



# Bexley Safeguarding Adults Board Newsletter — April 2019

## What's a Safeguarding Adult's Board?

The Bexley Safeguarding Adults Board (BSAB) is a statutory partnership under the Care Act 2014, providing leadership for adult safeguarding in the London Borough of Bexley.

They provide a range of information for people who may experience or be at risk of experiencing harm, families and carers and professionals who work with people in a health and social care setting.

The Bexley Safeguarding Adults Board also provides general information on keeping safe and how to report concerns.

## How to Report a Concern:

Please don't stay silent about any concerns you have about a potentially vulnerable adult.

Contact us today for help and advice

Ring Bexley Contact Centre on : 0208 303 7777; where trained professionals will assist you with your concern.

Contact the Police at 101 or 999 if an emergency.

## BSAB Contact details:

BSAB Email:  
[BSAB@bexley.gov.uk](mailto:BSAB@bexley.gov.uk)

BSAB Address:  
London Borough of Bexley  
Safeguarding Adults Board  
Civic Offices  
2 Watling Street  
Bexleyheath  
Kent  
DA6 7AT

## BSAB Website:

[www.safeguardingadultsinbexley.com](http://www.safeguardingadultsinbexley.com)

## Alternatively, you can contact—

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BSAB Practice Review & Learning  
Manager

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## Statutory Duties

The Board has a number of statutory duties as set out in the Care Act 2014:

1. Ensure Statutory Partners are appropriately represented on the SAB
2. Develop and produce a 3 year Strategy and an annual Business Plan in order to direct the work of the Board that reflects priorities
3. Publish a SAB annual report/accountability statement highlighting the Board's progress and achievements in meeting stated objectives in the Strategic Safeguarding Plan and ensuring this is widely reported across partner agencies and organisations. **See BSAB Annual Reports**
4. Learn from the experiences of individuals, through undertaking Safeguarding Adult Reviews (SAR) in accordance with the national guidance of best practice and the **Board's SAR protocol**



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### A welcome from our new Independent Chair:

'I am delighted to be appointed to this key role. Protecting vulnerable adults and enhancing their lives is something very important to me. There is a strong partnership in place in Bexley doing some excellent work on this. It is a privilege and pleasure to join them and to chair the Board,' Eleanor Brazil, BSAB Independent Chair.

If you wish to share your experience and introduce yourself to Eleanor, please email [bsab@bexley.gov.uk](mailto:bsab@bexley.gov.uk) and we'll be happy to assist.

### What is a SAR ?

A Safeguarding Adult Review (SAR) is a multi-agency process that considers whether or not serious harm experienced by an adult or group of adults at risk of abuse or neglect, could have been predicted or prevented and uses that consideration to develop learning that enables the safeguarding adults partnership in Bexley to improve its services and prevent abuse and neglect in the future.

*In Bexley, the Independent Chair of the Board makes and holds the final say on whether or not to commission a SAR.*

### Anyone can notify of potential SAR:

The full [Bexley SAR Toolkit](#) with all relevant documents needed and guidance.

If you have questions regarding a serious incident or a death of an adult in Bexley, ring Anita Eader, BSAB Practice Review & Learning Manager or email at [bsab@bexley.gov.uk](mailto:bsab@bexley.gov.uk) where support can be offered.

Active SAR's: The BSAB currently have 2 commissioned SAR's.

### Our key priorities for the next month are:

1. Planning learning events to share the newly published findings of 2 [Safeguarding Adult Reviews \(SARs\)](#)
2. Preparing our 18-19 Annual Report for scrutiny
3. [Launch our 2019-2020 Learning & Development Programme](#)



### BSAB Publications:

[Annual Report 2017-2018](#) (click link)

[Mental Capacity Act Toolkit](#) (click link)

[SPOC SAR GUIDANCE](#) (click link)

[Published SAR's](#) (click link)

### Upcoming Training:

- Multi-Agency Safeguarding Level 2/3 Workshop
- Safeguarding Adults Level 1 (Basic Awareness)
- Modern Day Slavery



To book our training or to see what's available please click [here](#)



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