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Chairs' Blog spot



Hello,

This is the first blog I have written as the independent chair and is a new addition to the bi-monthly newsletter. I hope through these blogs to keep you updated on the progress the SAB is making and any new information that you will find useful.

In this issue of the newsletter I thought I would reflect on my first full three months in post. It has flown by! I have met lots of you and have visited some of your workplaces, including a very informative tour of Springfield Hospital. So thank you for the warm welcome. I have attended all of the SAB sub-groups, where the work of the new SAB is progressed. Some of the groups are more established than others, the Richmond Community Forum and SAR sub-group have been meeting for quite some time and have delivered an impressive array of work. Whereas the Performance and Workforce Sub-group is in the early stages of development. I have also chaired a selection of meetings, including the learning event and partnership event (described below). What I have seen is a lot of commitment and willingness to be involved.

At the foot of the newsletter is a request for participation and feedback. I am very interested in what you have to say, and in any feedback that will help protect vulnerable adults. I want to have a strong focus on prevention and early intervention and would welcome any innovative ideas or thoughts. There is no such thing as a silly idea!

Thank you for reading,
Richard

Successful Board Partnership event January 2019

On 21 January 2019, senior leaders from over 14 agencies and partnership structures serving Richmond, Wandsworth and Kingston Boroughs met for the first ever Partnership Event. The purpose of the event was to discuss common themes and agree if a shared programme of action was viable. Each agency presented key strategic issues and the meeting agreed to introduce 3 action programmes including:

- A quarterly **Chairs' meeting** between partnership Boards;
- A **stock-take** of resources, assets and skills which could be shared across the partnership e.g. accessing venues free or at low cost, accessing expert speakers for key events;
- A programme of **masterclasses** presented by experts on topics identified across the partnership.

All partners are encouraged to support this ground-breaking initiative through responding to requests for **information on assets and resources** you would be willing to share with partners. Please circulate the survey on the **topics for multiagency masterclasses** (<https://www.smartsurvey.co.uk/s/B3LMV/>) within your organisation and encourage as many people as possible to respond and to make recommendations on possible presenters.

Update from the SAB Executive

The Executive met on 29 January 2018 and signed off the LP Safeguarding Adult Review (SAR) The meeting also began planning for the SAB Annual General Meeting (AGM) scheduled for **10 April 2019**. This event will be the opportunity for all partners to review the activities of the SAB over the last year, set the priorities for the coming year and to consider how effectively the new SAB structure is working. The meeting considered the SAB budget and the [risk log](#).

Performance and Workforce Sub-group

The Performance and Workforce Sub-group presented the first performance dashboard, which monitors the SAB performance against the 6 safeguarding principles. The dashboard is still under development and ideas on how it can be developed and improved are welcomed. The annual self-assessment audit was circulated to all partners and the support and challenge events will be held in March 2019. The intention is for these to be undertaken on a group basis to encourage sharing across the partnership. The group is also involved in developing a workforce strategy which outlines the competencies required across the partnership. This will draw on both the NHS inter-collegiate document and the Bournemouth Safeguarding Adults competency framework.

SAR Sub-group

The SAR sub-group considers all SAR referrals made to the SAB and manages the commission of SARs as well as tracking progress on actions from completed SARs. The sub-group met on 4 December 2018 and 10 January 2019. There was an extended meeting on 4 December 2018 to consider a completed SAR for LP. The report was signed off by the Executive and has been circulated to partners but will not be published on the web site until after that completion of the Coroner's Inquest. Partners may request copies of the summary and action plan or the 7-minute learning from the SAB. The Summary and action plan and the 7-minute learning on the SAR for Sophie have now been [published](#), following the conclusion of the Coroner's Inquest on the case.

Communication and Engagement Sub-group

The Communication and Engagement Sub-group is due to meet in February. The **Wandsworth** Community Forum had its first meeting on 16 January 2019. It is chaired by Marino Latour and was extremely well represented by key local partners. The Forum agreed 3 priorities for the coming year: raising awareness on pressure ulcer prevention, raising providers' awareness on the requirements of the Mental Capacity Act and improving awareness locally on adult safeguarding and obtaining feedback from people on experiences of adult safeguarding. All partners are invited to contribute to the work of this Forum, please email ideas to the SAB email address.

The **Richmond** Community Forum met on 23 January 2019 and agreed to concommitance to promote awareness of adult safeguarding and of financial scams and to ensure that all material is accessible. The **website** has been updated to include links to the London Fire Brigade advice on emollient creams, NICE guidance for care home managers on pressure ulcer prevention and the ADASS Fire Safety in Specialised Housing guidance ([follow this link](#)).

Participation and Feedback

We would really like partners to be involved in the newsletter by submitting short articles highlighting your or colleague's achievements or publicising planned events. We would also like feedback and suggestions on how we can make sure the newsletter is relevant and helpful. Please participate by emailing us at sab@richmondandwandsworth.gov.uk with the subject line 'SAB Newsletter'.