

SAB BULLETIN

Safeguarding Adults Board

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

www.greenwichsafeguardingadults.org.uk

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Welcome to this edition of the SAB Bulletin.

This Bulletin is aimed to keep you up to date with the work of the SAB and any relevant local and national updates in relation to Safeguarding Adults.

You can access all of the Royal Borough of Greenwich Safeguarding Adults Board documentation on our website

www.greenwichsafeguardingadults.org.uk

*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.*

Key Statistics:

There have been 609 Safeguarding concerns raised by the Royal Borough of Greenwich by end of Quarter 3 (Dec 2016) and 157 enquires.

The most common type of abuse is neglect followed by physical abuse and the most common source of abuse was Residential care home followed by 'own home'.

The proportion of people who use services who say those services have made them feel safe and secure is 84% which is slightly higher than the London average.

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SAB Recent Activities

It has been an exciting and busy few months for the SAB as we approach the end of our current strategic plan 2015-17. The Board organised 4 events in preparing our brand new strategic plan and actions plan, these included

9th January 2017 "Setting new priorities Event" – Partners came together to identify the Board new objectives based on the 6 key principals of the Care Act.

9th February 2017 "Challenge Event"- As well as reviewing each other's audit tools, partners identified the key actions for the Board for the next 3 years.

1st March 2017 Greenwich Inclusion Project (GrIP) facilitated a workshop with community leaders to discuss the SAB's priorities around communication and engagement with the public.

15th March 2017- SAB Co-chairs came together to allocate the objectives and priorities in the Strategic plan to each sub-group.

New Strategic Plan 2017-20

At the SAB meeting on 23rd March 2017 the new Safeguarding Adults Strategic Plan and action Plan 2017-20 was agreed and signed off. You will be able to view the whole plan on the website www.greenwichsafeguardingadults.org.uk. The action plan will be updated after each Board meeting to reflect on-going activity.

The Plan reflects the six key principles of The Care Act; **Empowerment, Prevention, Protection, Partnership, Accountability** and **Proportionality**. Priorities and actions were drawn up in partnership with Board members.

New Sub-Groups

The New Sub-Groups of the GSAB are as follows

- Communication and Engagement (Co-chairs, Voluntary sector)
- Performance (LHT and RBG)
- Learning and Development (Oxleas and RBG)
- Quality Assurance (CCG and RBG)
- Safeguarding Adults Evaluation Group (RBG and Police)

Duty to notify Modern Slavery

In June 2014 The Modern Slavery Bill was introduced in the House of Commons to ensure law enforcement has stronger powers, perpetrators receive suitable severe punishment and victims are better protected and supported. From 1 November 2015, specified public authorities have a duty to notify the Home Office of any individual encountered in England and Wales who they believe is a suspected victim of slavery or human trafficking. The 'duty to notify' provision is set out in the Modern Slavery Act 2015, and applies to all Police forces and local authorities in England and Wales.

You can access further information and materials via

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/modern-slavery-duty-to-notify>

Dates for the Diary

Safeguarding Adults Week 19th-23rd June 2017

Safeguarding Adults and Children's Joint Conference – 21st June 2017

Safeguarding Adults Board Q1 2017- 13th July 2017, Venue TBC

London Fire Brigade Case Study

At the last Safeguarding Adults Board the Fire brigade shared 2 case studies. Sadly 2 fire fatalities occurred in Greenwich in the last 6 months. The Fire brigade highlighted that both fatalities could have been prevented had there been working fire alarms.

If you would like more information around Fire home visits or services the fire brigade offer, please contact Matt Herrington (London Fire Brigade, Borough Commander) who will direct you query as appropriate

Matt.herrington@london-fire.gov.uk

Safeguarding Adults Week and Joint Adults/Childrens Conference

GSAB will be hosting a Safeguarding Adults Week **19th-23rd June 2017**. This will be a multi-agency week of training and workshop sessions which will include a joint Safeguarding Adults and Children's conference (**21st June 2017**), this will focus on cross cutting safeguarding issues such as modern slavery and human trafficking, FGM and forced marriage. On Friday 23rd June, there will be an event in General Gordon's Square with multi-agency safeguarding adult's stalls in order to raise awareness of Safeguarding Adults in the borough. The event will also be attended by the Fire Brigade and Police.

If you have something you would like to contribute to the week or would like a stall please contact

Helen.bonnewell@royalgreenwich.gov.uk

If you would like more information about the conference or to be added to the invite list please contact

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Safeguarding Adults Reviews (SAR's)

The Royal Borough of Greenwich has commissioned 3 Safeguarding Adults Reviews. The SAR reports will be available as a public document on the SAB website once published.

Please remember to consider all deaths in the Borough as a result of abuse or neglect for a SAR referral to the Safeguarding Adults Evaluation Group (SEG). For a referral form or for more information please contact either

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Changes to Deprivation of Liberty Safeguards

The Law commission has published a report and draft Bill on 13th March 2017 setting out recommendations. The final report and draft Bill recommends that the DoLS be repealed with pressing urgency and sets out a replacement scheme for the DoLS – which is called the Liberty Protection Safeguards. In addition the draft Bill makes wider reforms to the Mental Capacity Act which ensures greater safeguards for persons before they are deprived of their liberty. It is now up to the government to decide whether to take the commission's recommendations forward. You can find further information and access all the documents via

<http://www.lawcom.gov.uk/project/mental-capacity-and-deprivation-of-liberty/>