

SAB BULLETIN

Safeguarding Adults Board

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

www.greenwichsafeguardingadults.org.uk

Welcome to the first Edition of the SAB bulletin for 2018. This edition features news on recent work of the Safeguarding adult's board as well as general safeguarding updates locally and nationally.

This edition focuses on the RBG Cuckooing panel, safer places scheme, changes to Deprivation of Liberty Safeguards, Safeguarding adult's reviews, new pressure ulcer pathway guidance and a new LGBTI+ IDVA Service.

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

www.greenwichsafeguardingadults.org.uk

SAB recent activity and events

14th December 2017-Safeguarding Adults Board

7th-9th February 2018- ADASS Peer Review

22nd March 2018- Safeguarding Adults Board

18th April 2018-Safeguarding Adults Board Challenge Event

*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.*

Greenwich Safeguarding Adults Board FAQ

What is the SAB?

The Greenwich Safeguarding Adults Board (GSAB) is a multi-disciplinary partnership made up of statutory and non-statutory organisations. Since the implementation of The Care Act 2014 Safeguarding Adults Board now have a statutory responsibility. The aim of the GSAB is to oversee Safeguarding arrangements in Greenwich.

What is the structure of the SAB?

The GSAB consists of a Leadership Executive Group, the Safeguarding Adults Board and five Sub-groups that report to the board.

- ✓ Learning and Development
- ✓ Safeguarding Adults Review Evaluation Group (SEG)
- ✓ Quality Assurance
- ✓ Communication and Engagement
- ✓ Performance

Who chairs and manages the Board?

The GSAB is chaired by an Independent Chair Mark Godfrey and supported by the Safeguarding Adults Board Manager Helen Bonnewell.

How can I find out more information about the SAB?

You can access more information about the board by accessing the GSAB website <https://greenwichsafeguardingadults.org.uk/> and by signing up for SAB bulletins.

Or how about inviting the SAB Board Manager to come and speak to your team!

ADASS Peer Review

The Royal Borough of Greenwich was selected to participate in an ADASS Sector-Led Peer Review around the theme of Adult Safeguarding. The review took place between the 7th and 9th February 2018.

The London Association of Directors of Social Services (ADASS) works to improve and develop services in the Adult Social Care sector in London through London ADASS. The aim of Peer Reviews was to support self-evaluation and service development. Reviews are undertaken by teams of peers from across London each led by a Director.

During the review a range of people was interviewed including staff at all levels, service users, carers, and external organisations/partners relevant to the theme of the review. At the end of the three days the Peer Review team presented their findings and recommendations.

We are really pleased to report that the Peer Review was very successful and the team were very impressed with the commitment staff and partners to Safeguarding Adults in Greenwich. The recommendations have been used to create an action plan which will feed into the SAB Strategic plan.

For more information please contact safeguarding-adults-board@royalgreenwich.gov.uk

Key Statistics

There were 765 concerns raised by the Royal Borough of Greenwich up to Q3 (December 2017), this is an increase of 156 concerns from the same time last year.

The most common type of abuse continues to be neglect followed by Physical abuse and financial abuse. The most common location of abuse was own home at 39%.

The majority of concerns were for females (60%) and males (40%) and for the age range of 65+.

The proportion of people who use services who say those services have made them feel safe and secure is 85% which is slightly higher than the London average which is 82%.

Cuckooing

The definition of “cuckooing” is: - *a property that has been cuckooed is one that either willingly or through coercion and intimidation has been allowed by a resident to be used as premises for the supply, procurement and/or use of illegal drugs.*

A cuckoo case management panel was set up in June 2017 to manage the risk of harm to residents identified as potential cuckoo cases. The panel reports to the Gangs and Youth Violence Strategic Partnership Group, which is a sub-group of the Safer Greenwich Partnership.

Cuckooed residents targeted by gang members are typically among the most vulnerable, often drug and alcohol users themselves, who allow persons into their homes in exchange for drugs and alcohol for their own personal use. The panel has identified that residents with learning disabilities and other vulnerabilities are often befriended by female gang recruits, offering sexual favours, leading them to believe that they are in a relationship before moving in with them. The females often take control of the vulnerable “host’s” finances, leaving them under extreme pressure, confused and powerless to regain any control of the situation they find themselves in.

Since the panel became fully established in RBG in June 2017, 23 cases have been referred. 20 were RBG tenants and 3 RSL tenants. 6 tenants have been assisted with alternative accommodation, 15 tenants were supported to remain in their accommodation and 2 closure orders have been obtained leading to subsequent action to evict 2 tenants.

