for the last quarter was received; the latest KiSPA nomination was agreed. (Further details on page 2); a desktop review on Modern Slavery which looked depth whether we are meeting our statutory duties under The Modern Day Slavery Act 2015. The remit of the audit focussed on safeguarding referrals where modern slavery and/or cuckooing had been identified. The aim of this analysis of data was to identify areas of learning and development and assist with forward planning and safeguarding practice development.

Spotlight - Introduction to.....

"Tara Osbourne-Wallace"

Tara joined South West London & St. George's Mental Health Trust in December 2021 as the new Safeguarding Adults & Prevent Lead.



Tara is a Social Worker by background and has worked within Local authorities for the past decade. Prior to joining the Trust she managed the Safeguarding Adults & DoLS Team in Southwark Council.

Tara's role as Safeguarding Adults Lead involves:

- Having strategic oversight of adult safeguarding within all service areas across the Trust. This includes monitoring performance and providing assurance to senior management via quarterly reports.
- Nurturing a safeguarding culture and promoting safe, effective and person-centred safeguarding practice.
- Providing advice, guidance and support to staff and managers for all complex issues relating to adult safeguarding.

Tara's contact details are Tara.OsbourneWallace@swlstg.nhs.uk or on 020-3513-6391

KiSPA (Kingston Safeguarding Practice Award)

The Kingston Safeguarding Adults Practice Awards (KiSPA) was introduced to recognise and reward exemplary safeguarding practice. A KiSPA has been awarded to several recipients and this month one nomination was received.

The nomination came from Gemma Blunt, Corporate Head of Safeguarding who nominated **Sandy Rosher**, Senior Social Worker in the Access & Safeguarding Team, for her skill, commitment and hard work with a particular complex Modern Slavery case that was referred through to Adult Social Care.

The nomination has recognised the Safeguarding Principles of Empowerment, Prevention, Protection and Partnership were met.

Sandy demonstrated excellent safeguarding practice, which evidenced the principles of Making Safeguarding Personal. This safeguarding practice has demonstrated excellent partnership working between Adult Social Care and the Salvation Army. The Adult at Risk's first language was not English and therefore an interpreter was organised to be present. This not only empowered the adult at risk to share her views and details of the concern, but also ensured that the adult at risk was at the centre of the safeguarding process. During this telephone conversation Sandy was successfully able to discuss the National Referral Mechanism (NRM), which demonstrated protection to the adult at risk but also prevention of the further risk of Modern Slavery/Human Trafficking.

The SAB would like to pass on their **Congratulations** to Sander Rosher for her extraordinary work.

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

Update - Subject Matter Expert Session

The Subject Matter Expert programme forthcoming session is as follows:

- **Basic Safeguarding Awareness** – 29th March 2022, 10.00-12.00pm

This is an introduction to Adult Safeguarding and is aimed at those individuals who are new to their roles and require a basic understanding. The session will cover all areas of adult safeguarding including the types of abuse, triggers, indicators plus much more.

This 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.



SAR Sub Group

There is one SAR with the Final Report to be presented to the sub-group and SAB. The recommendations of another Final Report have been redefined and will be presented to the next sub-group meeting. One new referral was received but did not meet the criteria and the group discussed a deep-dive into the completed SAR's in Kingston, their respective recommendations, how these are tracked and if they are making a difference, and what is the potential impact.

The next meeting is on 28th March 2022.

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



Training Sub Group

The sub-group discussed feedback from National Safeguarding Adults Weeks, Voluntary Sector Training, Subject Matter Expert Programme and revision of the Training Strategy

The next meeting is on 4th April 2022.



Communications Sub Group

The sub-group did not meet in December however the meeting was rescheduled for the New Year. The sub-group discussed new initiatives. The Sub-group also thanked the outgoing Chair and confirmed the new Joint chairs of the Sub-group going forward. The next meeting will focus on reviewing the communications strategy, membership of the group and new initiatives.

The next meeting is on 4th April 2022.

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.

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