

**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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### Updates from Eleanor Brazil, BSAB Independent Chair

It's a pleasure to be leading the safeguarding adult partnership in Bexley. Last time, I mentioned our Managing Risk Event where we discussed how services are working in Bexley. This has influenced the development of the priorities for the partnership and what we need to focus on

In this Newsletter, I've highlighted in bold below some key pieces of work that are extremely relevant to safeguarding adults in Bexley. In the **Mark your Calendar** section below, we are supporting the launch of the National Safeguarding Adults Awareness week. In the last newsletter, I mentioned that we are developing new strategic priorities and the draft is now available to see/comment in the **Have your Say** section below. As part of our new priorities, we will be asking professionals to become Safeguarding Adult Champions, which you can learn more about in the **Get Involved** section below.

The **ASC Pathways Transformation Consultation** is still open, please ensure you have read this and have commented feedback via the links on the website and remind you of **London Multi-agency Adult Safeguarding Policy & Procedures** (locally known as Pan London) launched in April 2019 by the London Safeguarding Adult Board and ADASS—the **summary of changes document is also available**.

We participated in the Ageing Well Event a few weeks ago hosted by our partners in Public Health. I am pleased to see how hard professionals are working to support ageing population in Bexley. Featured in the Photo to the right is our partner Anjan Ghosh, Director of Public Health.

Finally, I'd like to welcome Alexandra Gregory, BSAB Coordinator, back from maternity leave, so if you have any ideas or wish to contribute to this work, please get in touch at [bsab@bexley.gov.uk](mailto:bsab@bexley.gov.uk). Thank you!



### National Safeguarding Adults Awareness Week

The 1st National Safeguarding Adults Awareness Week is finally here!

NHS England, Metropolitan Police and ADASS have all agreed to launch a national safeguarding adults awareness the week 18th to 24th November 2019. In Bexley, we will be supporting this week showcasing some of our work, answering questions and sharing what this means to you. We'll be in the Bexley Civic Offices Atrium Monday—Friday 12-2. More information on our campaign is on page two.



### Our new Strategic Priorities

We've identified the following as draft strategic priorities—

Have your Say and let us know what you think at [bsab@bexley.gov.uk](mailto:bsab@bexley.gov.uk)

1. Driving professional knowledge and curiosity across the partnership to improve safeguarding practice.
2. Improving access to information so people know where to go and who to speak to in a timely and effective way.
3. Promote working with family members to involve them to reduce risks to individuals and to enhance support for them.



### Safeguarding Adult Champions

We are looking for Safeguarding Adult Champions.



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



If you wish to know more about the SHIELD; Children and Young People's Partnership Board, please visit their website [here](#).



### Additional Resources for keeping adults safe

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

Information from the National SAB Network has shared the two pieces of information regarding Homelessness, Rough Sleepers and Safeguarding Legal Framework. Double-click on the icons and the documents will open.

The Bexley Domestic Abuse Services website also holds a lot of vital information for keeping adults safe—[click here](#) to visit their site.



### SPOTLIGHT:

#### Council studies how technology can help Bexley's vulnerable adults

Bexley is running a one-year pilot study with a local GP practice to test the effectiveness of a digital-enabled service in one of Bexley's larger care homes. For the full press release click [here](#).



### Additional Safeguarding Adults Awareness banners -



**What is Neglect?**

*"Neglect is the failure of any agency, service, organisation or person that has responsibility for the care or custody of an adult at risk to provide the amount and type of care that would reasonably be expected."*

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18-24<sup>th</sup> November 2019

 How to report a concern: 0203 045 5159; or email [bexleycare.spc@nhs.net](mailto:bexleycare.spc@nhs.net)



**What is Sexual abuse?**

*"Sexual abuse is the direct or indirect involvement in sexual activity without consent. This could also be the inability to Consent, pressure or coerced to consent or take part."*

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**What is Psychological abuse?**

*"Psychological/Emotional abuse is behaviour that has a harmful effect on the adult at risk's emotional health and well being."*

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**What is Discriminatory abuse?**

*"Discriminatory abuse exists when values, beliefs or culture result in a misuse of power that denies opportunity to some groups or individuals. It can be a feature of any form of abuse of an adult at risk, but can also be motivated because of age, gender, sexuality, disability, religion, class, culture, language, race or ethnicity."*

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**What is Financial abuse?**

*"Financial abuse is a crime. It is the use of a person's property, assets, income, funds or any resources without their informed consent or authorisation."*

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**What is Organisational abuse?**

*"The mistreatment, abuse, or neglect of an adult at risk by a regime or agency within settings and services that adults at risk live in or use, that violate the person's dignity, resulting in lack of respect for their human rights."*

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### Safeguarding Adults Review (SAR) Learning

In Bexley we've published 4 SARs with their learning since April 2015. We have been working diligently to sharpen our skills both as a board but also as individual agencies. The most important aspect of the learning reviews is to take time to ensure that Action and Implementation Plans are completed with assurances that positive steps are being taken to prevent abuse and neglect.

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](#).