Referrals can be made to the panel by any partner or agency that suspects that a person has been cuckooed. All partner agencies have been provided with details of the panel and the referral form, which requests details of the alleged cuckoo victim, address and a brief outline of the reasons for the referral and what is known to inform the multi-agency discussion. Referrals are sent by e-mail to the panel administrator:

chloe.swash@royalgreenwich.gov.uk and copied to the panel chair:

jackie.cassar@royalgreenwich.gov.uk.

The cuckoo panel meets monthly and welcomes referrals from all partner agencies.

Safeguarding Adults Reviews (SARs)

The Royal Borough of Greenwich Safeguarding Adults Review Evaluation Group (SEG) has commissioned **three** Safeguarding Adults Reviews which are all underway.

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). Referrals are accepted across all partner organisations.

For a referral form or for more information please contact:

Safeguarding-adults-board@royalgreenwich.gov.uk

Review into abuse at Mendip House, Somerset published

A Safeguarding Adults Review (SAR) published by Somerset Safeguarding Adults Board calls for nationwide changes to the way care placements are managed. The report find people with autism living in a care home in Somerset were taunted, bullied and humiliated by staff.

http://ssab.safeguardingsomerset.org.uk/wp-content/uploads/20180206_Mendip-House_SAR_FOR_PUBLICATION.pdf

Safeguarding Adult Month

This year will see the first of Greenwich Safeguarding Adults Month in **November 2018**. This month will see various events/ workshops/ training events/ conferences and public events.

We are keen to link in with any event you might be holding during the month of November and would like to know your ideas in order to make the month a huge success.

Please contact Helen Bonnewell if you would like to be involved via Safeguarding-adults-board@royalgreenwich.gov.uk

Dates for the Diary

21st June 2018- Safeguarding Adult Board

November 2018- Safeguarding Adults Month

Deprivation of Liberty (DoLs) Safeguards Update

A final Government Response to the Law Commission's review of Deprivation of Liberty Safeguards and Mental Capacity has now been published. The government set out in detail their provisional view of each proposal put forward by the Law commission and broadly agree with the Liberty Protection Safeguards model.

Legislation will be brought forward to implement the Liberty protection safeguards model when parliamentary time allows, so watch this space!!

For more detail go to

<https://www.parliament.uk/business/publications/written-questions-answers-statements/written-statement/Commons/2018-03-14/HCWS542/>

Safe Places scheme

People with a learning disability in Greenwich have said they can feel scared, intimidated and unsafe when out in the community and do not know where to go for help if they need it.

Advocacy in Greenwich have received funding from MOPAC (The Mayor's Office for Policing and Crime) to set up a Safe Places Scheme in Greenwich. A Safe Place is somewhere like a shop, café, pub or community building that will display a window sticker so people with a learning disability know they can get help in there if they need it.

A group of people are meeting weekly to get the scheme going so start looking out for the safe places stickers in windows around Greenwich.

For more information go to

<http://www.advocacyingreenwich.org.uk/news.html>



Pressure ulcer pathway

The department of Health and Social Care has published a Safeguarding Adults Protocol around pressure ulcers and the interface with a safeguarding enquiry.

The aim of this protocol is to assist practitioners and managers across health and care organisations to provide caring, speedy and appropriate responses to individuals at risk of developing pressure ulcers.

The Royal borough of Greenwich is working with partners from Lewisham and Greenwich NHS Trust, Greenwich Clinical Commissioning Group (CCG) and Bexley Borough to look at how this can be used to inform our pressure ulcer pathway and guidance.

To access the full protocol use the link below.

https://assets.publishing.service.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/675192/CSW_ulcer_protocol_guidance.pdf

Revive

ReVive is an innovative new project designed specifically to support LBTQI+ women, girls, and trans* survivors of domestic abuse and violence.

In a partnership between Housing For Women and Metro, they provide domestic abuse and violence services to LBTQI+ residents of the London boroughs of Lewisham, Greenwich and Merton.

Their service includes the provision of:

- IDVA support
- Floating Support
- Professional Training
- Group workshops

Referrals can be made by survivors themselves or from professionals who are currently aware of, or supporting a survivor.

Telephone: 020 7317 8273 or Email: referrals_gdva@h4w.co.uk

For professional organisations interested in training, contact us via Email: Amanda.Mathew@h4w.co.uk, nerys@metrocharity.org.uk

Concerned about an adult at risk?

If you are worried that an adult at risk in the Royal Borough of Greenwich may be abused, or could be harmed or exploited contact:

Health and Adult Services, Royal Borough of Greenwich

Phone 0208 921 2304 (9am to 5pm) or 0208 854 8888 (out of hours).

Email:

aops.contact.officer@royalgreenwich.gov.uk

If you feel immediate help is needed from one of the emergency services, call 999

The phone number for non-urgent calls to the Police 101.

Goodbye and Good luck

There have a few farewells in Safeguarding Adults Team and GSAB.

So we would like to say a big **thank you** for all your support and **good luck** in your future endeavours.

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