

# Bromley Safeguarding Adults Board

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## BSAB Safeguarding Awareness Fortnight

Following on from the success of last year's Safeguarding Awareness Week, we have decided to extend this year's Safeguarding Awareness week to a fortnight. From 3 – 14 December 2018, we will be running a number of hour long breakfast and lunchtime safeguarding taster sessions for professionals across the Borough.



These sessions will cover topics such as modern day slavery, domestic abuse in the elderly community and understanding thresholds for safeguarding. We will be holding these events at several locations across Bromley and would encourage as many of you as possible to attend sessions. If you would like to find out more about the sessions we are running please email: [LBBBSABCoordinator@bromley.gov.uk](mailto:LBBBSABCoordinator@bromley.gov.uk) .

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# Spotlight on....

## SELF-NEGLECT AND HOARDING PANEL

Self-neglect and hoarding is a huge issue both in Bromley and nationally. Help for Hoarders estimates that between 2 – 5% population hoard, and self-neglect accounted for 8% of safeguarding enquiries in 2017/18. Nationally many Safeguarding Adults Reviews have been conducted following the death of adults who self-neglect and we have recently commissioned our first Safeguarding Adults Review following the death of a Borough resident who self-neglected.



To help support adults who self-neglect and hoard we have a Self-Neglect and Hoarding Panel, which is a forum where professionals meet to establish a multi-agency response to support adults who self-neglect and hoard. The Board meets on a monthly basis and is chaired by Sara Bean, Tenancy Sustainment Team Leader at Clarion Housing. A range of professionals including staff from Oxleas, London Borough of Bromley, London Fire Brigade and Bromley CCG attend meetings. Since April 2018, 21 new cases have been presented to the Panel with a range of different recommendations being used to help support adults, such as referrals for home fire safety visits, identification of a lead agency to support the individual and housing placement reviews.

If you would like to find out more about the Self-Neglect and Hoarding Panel or have a case that may be suitable to consider, please visit our website: <https://bromley.mylifeportal.co.uk/bsab/snahpanel>

## BSAB ANNUAL CONFERENCE

The Bromley Safeguarding Adults Board Annual Conference took place at The Warren on 2nd October 2018. The theme of the Conference was 'A User Focussed Approach: Predicting and Preventing' and a number of fantastic speakers were present including Alex Ruck-Keene from 39 Essex Chambers discussing lessons from the Mental Capacity Act 2005 and Lynne Phair presenting safeguarding in care homes as well as a learning session on Making Safeguarding Personal and Risk.

The date for our next conference has been set for 8 October 2019 at The Warren.

Remember to save the date in your diary!



# UPDATE ON.....MODERN DAY SLAVERY AND HUMAN TRAFFICKING

We have set up a Modern Day Slavery (MDS) and Human Trafficking Task and Finish Group which met for the first time on 18 September 2018, with the aim of driving forward work around this area. The group agreed that we would draw up a strategy outlining actions that we would take to tackle MDS. Some key areas around this include, raising awareness and understanding of MDS, understanding how Bromley may be impacted, developing mechanisms to support victims and pathways to ensure that we have a co-ordinated and multi-agency response to MDS. We will keep you updated with our progress in future newsletters.



## QUICK UPDATES:

- ⇒ The Home Office has developed a National Referral Mechanism Reform newsletter, to sign up for this please visit: <https://gov.smartwebportal.co.uk/homeoffice/public/webform.asp?id=127&id2=835391>
- ⇒ Hestia have released their third publication in their Underground Lives series, looking into the realities of life for particular groups of people who have been subject to trafficking and slavery. The third publication focuses on the impact modern slavery gives focus to male victims of modern slavery and provides insight into the barriers preventing men getting support. To read more: <https://www.hestia.org/undergroundlives>

## TRAINING UPDATES

### FIRE SAFETY TRAINING

We were fortunate enough to have Fitzroy Sterling, Leon Sheppard and Dan Rosling from the London Fire Brigade deliver two training sessions about fire safety in homes and commercial properties on 19<sup>th</sup> September 2018. A total of 40 staff attended these sessions. We would like to extend a warm thank you to Fitzroy, Leon and Dan for their time and expertise.

### 'SEPSIS: LISTEN TO US' PODCAST

A recent [Learning Disabilities Mortality Review Report](#) found that sepsis was the second most common cause of death following pneumonia, among people with learning disabilities. The Royal College of GPs has released a podcast, interviewing Dr Elizabeth Herrieven, an Emergency Department Consultant, who has direct knowledge of this area. To listen further go to: <https://audioboom.com/posts/7004840-sepsis-listen-to-us-part-one>

# NATIONAL UPDATES

## Fire Safety in Specialised Housing – Guidance

The National Fire Chief's Council have released a new guide for 'Fire Safety in Specialised Housing'. The aim of the guidance is to develop good practice amongst professionals by helping them understand responsibilities for fire safety and encouraging staff to adopt a 'person centred' approach to identifying fire risk to vulnerable residents living in sheltered housing, extra care and supported living properties. This is in recognition of the fact that there is an aging population who are vulnerable to injury or death if a fire occurs.

A copy of the guidance can be found: [https://www.nationalfirechiefs.org.uk/write/MediaUploads/NFCC%20Guidance%20publications/NFCC Specialised Housing Guidance - Copy.pdf](https://www.nationalfirechiefs.org.uk/write/MediaUploads/NFCC%20Guidance%20publications/NFCC%20Specialised%20Housing%20Guidance%20Copy.pdf)

## CQC State of Care in England

The Care Quality Commission released the State of Care in England on 11 October 2018, which is an annual assessment of health and social care. The overall view was that '*most people in England receive a good quality of care*', with specific reference to good partnership and organisation culture. It was however recognised that there were areas of improvement:

- ⇒ Equity of access and care
- ⇒ Supporting older people with unmet care needs
- ⇒ Safety in NHS acute hospitals and mental health services
- ⇒ Staffing and capacity to meet demand

The full report can be found: <https://www.cqc.org.uk/publications/major-report/state-care>

## Charities safeguarding measures bolstered through new dedicated fund

The Government announced on 22 October 2018 that they will be renewing their commitment to safeguarding in the charity sector by investing £2 million in projects that raise awareness of safeguarding. This will include providing free safeguarding training and improving access to charities reporting concerns. For more information see: <https://www.gov.uk/government/news/charities-safeguarding-measures-bolstered-through-new-dedicated-fund?>

## Transitional Safeguarding from Adolescence to Adulthood

Research in Practice has released an article of transitional safeguarding, with specific reference to the complexities of managing the transition from childhood to adulthood. The article gives an insight into the challenges and how we can change current safeguarding procedures to support vulnerable individuals reaching adulthood. You can read the full article here: <https://www.rip.org.uk/news-and-views/blog/transitional-safeguarding-from-adolescence-to-adulthood/>