



Welcome from the Chair of the HSAB (Bernie Flaherty)

Welcome to the 16th edition of the HSAB's quarterly newsletter. The focus for the Board in 2017 is community safety which was fully covered in edition 15 and this newsletter continues with that topic, including more details about the next Best Practice Forum on 15th June (World Elder Abuse Awareness Day 2017). I would like to thank everyone who attended the first joint conference held with the Children's Safeguarding Board in February which focused on Domestic Violence and was inspiring. As always, we are keen to receive any comments about the newsletter or suggestions for future editions which can be sent to either Sue Spurlock (sue.spurlock@harrow.gov.uk) or Seamus Doherty (seamus.doherty@harrow.gov.uk).

“Scams, Fraud & and Staying Safe”

Thursday 15th June 2017, Council Chamber,
Civic Centre, 09.00 am - 1.00 pm



The Harrow Safeguarding Adults Board invites you to its next Best Practice Forum which is being held on World Elder Abuse Awareness Day 2017. The focus will be about a range of issues in relation to scams, fraud, distraction burglary and doorstep crime as perpetrated against adults at risk, together with how you can support (all user groups) to protect themselves both at home and in the community.

This is an exciting opportunity to hear from a variety of professionals who can all help support a multi-agency approach to what is becoming an increasingly significant issue for some of the most vulnerable people in our community.

Booking details will be sent out by Seamus via email soon.



Thank You!



The HSAB would like to thank all the Head Teachers who met with two of its “experts by experience” (Darshan and Kavitha) to listen to their concerns about the behaviour of school children and how they might benefit from some disability awareness training.

Darshan and Kavitha told the HSAB that the teachers had been very interested and had agreed to take part in an awareness raising project.

Discussion topic: “Community Care magazine article”

This article (accessible through the web link below) suggests that there is a difference between the expectations of workers in Children’s Services to those working with vulnerable adults. There are current examples of vulnerable people in Harrow being exploited in this way – would you and colleagues in your Team recognise the risks in a situation where someone is being “befriended” for the purpose of exploitation? Would you raise a safeguarding concern for a case like the one described in the article? <http://www.communitycare.co.uk/2017/04/03/call-tougher-adult-safeguarding-standards-mans-murder/?cmpid=NLC|SCSC|SCNEW-2017-0405>



What are local statistics telling us?

At its March 2017 meeting the HSAB looked in depth at the domestic abuse (DVA) statistics for vulnerable adults – as a follow up to the February conference. The headlines were that:

- 101 cases dealt with by Safeguarding Adults Teams had an element of DVA
- the ethnicity proportions were 44% BME to 56% white - bearing out the research that DVA exists across all communities
- the female / male split was 71% / 29% with no significant variations by ethnic group
- older people were the most at risk group and also women with mental health issues
- the most prevalent form of abuse is emotional and psychological
- most referrals are coming from health staff (47%) followed by social care staff (22%) and the Police (11%)



Training

The Harrow Safeguarding Adults Board (HSAB) is delighted to announce the first **Safeguarding Adults Basic Awareness** and **Basic Awareness Refresher** courses of 2017/18 which will be running on May 10th in the Civic Centre Council Chamber.

Both of these courses are now available for immediate booking in the usual way through <http://harrow.learningpool.com/>

For new attendees, there is a simple guide on how to register for the Learning Pod but remember, everyone must have their own **individual** registration as managers cannot enrol their staff. Contact Seamus for the guide.

The full 2017/18 programme will be announced in due course, but in the meantime please get booking!



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