



Bexley Safeguarding Adults Board Newsletter—March 2019

What's a Safeguarding Adult's 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.

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

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Safeguarding Adults Board
Civic Offices
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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 (click on link)**
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 (click on link)**



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An update from our Acting / Vice Chair:

I am pleased to announce the BSAB Statutory Partners after a vigorous interview process, have appointed Eleanor Brazil. Eleanor will officially start as the Board's Independent Chair on the 1st April and will feature in the next BSAB Newsletter. I will continue as Acting Chair until then. Eleanor is meeting with partners across Bexley as part of her induction. If you wish to make a session, please email bsab@bexley.gov.uk—Michael Boyce, Deputy Managing Director, Bexley CCG

Our key priorities for the next month are:

1. Publishing 2 Safeguarding Adult Reviews and planning the learning events
2. Working with key partners on strategic plans—Prevention Strategy and Modern Day Slavery Protocols in Bexley
3. Preparing our Annual Report for scrutiny
4. Launch our 2019-2020 Learning & Development Programme



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
- Undertaking assessments and Best Interest decisions under the Mental Capacity Act Level 2
- Safer Recruitment in the Voluntary & Community Sector



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

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. *In Bexley, a SAR can only be recommended by the SAR Sub Group of the BSAB to the Chair of the Board. The Chair of the Board makes and holds the final say on whether or not to commission a SAR.*

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:

The full Bexley SAR Toolkit with all relevant documents needed and guidance framework click here:

<http://www.safeguardingadultsinbexley.com/protecting-adults/serious-adult-review-learning/>



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