



Chair's Blog Spot

Hello,

Welcome to the spring newsletter.

In April, we held a very busy Board meeting. This met my expectations for keeping the learning from safeguarding adult reviews at the forefront of our work. I was pleased to welcome members of the Kingston and Richmond Safeguarding Children's Partnership to enable us to have a focus on how we work together to promote smooth transitions from child to adulthood, particularly for individuals at risk of harm. I will update you on this throughout the year.

The Board has been trying to find the best ways in which to strengthen the voice of those with lived experience of safeguarding, including their families. I am delighted that we have found some creative ideas we are planning on testing out. I hope to be able to give an outline of this in the next newsletter.

I am happy to announce the launch of 'Lunchtime Learning from SARs' events. They will be held monthly. I will start them off but I would like to see others talking about how they have made changes following SARs. Please do contact the SAB email (ksab@kingston.govuk) if you would like to get involved in presenting at one of these events.

Best wishes,

Nicky

Board Summary

On the 20th April 2023, KSAB held a virtual meeting. This SAB continued the focus on learning from recommendations from SARs. The April Board in particular focussed on Transitional Safeguarding which was recently highlighted in a Tri-Borough SAR. A summary of the Tri-borough SAR was given to board members along with the recommendations.

The Board received a presentation by Roberta Evans, Associate Director for Family & Youth Support – Early Health on Transitional Safeguarding. The presentation explained the gaps in transition with potentially 70% of children transitioning without adult social care support. Many young people with risks of exploitation and violence move into adulthood without any ongoing support. A protocol has been established along with a Panel to review high risk young adults to consider a multi-agency safety and risk management approach.

The Board also received a presentation by Sade Harvey, VASA Co-ordinator on the VASA (Vulnerable Adults Supported into Adulthood) Panel. The panel has strong membership from agencies across Kingston & Richmond including colleagues from the Police, Community Safety Partnership, and Achieving for Children, Adult Social Care, Adolescent Social Care, Contextual Safeguarding, Health Services and more.

The board continued its discussions from the January meeting about how to best incorporate those with lived experience. This will be worked on over the coming months.

There was a briefing on Safeguarding Asylum Seekers, as well as an update on the early intervention work regarding self-neglect. Then the Board had a session on looking at how it can gain greater assurance from data and intelligence. There were discussions in relation to: safeguarding outcomes in Care Homes and the risks relating to hospital discharge. A current standing item for the Board is to keep a watchful eye on the impact of the Cost-of-Living crisis on safeguarding issues.

The next scheduled KSAB is on 13th July 2023 commencing at 1.00pm

Spotlight on....

“Lunchtime Learning from SARs”

The SAB is pleased to announce that following feedback from colleagues, we have arranged some virtual lunchtime sessions with the aim of improving your understanding of SARs (Safeguarding Adult Reviews) and to also share recommendations and findings from the reports.

*The first two sessions will focus on the “*Sylvia SAR*”. This was a Tri-borough SAR between Croydon, Kingston and Bromley with Croydon being the lead agency.

Each session will run for an hour (1-2pm) on the following dates:

- 25th May 2023*
- 15th June 2023*
- 17th August 2023
- 21st September 2023

If you would like to attend any of the sessions, please email ksab@kingston.gov.uk and a calendar invite will be forwarded directly to you.

Don't miss out on securing your place at these interesting events!

We would like to see others talking about how they have made changes following SARs. Please do contact the SAB email (ksab@kingston.gov.uk) if you would like to get involved in presenting at one of these events.

Subject Matter Expert Sessions

S.M.E sessions have been arranged as follows:

➤ **Basic Safeguarding Awareness**

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.

Dates: 21st June 2023
 28th September 2023
 21st November 2023

All sessions are run virtually from 10.00am to 12.30pm. Reserve your place before they get all booked by emailing ksab@kingston.gov.uk. A calendar invite will be forwarded to you.

Your feedback from each of these sessions is invaluable to us, so wherever possible, please provide feedback – thank you.

➤ **New S.M.E. Sessions**

What would you like to hear about, is there something new you would like to learn or need a refresh on a topic, please get in touch and let us know on ksab@kingston.gov.uk.

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 March, the Recommendations from a Tri-borough SAR were discussed and actioned.

The draft Terms of Reference for a new SAR were agreed. A report will be prepared for the next sub-group meeting on issues identified/raised in relation to cases that had not gone to SAR but had additional learning to be discussed.

No new referrals for consideration were received.

The next meeting is scheduled for 26th June 2023 and 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 March, useful conversations continued on how to be more responsive and take forward learning from SARs.

A paper on how the group will look going forward will be presented to the next SAB.

The next meeting is scheduled for 21st June 2023

Communications Sub Group



At the last Comms Sub-group meeting in March, discussions covered a possible survey for professional/providers and residents; the Safeguarding Pledge being rolled out to businesses; the review of Easy Read Literature put together by Healthwatch. This was agreed to be rolled out to frontline staff.

The next meeting is scheduled for 21st June 2023.

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'