

Special Edition

Chair's Blog Spot

Hello,

National Safeguarding Adult Week

I would like to thank the Safeguarding Team and SAB Members who assisted with Adult Safeguarding Week in Kingston. This gave us the opportunity to meet with a wide range of people within the community. I was delighted to take part on Monday.

During the morning, we had a stall within the foyer of Guildhall 2. We spoke to members of the public and staff. In just the first hour, I could see the conversations could inform the work of the SAB.

1. Strengthen our communication so that the community have greater awareness of adult safeguarding and are confident of what to do if they have concerns.
2. I was impressed by the commitment of AfC staff to work together with their Adult Safeguarding colleagues, either when identifying adults at risk when addressing the need of children, or when a child is reaching adulthood and there is a need for a transition plan.

Therefore, I will be asking the SAB members to commit to continuing to work with the Children's Partnership to support staff to work together when identifying safeguarding that spans children and adults.

An example of this was from AfC workers in relation to their contextual safeguarding work which sometimes highlights adults at risk as well.

3. I was pleased to be able to be out in the community, witnessing the friendship groups that are held, the venues that cater for all of the community, and the staff in those venues recognising their safeguarding responsibilities.

The Board has been busy considering whether cases referred meet the criteria for a Safeguarding Adult Review. It is overseeing the final stages of two current Safeguarding Adult Reviews on the challenging subject areas of 'Neglect' and 'Self-neglect'. Finally, the SAB is busy planning the Development Day taking place on 1st February where the board will be planning activity for 2024 and considering how people with lived experience can be better engaged with board activity in order to improve safeguarding systems in Kingston.

Enjoy the festive season and we look forward to seeing you at future safeguarding events in 2024.

Best wishes,
Nicky

Spotlight on....NSAW 2023

National Safeguarding Adults Week 2023

#SafeguardingAdultsWeek

This year, National Safeguarding Adults Week took place during the week 20th- 24th November 2023. This year, the focus was on how to prioritise the welfare and wellbeing of yourself and others. It was an opportunity for organisations to come together to raise awareness of important safeguarding issues.

In Kingston, members of the Adult Safeguarding Team and Kingston Safeguarding Adults Board were out and about in the community engaging with Kingston residents and raising awareness of adult safeguarding.

The team took up residence in Guildhall 2 Foyer; Kings Centre, Chessington; New Malden Library; Kingston Market Place (opposite Anthropology); and Hook Library.

We would also like to say **Thank You** to the following individuals who assisted us either in the lead up or during the week...Amanjit Sandhu, Dawn Fenton, Daniel Morris, Claire Carter, Gemma Blunt, Nicky Brownjohn, Peter Warburton (ICB), Su Fitzgerald (Your Healthcare), Grahame Snelling (Healthwatch) and Adriana Lazdins (Adult Social Care), the Neighbourhood & Communities Team for the loan of the gazebo and Sarah Spence for providing the connections in the N&C Team, the Library staff at Hook and New Malden and the Guildhall Post Room Staff.

We could not have done any of this without, so Thank You!



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