

SAEB Spring Bulletin 2024



The Safeguarding Adults Executive Board (SAEB) are responsible for overseeing and leading on the protection and promotion of an adult's right to live an independent life, in safety, free from abuse and neglect across the Bi-borough of Kensington, Chelsea & Westminster.

Hello everyone,

My name is Mariya Stoeva and I am the Chair of the Safeguarding Ambassador Group. Welcome to our April round up of Safeguarding news across Kensington & Chelsea and Westminster. Prevention and raising awareness of safeguarding has remained our priority during the winter months. Our communities remain concerned about staying safe from scams, suicide prevention, raising awareness of safeguarding and getting the healthcare that they need. On our <u>SAEB Website</u> you can find helpful information, top tips and videos on all of these matters.

NEWS! - Have you seen our recently uploaded Safeguarding resources?

We continue to work to raise awareness of Safeguarding and we are very excited to share with you our new 'Say No to Abuse' raising awareness video here which is titled 'If you see something that just doesn't feel right, tell someone'. This video helps people to understand what abuse is, and how you can report it. Alongside this video, can I please draw your attention to our recently updated 'Say No to Abuse' booklet to support people to stay safe from abuse and neglect. You can view the digital version here or the print version here.

Webinar Highlights Spring 2024





In March to raise awareness of the 'Stay with Us: preventing suicide together' campaign the SAEB hosted a webinar led by Public Health, Every Life Matters and The Listening Place. The training is now available as an E-learning resource on the SAEB website here. During the Training guest speakers asked everyone to sign up for Making Every contact Count (MECC) for Suicide Prevention Training, which can be accessed here. Please also check out the new Suicide Prevention directory of services for Westminster here and for Kensington and Chelsea here.

We also hosted a **Modern Slavery in the Care Sector** webinar in March led by Charlotte Jamieson (Modern Slavery and Exploitation Coordinator) who hosted PC Mark Drake from the Metropolitan Police's Modern Slavery Central Specialist Crime Team. Mark provided an overview of modern slavery, with a focus on the growing trend of modern slavery in the care sector.



In 2022 the <u>Modern Slavery & Exploitation Helpline</u> reported a 606% increase in contacts related to exploitation in the care sector in comparison to 2021, with 712 potential victims identified.

You can watch the recording <u>here</u> and view the 7-minute learning briefing <u>here</u>.



Training and resources

Next month, we launch the next set of Safeguarding Awareness Workshops.

This half day workshop is delivered via MS Teams and is designed for all staff and volunteers who are in contact with adults at risk and work in the Bi-Borough of Kensington and Chelsea and Westminster. The course is aimed at those who have not previously attended safeguarding training and need basic Safeguarding Adults' Awareness. It provides attendees with an overview of what adult safeguarding is as set out under the provisions of the Care Act 2014 and supports staff to identify signs and indicators of abuse and neglect and to understand the referral pathway to raise a safeguarding concern.

The session will cover:

- Safeguarding principles and Making Safeguarding Personal
- Responding to safeguarding concerns and undertaking enquiries
- Relevant legislation, policy and procedures including Care Act duties
- · Cooperation, partnership and information sharing
- Learning from Safeguarding Adults Reviews.

Course dates for 2024:

- · 23/05/2024 13:30 16:40
- 12/09/2024 13:30 16:40
- · 28/11/2024 13:30 16:40

Staff can reserve a space place via the above links.

Please also check out the range of recorded SAEB Safeguarding webinars on this link <u>here</u> and our Safeguarding Ambassador video page <u>here</u>.

If you are concerned that an adult may be at risk of abuse, harm or neglect from either themselves, an individual or an organisation, please contact one of the helplines detailed below.

Westminster

Safeguarding helpline: 020 7641 2176 E: adultsocialcare@westminster.gov.uk

Kensington & Chelsea

Safeguarding helpline 020 7361 3013

E: socialservices@rbkc.gov.uk

To ensure that we keep up to date with all our safeguarding activities, we would love to continue to hear from you! Please send your news, updates and comments to share in upcoming bulletins to: makingsafeguardingpersonal@rbkc.gov.uk

With very best wishes

Mariya Stoeva