

## SAB BULLETIN; Safeguarding Adults Month 2019

### Safeguarding Adults Board

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

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**Welcome** to this **Special Edition** of the SAB bulletin for January 2020 and may we wish you a very Happy New Year. This edition will focus on all the activity that took place over **Safeguarding Adults Month** in November 2019.

Following on from the success of last year's Safeguarding Adults Month we decided to host another month full of events and workshops for staff, partners and the public.

Safeguarding Adults Month consisted of **31 events** between **4<sup>th</sup> November 29<sup>th</sup> November 2019**, including the Annual conference on Transitions. This bulletin will give details of all the events held during the month.

#### **Supporting people to stay safe in their own homes**

This event took place on **11<sup>th</sup> November** and was aimed at home care staff from across care agencies in Greenwich. The aim of this event was to discuss the challenges in keeping people safe in their own homes. The event was supported by colleagues from London Fire Brigade, Met Police, Trading standards and Greenwich Clinical Commissioning Group. Presentations focused on door step crimes, fire safety awareness, falls prevention as well as stroke and hydration awareness.

The event was very well attended with staff from 6 different home care agencies. The event prompted good discussion and engagement.

#### **Abuse... Stop it now!**

On the 5<sup>th</sup> of November we held an event for people with learning disabilities: **Abuse. Stop It Now!**

The purpose of the event was to **launch** the first **easy-read leaflet** co-produced with people with learning disabilities, services working with people with learning disabilities and carers' representatives. The work to develop the easy read leaflet started in July 2019 and is in line with the **Safeguarding Adults Board strategy**: to **Improve Communication and Engagement** with the wider community

The event was held at Charlton House and was very well attended: people with learning disabilities living independently or supported were invited to attend, **The Mayor** and Mayoress attended the event to show their support. There was also session of **bite-size workshops** about how to stay safe at home, in the community or on social media with professionals from **London Fire Brigade, Transport for London** and Transport Police, **Trading Standards** and **Community Learning Disabilities Team**. Each attendee received a copy of the easy-read leaflet and informational sheets from the partner agencies, to share with their family and friends.



## Public Library Events We're here to help

We held **three public** events in the libraries across the borough, **Greenwich, Woolwich and Eltham**. The theme of these events was about how to keep yourself and your community safe.

The events were supported by partners including, LFB, drug and alcohol services, Trading standards, Greenwich Domestic violence and Abuse services (GDVA), research net and safer places.



These events gave us an opportunity to **reach out to residents** of the borough and to start conversations around adult safeguarding. These events were also hugely useful in terms of **networking with partners** and there were some very positive plans for joined up safeguarding work in the future.



During the three events people we able to access help support and advice immediately.

## Workshops for professionals, staff and the voluntary sector

Safeguarding Adults Month also hosted Bite-sized sessions for professionals on the following subjects: **Care act advocacy and the importance of mental capacity assessment**

- **Data protection and information governance**
- **Hate Crime and Mental Health** (presented by Hate Crime coordinator, Greenwich Inclusion Project)
- **Doorstep crimes and scams** (presented by the Trading Standards)
- **Substance use** (presented by CGL).
- **Deprivation of Liberty key facts to know and changes** (Dols Team)
- **Tools and Powers to work with anti-social behaviour in Greenwich** (Community Safety)
- **Domestic Abuse workshop** (presented by the GDVA)
- **Care providers Fire Safety Awareness** (presented by the London Fire Brigade)
- **Metropolitan Police- Linking in with professionals**
- **The Prevent strategy** (presented by the Prevent coordinator, Greenwich)
- **Modern Slavery** (presented by the Community safety, Adult Safeguarding and CCG)
- **The carers centre- frontline workers resources** (presented by the Carers centre)

These events were well attended, and participants found the information given informative and valuable to their profession development.

We would like to extend huge thanks to the workshop facilitators who offered their experience and invaluable knowledge.



## Safeguarding Adults Annual Conference 2019 on Transition



*Moving on...*  
*A Conference about Transitions*

... to Independence                      ...to Adulthood

...Back home

Wednesday, 27 November 2019  
9.30am-4.30pm  
North Stand, Charlton Athletic Football Club,  
The Valley, Floyd Road, London SE7 8BL



The theme of this year's conference was "Transitions", this included four areas

- Transitions for young people to adulthood
- Transitions to independent accommodation
- Transitions from hospital to residential
- Transitions from prison back to community

The conference hoped to address potential pitfalls of the transitions process including falling between the gaps or not meeting specific criteria. The independent chair highlighted the importance of working together in a more holistic way.

We held the Safeguarding Adults Board Annual Conference on 27<sup>th</sup> November 2019 in partnership with Greenwich safeguarding Adults Partnership and the Safer Greenwich Partnership.

