

Kingston Safeguarding Adults Board (KSAB) and introducing the Common Safeguarding Objective

At the beginning of this year's National Safeguarding Adults Week I am introducing the concept of a Common Safeguarding Objective to you and your agency, and to invite you to adopt it for your staff.

KSAB has a set of strategic priorities that you have, as agencies agreed to and are working towards achieving to protect adults at risk in Kingston. In line with the KSAB aim to continue to strengthen the wider partnership, a common safeguarding objective has been developed. It has been created and shared by our neighbouring SAB at Richmond & Wandsworth, which I also chair. The objective is written for individual staff members (at all levels and ranks) to be assigned, and their contribution monitored through their annual appraisal.

I believe that if people across the KSAB partnership have a common purpose it delivers the following benefits;

- It brings people together and enables them to work more collaboratively to safeguard adults and improve outcomes
- It shows a positive statement of intent, to make safeguarding everyone's business
- It reinforces agencies' commitment to safeguarding and the aims of the Safeguarding Adults Board.

It is acknowledged that each agency that makes up the KSAB is different, and may have unique systems and regulations governing staff appraisals. Consequently, can I please ask that this is considered and discussed at the appropriate level within your organisation and wherever possible the common objective is adopted by your agency, teams and individual staff.

As this is a local KSAB initiative, I would be grateful if once considered you have any questions, and whether adopted or not, you feedback to Dawn Fenton, SAB Support Officer email address.

Please also let us know of any events, activities or training you are holding to raise awareness of adult safeguarding this week. Thank you.