

SAB BULLETIN

Safeguarding Adults Week Special

Safeguarding Adults Board

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Working to prevent **Abuse or Neglect** in the borough

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Welcome to this Safeguarding Adults Week Special Edition of the bulletin.

Royal Borough of Greenwich Safeguarding Adults Board (GSAB) held our first Safeguarding Adults Week in Royal Borough of Greenwich from 19th-23rd June 2017.

This special edition of the SAB bulletin will share with you the highlights of the event where you can get further information and where you can give feedback.

You can access the Royal Borough of Greenwich Safeguarding Adults Board 2016-17 full Annual report and Strategic Plan as well as these bulletins and upcoming events via the Safeguarding Adults Board website

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*In the Royal Borough of Greenwich, adult safeguarding is about **working together** to **prevent** and stop the risks and experience of **abuse or neglect**. We are committed to ensuring that people's **wellbeing** is **promoted** and staff from across organizations give regard to their views, wishes, feelings and beliefs in deciding on any action.*



Events and Training Workshops

We held a total of 18 events over the week attended by over 250 people (attendees ranged from RBG staff, Health staff, voluntary sector and members of the public

Events included;

- The A-Team- Basic Safeguarding Adults Awareness sessions for people with a Learning Disability.
- Mental Capacity Act
- Care Act Advocacy
- Domestic Abuse
- Forced Marriage / FGM
- London Fire Brigade Fire Safety
- Basic Safeguarding Adults Awareness
- Metropolitan Police Safeguarding in care homes
- Joint Adults and Children's Conference
- Trading Standards
- PREVENT
- RBG Commissioning
- Restorative Justice and Adult Safeguarding
- Hate Crime
- Public Event in General Gordon's Square

If you would like more information about any of the workshops including PowerPoint presentations or contact details, please contact safeguarding-adults-board@royalgreenwich.gov.uk who would be happy to help.

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Feedback from Survey Monkey for the Week

85% of respondents rated the quality of the week as **Excellent and Very Good**

90% of respondents said they were **extremely or very likely** to attend a similar event in the future

All attendees said they would recommend this week to a colleague/ friend.

Feedback from the week highlighted the need to increase the length of time for subsequent events so that people have more capacity to attend more events. Next year we will be hosting a **Safeguarding Adults Month!!**

Anonymous questionnaire

We also undertook a questionnaire for members of the public to complete anonymously. This asked questions around the level of understanding around safeguarding adults, who they would report abuse to and barriers to reporting.

When asked who you would contact if you or someone you know was being abused, over 50% of respondents said they would contact the Police and 27% would contact the Local authority. This questionnaire highlighted the need to undertake more community raising awareness events with members of the public. The questionnaire also highlighted the need to utilize social media platforms in order to raise awareness, this is something that the GSAB is hoping to progress.



Thank you

“Safeguarding is Everyone’s business”

GSAB would like to thank all those that supported the Safeguarding Adults Week. The week was a great example of true partnership working and the GSAB and Independent Chair would like to give a special Thank you to **Safeguarding Adults Team, London Fire Brigade, Metropolitan Police, Healthwatch, GriP, The Her Centre, Charlton Athletic Community Trust, GSCB, The Metro, Trading Standards, Prevent Co-ordinator, Adults PSW, RBG Commissioning, Oxleas NHS Foundation Trust, Advocacy for All, Lifeline, and Greenwich Advocacy Partnership.**

And all those of you who attended an event- we really hope that you found the week useful and you gained a greater awareness of Safeguarding Adults issues within Royal Borough of Greenwich that you can implement in your day to day work.

“Very interesting subjects, good presenters. Very shocked by some of the statistics, a learning curve”

Public Event in General Gordon Square, Woolwich.

On 23rd June we hosted a public event in General Gordon Square, Woolwich. We had stalls on the green from 10am-2pm and also had use of the “Big Screen” where we gave information about safeguarding adults and who to contact if you need to raise a concern. We also showed 2 videos around human trafficking/modern slavery. The event went very well except for the occasional windy blow which took some of our leaflets with it!! We had a mix of stalls hosted by partners and we also undertook an anonymous questionnaire with members of the public. We were also lucky enough to have a London Fire Brigade Engine and crew in attendance raising awareness of fire safety with residents. We hoped this event would raise awareness of Safeguarding Adults in the borough amongst local residents and indeed some very interesting conversations were had by those who engaged with the stalls.



Joint Safeguarding Adults Conference

GSCB and GSAB - working in partnership with the Safer Communities Team and Greenwich Clinical Commissioning Group
Present

Working Together to Keep Everybody Safe
From Modern Slavery, Forced Marriage, Honour-based Violence and FGM



Wednesday 21st June 2017 (9:30—16:30)
Charlton Athletic Football Club

The aim of this conference was to bring together practitioners from services with a key role in identifying and protecting people at risk in Greenwich.