The conference hosted 120 professionals from across partner organisations as well as voluntary sector organisations. The day was split into two sections Key Note Speakers and Workshops and was jointly chaired by the SAB independent chair and the Directors of Adults and Children's services.

### The keynote speakers for the conference were:

**Dez Holmes** is Director of Research in Practice and Research in Practice for Adults and has several years' experience of training and workforce development. Dez's practice experience is largely within youth offending services. Her research experience is focussed on Participative Action Research with vulnerable groups.



**Samantha Goncalves**, Is a local Greenwich parent-carer, who dedicated her life to caring for her 21 years old son with learning disabilities. Sam explains how always focusing on Aspirations enabled the family to develop a bespoke Adult Social Care package following a placement breakdown to enable their son to live life to the full.



**Neil Airey**, has 25 years of experience working for the prison service in a range of different roles, and 5 years working for the Royal Borough of Greenwich as a commissioner where he specialised in the new responsibilities for local authorities under the Care Act 2014, including the delivery of social care in prisons and the prisons' new Safeguarding responsibilities.



*"The speakers were excellent...I thought they told their story eloquently and I wanted to hear what they had to say. J's story particularly was inspiring considering his back story"*

**Jay** was in care from age 5, struggled with addictions and imprisoned at age 15 due to involvement in gangs and criminality. Now husband and carer in health and justice, Jason is free from addictions for the past 8 years, since released from serving a sentence in prison.

**98%** rated the conference as **Excellent** or **Very good**

**99%** said they were **Very likely** or **Likely** to recommend the conference to colleagues

**99%** said they were **Very likely** or **Likely** attend a similar event again

## Conference Workshops Session

**Transitions for young people with learning disabilities** **John Fox**, Transitions Coordinator, Community Learning Disability Team, Royal Borough of Greenwich

**Steps to Adulthood** **Carol Bilham**, Service Leader Group B, Children in Care and Care Leavers, Children's Safeguarding and Social Care, Royal Borough of Greenwich **Matthew Raleigh**, Service Manager, Reduction in Serious Youth Violence and Exploitation Team, Royal Borough of Greenwich

**Behind Bars and Beyond** **Michelle Argent**, Case Management Assistant, Prison Social Care, Royal Borough of Greenwich

**Gurbi Sagoo**, Team Manager, Prison Social Care, Royal Borough of Greenwich **Morina Pierre**, Equality and Diversity Lead, HMP Thameside

### Get me home!

**Bola Olugbodi**, Complex Case Manager, Lewisham and Greenwich NHS Trust **Emily Kisekka**, Continuing Health Care Nurse Assessor, Lewisham and Greenwich NHS Trust

*"Thank you I always enjoy the Greenwich conferences and come away with new knowledge to help me put in to practice doing more preventative work."*



## Upcoming Events 2020

### Challenge Event

Each year we ask partners to complete a self-audit tool which measures their safeguarding activity throughout the year. We will be holding a challenge event on **27th February 2020** to identify areas of good work and areas where improvements will be made. We will then make sure that any changes are fed into the new strategic plan.

### New Strategic Plan

We are fast approaching the end of the financial year and more importantly the conclusion of our three-year Strategic Plan. As we move forward we will be looking at what the Board has achieved over the past three years and what the Boards priorities will be for the future. So, watch this space!!!

### Safeguarding Adults Review Learning Event

We will be hosting a SAR learning event on **30th March 2020** to discuss the learning from all current published SARs, this will be a great opportunity for professional develop and to improve your practice. This is open to all professionals across the partnership. Contact the Safeguarding Adults Board Team to book a place.

## Thank You

A huge Thank you to all those who participated and contributed resources, time and expertise to the safeguarding Adults Month and Conference. We could not hold such successful events without the support from our partners so a HUGE Thank you, and we look forward to working with you again next year!!

### New Website

The safeguarding Adults Board now has a new-look standalone website. This is a public-facing platform and contains all the information and public documents in relation to the board, so please take a moment to have a look and encourage your colleagues and clients to do the same.

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HAPPY  
NEW YEAR  
2020

You can **access** the Royal Greenwich Safeguarding Adults Board 2018-19 Annual report and Strategic Plan as well as these bulletins and upcoming events via the Safeguarding Adults Board website.

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## Safeguarding Adults Reviews (SAR)

It is imperative that a **SAR referral is made** for **ALL deaths** in the borough involving an **adult at risk**, where **abuse or neglect is known or suspected** to have taken place. Referrals can be made by directly contacting the Safeguarding Adults Board.

[Safeguarding-adults-board@royalgreenwich.gov.uk](mailto:Safeguarding-adults-board@royalgreenwich.gov.uk)

**The Royal Greenwich Safeguarding Adults Board has published 3 Safeguarding Adults Reviews which can be viewed on our website.**

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We are working hard with our **partners** to ensure the **SAR action plans** are completed. The action plans will be **continually monitored** by the Safeguarding Adults Board.

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