



Bexley Safeguarding Adults Board

Helping adults to live a life free from abuse or neglect

Newsletter — May 2019



A welcome from our new Independent Chair:

'I'm delighted to be the new Independent Chair for Bexley Safeguarding Adults Board. I have previously worked in Bexley, but it's a long time ago now. In the mid 90's I was the Assistant Chief Officer responsible for children's social care so its nice to be back in a different role. I'm a social worker by background. For the past 20 years I've been in senior manager roles, and in the past 12 years have been in different parts of England as either a director of adult services, or children's services. Mostly I've gone to where services have been judged poor and have helped lead the Improvement journey.

I began my career in Glasgow where my eldest daughter was born. She suffered brain damage at birth and has as a result complex needs, requiring sign language and a lot of patience! Helping her over the years has greatly influenced and strengthened my commitment to improving outcomes for disabled children and adults, and ensuring they are safe and well supported. This new role in Bexley is a new opportunity to work with equally committed staff and partners to deliver this in this area.'

If you wish to share your experience and introduce yourself to Eleanor, please email: eleanor.brazil@bexley.gov.uk

- ⇒ Finalising the Safeguarding Adult Review Mrs BA Learning Event
- ⇒ Signing off our 18-19 Annual Report
- ⇒ Launch our 2019-2020 Learning & Development Programme
- ⇒ Organising September's Strategic Development session on Managing Risk
- ⇒ Preparing a Joint Review Roadshow on the new SAR process



BSAB Publications:

- [Annual Report 2017-2018](#)
- [Mental Capacity Act Toolkit](#)
- [SPOC SAR GUIDANCE](#)
- [Published SAR's](#)
- [Previous BSAB Newsletters](#)



FOR MORE INFORMATION :

www.safeguardingadultsinbexley.com/who-are-we/resources/

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](#)





What's a Safeguarding Adults 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.

Bexley's Contact Centre:
0203 045 5159; or
email bexleycare.spc@nhs.net—where trained professionals will assist you with your concern.

EMERGENCIES—

Contact the Police at 101 or 999

BSAB Contact details:

BSAB Email:
BSAB@bexley.gov.uk

BSAB Address:

London Borough of Bexley
Safeguarding Adults Board
Civic Offices
2 Watling Street
Bexleyheath
Kent

BSAB Website:

www.safeguardingadultsinbexley.com

Alternatively, you can contact—

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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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