

Chair's Blog Spot

Hello All,

It has been a busy time for the SAB. We have reached the completion of two Safeguarding Adult Reviews, which were presented to the SAB in April and received approval. The completion of SARs is not the end, but gives us the impetus to move forward with improvements to how we safeguard people in Kingston.

Please look out for the adverts for the learning event on 11th July 2024. I will be talking about three SARs that have been completed in the past two years: Sylvia, Ella and Minnie.

Please pop along, virtually, to hear about the learning and reflect on the progress made to make a difference for those needing our support.

Best wishes,

Nicky

Participation and Feedback

We would welcome articles highlighting your, your colleague's or even your organisations achievements or publicising planned events.

We would also like feedback and suggestions on how we can ensure the newsletter is relevant and helpful.

Please participate by emailing us at ksab@kingston.gov.uk with the subject line 'SAB Newsletter'

Board Summary

On the 2nd May 2024, Kingston Safeguarding Adults Board meeting was held virtually, and welcomed new members.

In the first part of the meeting, the Board received a presentation of the SAR (RM) Report by an Independent Reviewer, Eliot Smith. The board discussed the findings from the review and agreed to publish the report in principle pending changes to identifiable information, and the creation of a Board Response; the Board also received a presentation of the SAR (Minnie) Report by Peter Warburton for information and to agree publication. The board discussed the findings and agreed to publication and for the creation of a Board Response.

Feedback from the recent Peer Review in March was given by Tessa Cole and Gemma Blunt. Some strengths that the review highlighted were strong senior leadership, strong health partnerships, and a clear political focus on safeguarding. Areas of improvement include embedding learning from SARs and hearing the voice of the individual involved, refining data and provide support around safeguarding for providers. Tessa thanked partners for their contributions and explained once an inspection date has been confirmed, everyone's participation would be greatly appreciated.

Following the Development Day in February, the board received an update from Daniel Morris regarding the proposed changes to the structures/individuals, with the aim to build on the existing strengths of the partnership.

Daniel Morris presented the amendments to the SAR Policy which is now split into two sections – Policy and Process. The Policy section covers Criteria; Purpose; Role of the sub-group; Care Act; Family Contact; Governance and the Process section covers Referral; Decision Making; Initiating a SAR; Undertaking & Managing a SAR; Reporting on Actions; Complaints. The Policy had been agreed by the SAR Sub-group, with the Executive Group also agreeing subject to amendments.

The Safeguarding Performance Data for the quarter was discussed which showed an increase in concerns received on last year. Su Fitzgerald shared a quarterly update from Your Healthcare. It was agreed the new Performance & Audit Sub-group would look at certain areas of the data for further clarification.

Claire Carter and Su Fitzgerald presented the findings from the KVAMA (Kingston Vulnerable Adults Multi Agency Panel) Audit. Claire explained KVAMA commenced in September 2019 with the purpose to consider high risk, complex cases and to provide a clear and comprehensive review of multi-agency risk assessment. Claire explained the new format commenced at the April meeting with a renewed focus on risk and decision making.

Daniel Morris provided an update from the SAR Sub-group who have met twice since the last SAB. The referrals did not meet the criteria and this is something for the SAB to consider, although learning and a pathway with themes will need to be identified via a 7MB or a Learning Event.

The Board also received an update on Asylum Seekers within Kingston from Amanjit Sandhu; the Chair confirmed a request for contributions from partners to the 2023/24 Annual Report will be issued shortly; Comments/views for this year's National Safeguarding Adults Weeks taking place 18th-22nd November were requested.

The next scheduled KSAB is on 25th July 2024 commencing at 1.00pm

Spotlight on.....

****NEW****

Learning & Development Session

11th July 2024

10.00-12.00pm

The SAB is pleased to announce that we have once again arranged a Learning and Development session with the aim of improving the understanding of SARs (Safeguarding Adult Reviews) and to also share recommendations and findings from the reports.

This session will cover the following SARs:

- The National Overview of SARs
- Sylvia SAR
- Ella SAR
- Minnie SAR

This session will be facilitated by Nicola Brownjohn, Independent Chair of Kingston Safeguarding Adults Board

The session will be multi-agency and therefore is open to all colleagues at all levels who work in Kingston including (but not limited to) Nurses, Social Workers, Care Providers, Council Officers, Occupational Therapists, Mental Health colleagues, Drug & Alcohol colleagues, Police Officers and colleagues from the voluntary sector.

We also welcome colleagues who work with children in Kingston. We only ask that you work within the boundaries of Kingston or work with Kingston residents in some capacity.

If you would like to attend, please email ksab@kingston.gov.uk and a calendar invite will be forwarded directly to you.

Don't miss out on securing your place at this interesting event!

We look forward to hearing from you.