



SAB BULLETIN

Safeguarding Adults Board

Date December 2017

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

www.greenwichsafeguardingadults.org.uk

Welcome to this festive Edition of the SAB bulletin. The SAB would like to thank all its partners for their hard work this past year and look forward to lots more positive work to promote Safeguarding Adults in Greenwich in the New Year.

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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SAB recent activity and events

21ST September 2017- SAB Board Meeting

16th October 2017- Hate Crime Awareness week

18th October 2017-Multi agency learning Event

9th November 2017- London ADASS Annual Safeguarding Adults Event

24TH November 2017- Human Trafficking/ Modern Slavery Training undertaken by SAB partners.

27th November 2017- Project Mosaic Safeguarding Adults Conference. Faith leaders from across the borough came together to find out more about Safeguarding Adults and ways in which we can work better together.

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Key Statistics

There were 484 concerns raised by the Royal Borough of Greenwich up to Q2 (September 2017), this is an increase in cases compared to 406 last year.

The most common type of abuse is neglect followed by Physical abuse. The most common location of abuse was own home and care home, both at 37%.

The majority of concerns were for females (61%) and males (39%) 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%.

Goodbye

We would like to say a fond farewell and good luck to Alix Jamieson who has now left the Safeguarding Adults Team and wish him every success in the future. Alix was a huge asset to the team and will be very much missed; we wish every success in his future career. We are in the process of recruiting to the new Safeguarding Adults Administrator post so watch this space!!

*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.*

Advocacy Services in Greenwich

Local authorities must **involve people** in decisions made about them and their care and support and local authorities are required to help people express their wishes and feelings, support them in weighing up their options, and assist them in making **their own decisions**

This duty applies at the **start** of the assessment process and throughout any subsequent part of the process

Referrals can be made via the below 2 advocacy services

- **Greenwich Advocacy Partnership** (under 55, Learning Disability or Mental Health) - gap@metrocharity.org.uk- 020 8305 5003
- **Advocacy for Older People** (if over 55)- info@afop.org.uk - 020 8269 0298



Safeguarding Adults Reviews (SAR's)

The Royal Borough of Greenwich Safeguarding Adults Review Evaluation Group (SEG) has commissioned 3 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). For a referral form or for more information please contact Safeguarding-adults-board@royalgreenwich.gov.uk

Easy Read Annual report

SAB has produced an easy read version of the annual report 2016/17. This easy read version is aimed at those with a learning disability and outlines the main themes of the report. Please share this report with colleagues and services users; you can access the report via the GSAB website www.greenwichsafeguardingadults.org.uk



Modern Slavery



Hestia recently published a report on Modern Slavery in London. Hestia is a subcontractor to The Salvation Army's Government services for NRM safe house and outreach provision.

In 2016 Hestia supported 624 victims of modern slavery across London. Currently, we provide 5 safe houses in London and Kent as well as pan-London outreach service working in every London borough. We work closely with The Salvation Army to deliver support to victims who have been referred into the National Referral Mechanism (NRM)."

The breakdown of these figures are

	Women	Men
Domestic Servitude	116	9
Sexual	365	6
Forced Labor	20	89

There was an additional 5 transgender sexual abuse cases across London.

The Safeguarding Adults Board is committed to working with local communities and agencies to help raise awareness of modern slavery and to prevent abuse and neglect before it happens.

The board will be undertaking Modern slavery training for multi-agencies if you are interested in attending please e-mail safeguarding-adults-board@royalgreenwich.gov.uk for information of future course dates.

You can also view 2 videos on Modern slavery which are available on the GSAB website.

Dates for the Diary

- 22nd March 2018**- Q4 GSAB
- February (date tbc)** - GSAB Challenge Event
- 14th June 2018**- Q1 GSAB
- November 2018**- Safeguarding Adults Month

London ADASS Annual Safeguarding Adults Event

The 9th November 2017 was the London ADASS Safeguarding Adults Event. This was very well attended a great learning and networking event.

Key speakers were

- Professor Michael Preston-Shoot on Learning from a Thematic review of London SARs
- Jane Lawson, learning from National MSP temperature Check.

There were 4 workshops in the afternoon including, Fire safety, SARs, MSP and Information Sharing.

You can access all of the presentations of the day through the ADASS website

<https://londonadass.org.uk/events/safeguarding-annual-event/>



Deprivation of Liberty (DoLS) Safeguards Update

The DoLS team in Greenwich have been working tirelessly to clear the backlog of Dols applications which all local authorities have to tackle. The Team in Greenwich have a robust plan in place to manage this and are making huge progress. Meanwhile national annual Dols stats published by NHS Digital tell us that all Local authorities are having similar issues

- There were 217,235 applications for DoLS received during 2016/17; an increase of 11 per cent on 2015/16
- The number of DoLS applications that were completed increased by 45 per cent to 151,970 during the same period.
- 95% rise in number of applications completed but not granted (caused by councils clearing old cases where P has moved, died, re-gained capacity, etc.)

You can access the full report via the NHS Digital website <http://digital.nhs.uk/catalogue/PUB30131>

Social Care Institute for Excellence (SCIE) Update

This article provides a snapshot of safeguarding adults practice and challenges based on SCIE's work in this area and experience of providing training and consultancy support to care and health providers.

It is not a comprehensive review of safeguarding practice, but we hope it provokes further thinking about how to improve safeguarding, and the partnerships that need to develop for that to happen.

You can access the article via the SCIE website

<https://www.scie.org.uk/safeguarding/adults/introduction/highlights>



Concerned about an adult at risk?

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

Health and Adult Services, Royal Borough of Greenwich

Phone: **020 8921 2304** (9am to 5pm) or **020 8854 8888** (out of hours).

Email: aops.contact.officers@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 is 101.

The GSAB would like to thank all partners for their engagement and hard work this year and wish everyone a
Very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

