

**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.

### Top stories in this newsletter



Updates from Eleanor Brazil, BSAB Independent Chair



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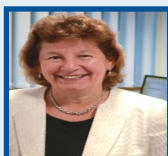
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#### Updates from Eleanor Brazil, BSAB Independent Chair—

I've officially been at Bexley for 4 months! In this time, I've met with the Board partners and some key frontline staff to hear what works well and not so well in Bexley.



We had over 80 professionals attend the Safeguarding Adult Review (SAR) Learning Event held in July for **SAR-Mrs BA** which initial feedback and a few of you felt it necessary to meet as a follow-up, in order to express your more 'frontline' views of services. I think both these sessions gave really positive and helpful insight on how services are working in Bexley and as the Independent Chair where to potentially focus attention across the partnership.

In early September, we held an afternoon Managing Risk Event, titled, 'Whose Risk is it Anyway?' at Hall Place to identify through case-analysis risks to adults in Bexley and what key priorities the BSAB should drive a 3-year Strategic Plan, which we will launch from April 2020.

Finally, in this Newsletter, I'd like to highlight some key pieces of work that are extremely relevant to safeguarding adults in Bexley. The first is the **ASC Pathways Transformation Consultation**—please ensure you have read this and have commented feedback via the links on the website.

Secondly, the new **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**.

Finally, 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. Our 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. If you have any ideas or wish to contribute to this work, please get in touch via [bsab@bexley.gov.uk](mailto:bsab@bexley.gov.uk). Thank you!

#### Did you know Modern Day Slavery Training is mandatory for staff?



The London Borough of Bexley's Modern Slavery Toolkit explains in detail the mandatory duties and responsibility of the Council and its staff. The Toolkit can be found [here](#).

To see all the courses offered by the BSAB, please click [here](#). There is also e-learning which is mandatory for ALL staff please login to **Evolve** and enroll.

International Anti-Slavery Day is the 18th October, as we raise awareness against modern slavery and human trafficking, we encourage you to help us by battling against slavery in Bexley.



#### Statutory Publications — new SAR Learning, SAR-Ms AB & BSAB Annual Report 18-19



In April 2019, we published SAR with BSAB Action Plan, **Ms AB**, and at the Managing Risk Event held earlier this month, we highlighted Ms AB as a case with significant high risks needs and how we in Bexley will support those with high risk behaviours more effectively. SAR's should not be seen as 'blame or only what hasn't gone well' but as learning for all involved to help prevent abuse and neglect to adults at risk in the UK and this case has shown areas of good practice in very difficult circumstances. The SAR goes into depth analysis of the findings, including themes and recommendations.

The Bexley Safeguarding Adults Board Annual Report is now published on our website, click [here](#).

#### Additional Resources for keeping adults safe



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

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