

Chair's Blog Spot

Hello,

I have been Chair since 15th July 2022, working 3 days a month. My priorities have been to meet SAB members, to observe subgroups, to consider the approval of SARs, and to chair my first SAB. It has been wonderful to meet people, and I am aware I have so many more to meet. I have been inspired by the commitment of those engaged in the safeguarding of adults across Kingston.

My plan over the coming months is to refresh how we work together and with Kingston residents to ensure that we can continue to work towards our vision *'for individuals within the community of Kingston to be able to live a life free from abuse and neglect'* during challenging times.

I will be pledging my commitment to the nine principles for safeguarding set out in this newsletter. I urge you all to do the same so that we can work together to continually improve the safeguarding of adults at risk in Kingston.

National Safeguarding Adults Week will be held 21st-25th November 2022. Please look out for Kingston events as well as other events across South West London and Pan London.

Best wishes,
Nicky

Board Summary

On the 20th October 2022, KSAB held a virtual meeting.

The Board received a presentation by Kavitha Ramakrishnan on Adult Child to Parent Violence, i.e., Any incident or pattern of incidents of controlling, coercive or threatening behaviour, violence, or abuse between those aged 16 or over who are or have been intimate partners or family members regardless of gender or sexuality. This can encompass but is not limited to the following types of abuse: psychological, physical, sexual, financial or emotional.

This highlighted the most common features found in Kingston cases of this type of violence. Key local themes included: gendered violence, caring relationships/responsibilities, substance misuse or mental health needs of perpetrator not being met, and that 20% perpetrators were under 20, with 60% of victims being over the age of 61 years. KSAB will include the learning to inform Safeguarding Adult week and include in the transitional safeguarding work with the Safeguarding Children Partnership.

KSAB reviewed the Q2 Adult Safeguarding Performance Data showing that neglect and self-neglect are the most common forms of abuse/neglect.

Nicky Brownjohn, the new Independent Chair, gave her reflections on learnings from the SAB Review, what it means for the SAB going forward and arrangements for the Development Day in December; a summary of the LeDeR Annual Report (Deaths of those with a Learning disability) from Peter Warburton was received; SAB members were also given a brief summary of 2 finalised SAR Reports for 'Ella' and 'Connie'. The SAR subgroup will lead on taking forward the learning and recommendations from the reviews. In January 2023, there will be a focus on learning from service user and family feedback for the SAB, following on from the 'Connie' review.

The next scheduled KSAB is on 19th January 2023 commencing at 1.00pm

Spotlight on.....

“Safeguarding Pledge”

We are pleased to announce the launch of the Safeguarding Adults Pledge in RBK

This year for National Safeguarding Adults Week (21st-25th November 2022), Kingston Safeguarding Adults Board are inviting partner agencies and organisations in RBK to join together to sign a pledge to uphold adult safeguarding responsibilities within RBK.

The pledge sets out to ensure that all organisations in RBK work together to commit to the protection of adults at risk from abuse, neglect and exploitation. We want to ensure that we work together to ensure that the public, service users, carers, employees, independent providers and the voluntary and community sector are aware of and well informed about safeguarding adults.

Our pledge is made up of the following 9 key principles:

- We believe that safeguarding is everyone’s business.
- We commit to safeguarding and promoting the wellbeing of adults
- We will act in partnership with other key agencies to take action without delay when abuse or neglect is suspected.
- We know how to recognise and report safeguarding concerns and issues.
- We believe that adults should be involved in all decisions affecting their lives with choice and control in how they live their lives.
- We support adults, families and advocates to understand and engage in safeguarding processes and enquiries.
- We will ensure that outcomes of safeguarding enquiries are meaningful to all adults and their families.
- We promote a culture where safeguarding is openly discussed and training is encouraged.
- We learn from reviewing our safeguarding practice and embed this into our practice.

What Next

We are asking our partner organisations to complete and sign a certificate to confirm agreement to all 9 principles. We will be showcasing Pledge certificates during the NASW plus, if you wish to share a photo with your Pledge that would be welcomed!

We look forward to hearing about how you will be upholding the Safeguarding Adults Pledge within your organisation.

If you would like further information on the Safeguarding Pledge, please contact amanjit.sandhu@kingston.gov.uk

Subject Matter Expert Sessions

The sessions arranged to coincide with this year's **National Adult Safeguarding Week 2022** are as follows:

➤ **DA & Older V/S: Session 1 – 21st November 2022 & Session 2 - 22nd November 2022**
10.00-12.30pm

The training will equip participants with knowledge to increase their understanding around domestic and/or sexual abuse and the issues for women over the age of 55 (including women with disabilities) experiencing violence and abuse within intimate relationships, including abuse from adult children and other family members. The session will cover understanding and identifying DV, myths & misconceptions, barriers and the impact, working with survivors, risk management/MARAC, safety planning, options available to survivors, challenges faced by services, resources and much more.

Important Note:- You will have to attend both sessions.

➤ **Basic Safeguarding Awareness – 23rd November 2022 – 10.00-12.30pm**

This session 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.

➤ **Modern Slavery & Exploitation – 24th November 2022 – 10.00-12.30pm**

The session will be focussed around Modern Slavery awareness and Cuckooing. Spotting the signs and indicators and reporting pathways.

➤ **Introduction to Prevent – 25th November 2022 – 10.00-12.30pm**

The session will provide an introduction to Prevent and the Prevent Duty. It will explore what radicalisation is and how it happens, as well as an overview of the main platforms where online radicalisation takes place. The session will also cover what Channel Panel is, as well as the local Kingston Referral Pathway and Prevent specific learning opportunities.

Reserve your place before they get all booked. Please email ksab@kingston.gov.uk if you would like to attend any or all of these sessions and a calendar invite will be forwarded to you.

KiSPA (Kingston Safeguarding Practice Award)

The Kingston Safeguarding Adults Practice Awards (KiSPA) was introduced to recognise and reward exemplary safeguarding practice.

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

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

KSAB Sub-Group Update



SAR Sub Group

At the last SAR Sub-group meeting in September the sub-group received the Final Reports from 2 SAR's prior to SAB ratification.

The sub-group also discussed a draft SAR Information Leaflet.

The next meeting is scheduled for 19th December 2022, however there has been a necessity to arrange an Extraordinary SAR Sub-group to consider 3 new referrals. This meeting will take place on the 10th November 2022. All new referrals should be submitted in advance and sent to sar.referral@kingston.gov.uk

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



Training Sub Group

At the last Training Sub-group meeting in October the group discussed the Training Strategy, the Train the Trainer proposal for the Board, and a review of the sub-groups role. This will be discussed in more detail at the December meeting.

Updates from received from agency and voluntary partners.

The next meeting is scheduled for 12th December 2022.



Communications Sub Group

At the last Comms Sub-group meeting in October the new online web-based Safeguarding Concern form was discussed. This will allow for easier reporting and the link to the form is included below: [safeguarding concern referral](#)

The Safeguarding Pledge was also discussed and drafts of Easy Read Leaflets will be ready to share with the group at the next meeting.

The next meeting is scheduled for 12th December 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.

Please participate by emailing us at ksab@kingston.gov.uk with the subject line 'SAB Newsletter'