

SAB BULLETIN

Safeguarding Adults Board

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

www.greenwichsafeguardingadults.org.uk

Welcome to this Edition of the SAB bulletin for September 2018. This edition features news on the Greenwich Against Loneliness campaign, **Hate Crime**, Safe Guarding Adults month, MeLearning and much more.

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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New Team Members!

We would like to welcome two new members to the Safeguarding Adults Team:

Simone Clarke: Safeguarding Adults Board Administrator and

Pauline Swan: Safeguarding Advisor.

Supreme Court backs agreed end-of-life decisions

Legal permission will no longer be needed to withdraw treatment from patients in a permanent vegetative state, the Supreme Court has ruled.

It will now be easier to withdraw food and liquid to allow such patients to die across the UK.

When families and doctors are in agreement, medical staff will be able to remove feeding tubes without applying to the Court of Protection.

Lady Black ruled there was no violation under the Human Rights Convention. The ruling makes clear that courts need not be involved in these sorts of cases, so long as doctors and families are in agreement, and it is in the best interests of the patient.

However, the judgement cuts across ethical and religious beliefs and will divide opinion.

Some will see it as compassionate and humane, others the removing of a vital legal safeguard for a highly vulnerable group.

For the full article go to the BBC website:
<https://www.bbc.co.uk/news/uk-45003947>

*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*

Hate Crime

"I had a very bad experience...and i feel sad, depressed, anxious and vulnerable. I can't explain in words how i feel...when i have to leave my house for work if my neighbours are out in front of the building i'm waiting for them to go...just because i don't want to face another verbal abuse from them. The hate against me it's not motivated in any way, it's just a hate without reason."

In most cases the perpetrators of hate crime intend to cause emotional, and in some cases physical harm to their victims and other members of the victim's identity group. This has led to the recognition that 'hate crime isn't just an attack on an individual but an attack on a community.'

Due to the emotional harms hate crime caused to its victims and others, the RBG considers hate crime as a safeguarding issue.

This brief article aims to encourage its readers to view hate crime through the safeguarding lens, recognising the seismic impact of what are sometimes insensitively referred to as low-level incidents. It also encourages readers to reflect on the theme of secondary abuse; the effects of hatred when a family member or friend are targeted or when hate crimes or incidents are reported but handled with indifference, sustaining the anxieties and hurt.

The prevalent emotion experienced after a hate crime incident is anger at the perpetrator. Fear of injury is repeatedly suggested as the emotion that alters the victim's choices in life. One-third of victims experience behavioural changes as a coping mechanism and in an attempt to avoid repeat victimisation, demonstrating that psychological injuries outweigh the physical. Over the past twenty years, data has revealed that hate-crime constitutes a very tangible risk to physical and emotional health and hurts more than other forms of crime.

The majority of hate crime offences range from verbal abuse to harassment assaults and criminal damage, most of which are unreported. The impact often exceeds physical harm or disruption to a lifestyle and can generate feelings of suspicion and anxiety. As the victim's world becomes smaller, their personal freedoms, confidence and self-esteem withers.

Working Together to Safeguard and the legal framework set out by The Care Act 2014 both lend themselves to improving levels of trust and confidence. A multi-agency narrative allows information -flow and greater understanding of the disproportionate power of this type of crime. This will help expel the common perception of victims that they are not being taken seriously and should lead to more reporting.

An increase in all strands of hate crime following the referendum has been well documented however the most detrimental acceleration of prejudice & hostility is anticipated post March 2019 when Britain leaves the E.U.

Web- based hatred is also intensifying, providing a larger audience and increased anonymity without reducing any of its potency. Amid the amassing storm clouds, it's reassuring therefore to know that the Royal Borough of Greenwich commissions a support service for people experiencing hate crime and that raises awareness among professionals and community members.

To discuss **hate crime** related to **race or religion** please contact **Marc Lorenzi Greenwich Inclusion Project 020 3747 9864 – 07436 102 856** marc.lorenzi@griproject.org.uk

To discuss matters relating to **sexual orientation** or **gender identity**, please contact Susan@metrocharity.org.uk **07903 458 611**

For **disability**, Alan at Greenwich Association of Disabled People equalities@gad.org.uk **07973 450 096**

Greenwich Against Loneliness campaign

To combat social isolation a new campaign to tackle loneliness in Greenwich has taken a big step forward.