125 delegates attended the conference, representing a wide range of agencies including social care, schools, health organisations, Police, Probation and the voluntary sector.

Keynote Speaker were;

- Tamara Barnett, Human Trafficking Foundation- Tamara's presentation talked about reporting duties, recognition and response to modern slavery. *"Clear, informative and effective at conveying the particularly cross-cutting nature of the issue"*
- Sophie Lott, Forced Marriage Unit – Sophie talked about what forced marriage is, how to recognise the signs and what to do to support victims. *"An excellent mix of information to help understand the complexities of the issue and benefit from the speaker's first-hand knowledge of case"*



- Survivor talk – A survivor of harmful practises; she was forced to marry at a young age and went on to experience honour-based violence as she tried to resist the harsh restrictions enforced upon her by her husband's family. *"Absolutely brilliant. Words couldn't really describe it, as the bravery and courage this lady showed was beyond words"*

2 short films produced by Unchosen were also screened to illustrate Tamara's presentation- these were entitled "What do you see" and "Together we can end Modern slavery". These were also shown on the big screen in General Gordon's Square for our public event held on 23rd June.

The conference was facilitated by Nicky Pace and Mark Godfrey, Independent Chairs of the GSCB and GSAB respectively.



During the afternoon session there were four different seminars for delegates to choose from:

1. *Understanding FGM* facilitated by Forward UK
2. *Forced Marriage: Assisting those at risk* facilitated by the Forced Marriage Unit
3. *Human Trafficking* facilitated by The Salvation Army
4. *Ending Harmful Practises: Honour-Based Violence* facilitated by the Asian Women's Resource Centre

All afternoon presentations received an overall rating of between 3.7- 4.3 out of 5.

"Running this as a joint event by the safeguarding boards really worked - it immediately broke through two of the biggest potential "silos" and helped to put everyone from all agencies on a more equal footing for discussions and sharing perspectives - more like this please!"

Survey monkey feedback- 94% of the respondents rated the event as **very good or excellent**

99% of respondents are **very likely or extremely likely** to attend future conferences.

91% of the respondents indicated that the event was **very or extremely valuable** in relation to their professional development

When asked what action they intended to take following the event delegates reported a number of ways in which they planned to utilise their learning from the day;

- **Share learning with colleagues –**
- **Encourage staff to attend further training**
- **A more proactive approach to recognition Raise Awareness**
- **Develop Processes and Guidance**

Strengths of the conference

- All but one of the sessions met our target score of 4/5
- Delegates reported an increase in awareness and ability to recognise and respond to Modern Slavery, Forced Marriage, Honour-Based Violence & FGM
- A number of delegates remarked that they enjoyed the joint nature of this conference and the opportunities for networking that it provided.



“This was the highest quality and most useful training event of any kind run in Greenwich that I have attended! It was an excellent platform from which to build work to raise awareness and understanding throughout the borough’s partner services”

Annual Report

GSAB Annual report 2016/17 has now been completed and agreed by the GSAB Board and Leadership Executive Group and was presented to Cabinet on 13th September. You can view the annual report via the GSAB website safeguarding-adults-board@royalgreenwich.gov.uk

Dates for the diary

GSAB Board Meeting- 21st September 2017

The Forever Young Festival- 22nd September 2017 11am-4pm @ The Stables, Charlton, for more information

https://gallery.mailchimp.com/e03eb7770e6f224b8e1ab064f/files/15851c44-a88f-41a4-8fcd-9d9f4f78a6a2/The_Forever_Young_Festival_2017_Invitation.01.pdf

Hate Crime Awareness Week- 16th October- 20th October please come to one of our pop-ups for information and advice.

17th October 11am-4pm @ Eltham Centre

18th October 11am-4pm @ The Greenwich Centre

19th October 11am-4pm @ The Greenwich Centre

For more information visit

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Human Trafficking Training sessions

Safeguarding, CCG and Community Safety colleagues will be running 4 training sessions around Human Trafficking for practitioners. To register your interest contact safeguarding-adults-board@royalgreenwich.gov.uk

22nd September 2017-1pm-4pm,
Town Hall Room 5

27th October 2017- Room B.12a, The Woolwich Centre

24th November 2017- Room B.12b, The Woolwich Centre

15th December 2017- Room B.12a, The Woolwich Centre

Welcome

A very big Welcome to Alix Jamieson. Alix joined the Safeguarding Adults Team in June as the new Safeguarding Adults Board Administrator. Alix is a very welcome addition to the team and has already made a huge impact in helping organise Safeguarding Adults Week as well as supporting with all statutory functions of the board. I am sure you will join us in welcoming Alix into his new role.