



Bexley Safeguarding Adults Board Newsletter—January 2019

What is the Board? & Who are they?

The Bexley Safeguarding Adults Board (BSAB) is a statutory body established by the Care Act 2014. It is made up of senior people from organisations that have a role in preventing the neglect and abuse from adults. Its main objective is to protect all adults in its area who have needs for care and support and who are experiencing or at risk of abuse or neglect against which they are unable to protect themselves because of their needs.

The Board is to protect and promote individual human rights so that adults stay safe and are at all times protected from abuse, neglect, discrimination, or poor treatment.



Statutory Duties

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

- Ensure Statutory Partners are appropriately represented on the SAB
- Develop and produce a 3 year Strategy and an annual Business Plan in order to direct the work of the Board that reflects priorities
- 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 (click on link)
- 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 (click on link)

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

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

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www.safeguardingadultsinbexley.com

Alternatively, you can contact—

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Helping adults to live a life free from abuse or neglect



**An update from our Vice Chair, Michael Boyce,
Chief Operating Officer, Bexley Clinical Commissioning**

Group:

The BSAB is in a transitional period and is currently recruiting to the post of Independent Chair. Annie Callanan our previous Independent Chair has now left after nearly 4 years to focus on safeguarding work. The BSAB thanks Annie for all her hard work and wish her all the best. In the interim, according to the BSAB Memorandum of Agreement (MOA) my role as Vice Chair will continue as Interim Chair with the full support of the statutory partnership to ensure work streams of the strategic priorities continue by supporting and challenging the commitment and vision of the Board and its partners. We will continue to focus upon how agencies effectively work together to safeguard, prevent and reduce the risk of abuse and neglect.

The BSAB is now recruiting to a new Independent Chair with the aim to start by 1st April 2019. To apply for the Independent Chair role, please see the link—

<https://jobs.bexley.gov.uk/wrlive/pages/vacancy.jsf?search=0>



BSAB Publications:

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

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

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

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

[Previous BSAB Newsletters](#) (click link)

Upcoming Training:

- Safeguarding Adults Level 1(Basic Awareness)
- Basic awareness of the Mental Capacity Act Level 1
- Multi- Agency Safeguarding Adults Workshop Level 2/3
- Modern Day Slavery Awareness Training
- Undertaking assessments and Best Interest decisions under the Mental Capacity Act Level 2
- Practice Development Workshop - Information gathering from Provider agencies/Organisations



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

SAR Updates:

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.

The purpose of a SAR is to prevent serious harm or the risk of serious harm to adults at risk of abuse or neglect by learning from complex cases that agencies find challenging, which, on initial analysis, demonstrate areas of practice that could have been delivered more effectively and additionally, where there are clear concerns that agencies have not worked as well together as they might.

Anyone can notify of a SAR:

<http://www.safeguardingadultsinbexley.com/wp-content/uploads/SAR-Notification-Form-Oct-17-2.pdf>

Active SAR's: We currently have 5 active SAR's being reviewed.

