

A six-weekly newsletter brought to you by Bexley Safeguarding Adults Board (BSAB)

**Our Statement of Purpose:** 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.

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## The Chairs Corner with Eleanor Brazil, BSAB Independent Chair:



The past few months have been a very difficult and challenging time for our service users, staff and partners. At our recent Safeguarding Adult Board - held virtually of course - we heard back from members about how they've coped with responding to the pandemic and the impact it has had on people in Bexley. We heard some very positive reports about the way staff have worked to help people in the community, at home, in hospital and in care homes. A big thanks to all staff and volunteers who have gone out of their way to help people stay safe. This

newsletter provides an update on the work of the Board including links to 4 published Safeguarding Adult Reviews, where unfortunately things did not go well, but we will use the learning from the reviews to improve our understanding and how we all work better together. I hope you find it interesting.



### BSAB Annual Report 2019-2020



Any comments to be sent to the BSAB email to go to the next board meeting on the 29th September 2020 at:  
[bsab@bexley.gov.uk](mailto:bsab@bexley.gov.uk)

### Bexley Safeguarding Adults Board Strategic Priorities & Memorandum of Understanding

### Communication and Engagement Plan 2020-2023



Due to CO-19 the London SAB Chairs are going to plan some additional Strategic Priorities for all London SABs—if you have a view on what these should focus on email [bsab@bexley.gov.uk](mailto:bsab@bexley.gov.uk) before 1st September.



## JOIN OUR SAFEGUARDING ADULTS CHAMPION NETWORK:

The safeguarding champion role will be central to the involvement, engagement and assurances for the BSAB partnership.

A breakdown of the safeguarding champion's role and responsibilities is as follows:

- To be a focal point for the safeguarding partnership in passing on learning from learning reviews, audits and local/national priorities to staff within their setting
- To attend occasional workshops, where they will be given information in a multi-agency setting and have the opportunity of talking it through with colleagues from other agencies
- To cascade information to their colleagues within their work setting through team meetings/training events/
- supervision (for example, to publicise the partnership's briefing sessions on statutory basics to new staff working in their agency)
- To meet with their line manager to discuss their role as a safeguarding champion
- To be on the partnership mailing list to receive bulletins/updates on relevant information to pass on to their colleagues
- To give their views on whether learning has made a difference to practice
- To tell the safeguarding partners what is working well in their work setting and what are the challenges in respect of working together to safeguard adults in Bexley.
- Learning events for safeguarding champions will be throughout the year.

You will get a badge like the design on the lower right to wear.

Thank you again for your commitment.

To discuss other ways to get involved, contact us at [bsab@bexley.gov.uk](mailto:bsab@bexley.gov.uk)





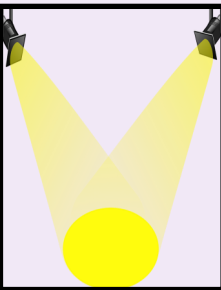
### Publications:

All Bexley Safeguarding Adults Board Publications can be found [here](#).



### Additional Resources for keeping adults safe:

The Bexley Safeguarding Adults Board website hosts a whole page of useful links, click [here](#).



### **SPOTLIGHTS: Please click on the links below**

[‘Healthwatch Bexley Annual Report’](#)

[CHILDREN'S AND ADULTS' SERVICES OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY COMMITTEE:](#)

### Safeguarding Adults Review (SAR) Learning:

In Bexley we've published 8 SARs with their learning since April 2015. All the Learning can be found on our website [here](#).

At the moment the SAR Sub Group has set a Task & Finish Group to review, audit and identify KEY THEMES linking with the National SAR report completed in 2019. If you wish to know more about YOUR statutory duty to

We are currently reviewing 2 cases, which will hopefully be completed and published before January 2021. We will be holding various small workshops to share the learning with you. We will be reviewing our Professional Learning & Development Programme as part of our new strategic plans for 2020-2023 to ensure partners have the skills they need to competently move Bexley forward.

For more information on our learning visit our website [here](#).



We have been working diligently to sharpen our skills both as a Board but also as individual agencies.

### Newly Published SARs: Please click on the SAR's below for the full publication:

- [SAR PAUL](#)— Impacts of childhood trauma on middle-aged male adults
- [SAR SAHARA](#) — Impacts of navigating the system and mental health
- [SAR N](#) - Impacts of childhood trauma on young people and mental health
- [SAR VICTORIA](#)— Importance of Fire Safety Risk Assessments and care services

It is the statutory (legal) duty that any unexpected death of an adult under the Care Act 2014 be formally notified to the BSAB.

The form to the right can be hyperlinked straight to the form where you may need to make a Notification.

Not all Notifications become formal reviews, but it is important that the only person under the Care Act 2014 to call a SAR is the Independent Chairperson, not a single-person or agency.

Please see this page on our [website](#) for more.

03/02/2020 Bexley ECR Live

New Notification

Notification Form for Consideration of a Multi-Agency Review

Please use this form to request a Multi-Agency Review for consideration by the Learning and Review Sub-Group.

All notifications should have been discussed with senior managers in your agency beforehand.

In urgent situations, particularly if there is significant media interest, please make contact by email [statutoryreview@bexley.gov.uk](mailto:statutoryreview@bexley.gov.uk) and then complete and return this form.

The following should be considered when deciding whether to make a referral for a multi agency review and please refer to these when completing section 12 stating why it is considered that the criteria for a multi agency review are met in this case:

- The concerns must relate to a person with needs of care and support – whether or not in receipt of services.
- Abuse, neglect or acts of omission is known or strongly suspected to have contributed to the harm caused.
- Concerns are about systemic failings relating to multiple organisations and so there is potential to use learning to improve multi agency practice and partnership working.
- Please refer to the guidance at the end of this document which outlines the criteria used by the SAB to decide if a review should be commissioned.

Notification Date: \*  
03/02/2020

Notifier Details

Your Name \*

Your Phone Number \*

Your E-mail address \*

<https://www.gp-on-the.com/Bexley/ECR/Live/ver/public/newNotification>

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