



Welcome from the Chair of the HSAB (Bernie Flaherty)

Welcome to the 15th edition of the HSAB's quarterly newsletter. Firstly I would like to wish everyone a Happy New Year and to thank you for all the work you did in 2016 to keep vulnerable adults safer from abuse.

The focus for the Board in 2017 is community safety, so this edition of the newsletter starts with that topic and there are links below to some useful information you can access. There are also details about the next Best Practice Forum in March, as well as the usual update on what the statistics are telling us.

As always, we are keen to receive any comments about the newsletter which can be sent to either Sue Spurlock (sue.spurlock@harrow.gov.uk) or Seamus Doherty (seamus.doherty@harrow.gov.uk).

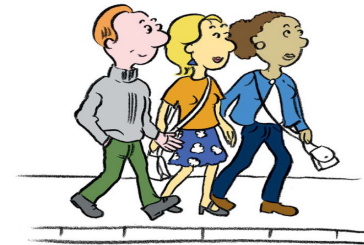
Home Office guide for people with a learning disability

The Home Office has produced a very useful booklet for people with a learning disability which includes: keeping safe at home; keeping safe on buses (which users in Harrow have highlighted as a concern to the HSAB for the last 2 years); and using cash machines safely.

The short guide can be found at the following web link and we encourage you to print it for anyone you are working with that might find it helpful:

Keep Safe

A guide to personal safety



Home Office

[http://www.gmp.police.uk/content/WebAttachments/AA524BF8D682771280257DE20035F9E1/\\$File/keep%20safe%20Home%20Office%20Guide.pdf](http://www.gmp.police.uk/content/WebAttachments/AA524BF8D682771280257DE20035F9E1/$File/keep%20safe%20Home%20Office%20Guide.pdf)

The Little Book of Big Scams

Another very popular booklet which has been actively promoted by the HSAB is the "Little Book of Big Scams", published by the Metropolitan Police. It includes 10 "golden rules" to help anyone beat the scammers and number one is: "if it sounds too good to be true, it probably is":

http://www.met.police.uk/docs/little_book_scam.pdf



Discussion topic "community safety advice for our clients/patients/users"

If everyone working with the elderly and those with a disability or mental health issue provided them with some key points of advice about keeping safe it would be possible to reach hundreds of people in Harrow. In your Team please think about how you could get some of the above information to those you think might be most vulnerable.

What are local statistics telling us?

The 2nd quarter statistics show another rise in referrals. At its December 2016 meeting the HSAB was very pleased to see that mental health concerns rose again and are now exceeding the last known national figures – providing reassurance that users and staff in these services know how to recognise and report possible abuse.



Training events 2016/2017 (coming up!)

The remaining HSAB courses for 2016/17 can be booked online by contacting:
<http://harrow.learningpool.com/>



Dignity Action Day 2017

Dignity Action Day each year is a day to celebrate all that you and your colleagues have accomplished in delivering dignified care. It is also a day to celebrate with those people at the centre of your care. Supporting Dignity Action Day 2017 will:

- remind society that dignity is everybody's business
- raise awareness of the importance of Dignity in Care
- promote the services you provide and give someone in your care an extra special day
- be part of a national celebration and demonstrate solidarity for Dignity in Care



Dignity in Care materials including posters, leaflets and cards are all available to download free from the website:

http://www.dignityincare.org.uk/library/Resources/Dignity/DAD/Dignity_Action_Day_2017-pack.pdf

Best Practice Forum

The next HSAB Best Practice Forum will be about community safety and is being held on March 29th 2017. Publicity will be sent out in the next few days and you will need to book early to avoid disappointment!!

Thank You!



The HSAB would like to thank colleagues on the Harrow Safeguarding Children's Board (HSCB) for agreeing to run its annual conference jointly with the HSAB.

It is being held on Thursday 2nd February 2017 at Harrow Arts centre and the main theme will be Domestic Violence. We look forward to seeing you there.



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