The council has agreed to establish Greenwich Against Loneliness to combat social isolation.

The proposals were amended by the Labour council to include a bid for the Building Connections funding pot to expand other groups.

Cabinet member for adult social care, Averil Lekau, said proposing the changed plans: "It might be helpful for the council to request a social isolation strategy be developed.

"Due consideration should be given to the complex range of needs and the importance of outreach for those not engaged.

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For full article visit News Shopper 21st July 2018
<http://www.newsshopper.co.uk/news/16368236.greenwich-against-loneliness-campaign-to-combat-social-isolation/>

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.

Safeguarding Adults Month

This will be taking place over the month of **November 2018**.

There will be **four weeks of events** engaging with partner agencies and services participating in the various events and presentations across the whole month.

Each of the first three weeks will focus on a different service user group, Week 1- **Learning Disabilities**, Week 2- **Mental Health** and Week 3 **Older People**. Public events will be held on the Wednesday of these weeks in the various libraries across the borough.

This year's conference will take place during the fourth week of November; **28th November 2018** at Charlton Athletic FC Conference Suite and will focus on **Domestic Abuse**.

Watch this space for more details of events/workshops and training sessions.

If you would like to get involved or have an event happening during November you would like to link with the month please contact ***safeguarding-adults-board@royalgreenwich.gov.uk***

Deprivation of Liberty (DoLs) Safeguards Update

Changes in legislation: DoLS will be known as 'Liberty Protection Safeguards'

It is anticipated that the Bill will be out of the Lords by the end of November 2018, and through the Commons early next year, with Royal Assent perhaps by April 2019. Allowing for implementation and training, we might expect it to come into force perhaps in late 2019, early 2020.

Safeguarding Stats:

There were 1032 concerns raised by the Royal Borough of Greenwich from April 2017-March 2018, these related to 857 individuals and is an increase of 31% compared to the previous year.

The percentage of Safeguarding Concerns which progress to Enquiries has increased from 23% last year to 30% in 2017/18. This is largely due to a change in the safeguarding forms/processes and how staff are completing the forms

The most common type of abuse continues to be neglect and acts of omission 44% - down from 52% in 2016/17, followed by physical 20%, psychological abuse 12% followed by financial 10%.

The percentage of concerns remains split between 59% Female and 41% Male - this reflects our service user population profile.

The percentage of alleged cases occurring in care homes during 2017-18 was 33% and in client's own home was 45%. The percentage of risk enquiries from hospitals has decreased from 13% in 2016/17 to 11% in 2017/18.

The proportion of people who use services who say those services have made them feel safe and secure is 87% which is slightly higher than the London average which is 82%.



Health and Social Care eLearning courses

Register yourself or refer a colleague to the Me Learning portal; funded by RBG, the courses are aimed at professionals and volunteers who work or have contact with adults, children and young people.

The training modules are FREE for anyone to access a wide range of 60-90 minute training modules relating to Children's and Adult Safeguarding issues.

Once you have completed the course, you can take a simple quiz and gain a certificate and the great thing is you can have more than one go to achieve a higher score and it's completely FREE!

And here are just some of the courses on offer:

- The Care Act Module
- Mental Capacity Act 2005
- Deprivation of Liberty Safeguards
- Safeguarding Adults(1 & 2)
- Bullying and Cyberbullying
- Hate Crime
- Female Genital Mutilation
- Safeguarding Against Radicalisation – The Prevent Duty
- Autism Awareness
- Substance Misuse
- Honour based violence and forced marriage
- Human trafficking and Morden slavery
- Work in a Person Centred Way - for Health and Social Care

So what are you waiting for....register NOW!

How to register for eLearning courses

It's easy, simply go online and type in the address:

https://greenwich.melearning.university/course_centre

Click on "self-register", fill in your personal details, choose a course and follow the instructions from there.

If you have any general queries or problems accessing the site please e-mail helpdesk@melearning.co.uk providing your name, contact phone number and username and someone will contact you.

Dates for the Diary

20th September 2018 - Safeguarding Adult Board

25th September 2018- See the Adult and See the child Launch event

November 2018- Safeguarding Adults Month

28th November 2018- Safeguarding Adults Conference on Domestic Abuse.

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