



Key information for Safeguarding Adults in West Sussex - April 2017

Safeguarding Together: Raising Training Standards



The West Sussex Safeguarding Adults Board is holding its final local roadshows in Worthing and Crawley. All spaces in Worthing are now FULL, however, there are some limited spaces in Crawley on the 18th of May. The event will share our newly developed training standards and aim to work together to look at how these standards can be embedded across all health and social care services within the private, voluntary and independent sector (PVI). This event would be particularly beneficial for managers and senior

staff delivering health and social care services within the private, voluntary and independent sectors. Please share this event with PVI contacts.

For more details [click here](#).

To book a place please email: SafeguardingAdultsBoard@westsussex.gov.uk

In your email, please write "Events" in the subject box.

Feedback from previous events:

"I am grateful for being given the opportunity to attend the session. Very well organised. Excellent speakers."

"I believe the organisers have done their very best to ensure that the participants gain the most benefits from the training session."

Multi-Agency Audits celebrate successes when 'getting it right'



Every year West Sussex Safeguarding Adults Board undertakes two multi-agency audit cycles through its Quality and Performance subgroup, to identify how agencies are managing safeguarding cases and working together with other agencies to support Making Safeguarding Personal.

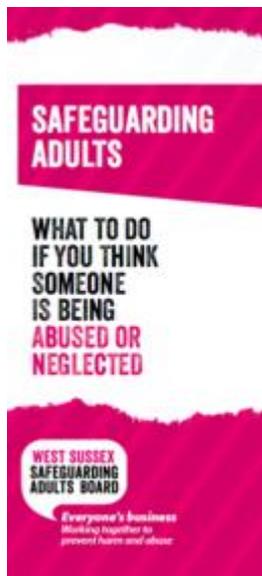
Our first audit of 2016-17 focused on Making Safeguarding Personal and how the adult at the center of the concern was supported. The audit intended to tell those working closely with the adult what they wanted to change to stop the safeguarding concern happening again

and how they followed the six key safeguarding principles of: empowerment; prevention; proportionality; protection; partnership and accountability.

Representatives from a number of agencies (including Sussex Police, NHS Trusts, Clinical Commissioning Groups and Healthwatch West Sussex) were in attendance to identify, from randomly selected cases, how the person's outcomes were held at the center of the safeguarding 'enquiry'. One case highlighted how agencies had worked very closely with a woman who was identified as having a learning disability, she was given 'personal safety training' and support following a sexual assault from a male friend. The audit also identified the positive work done to support the male around respectful relationships that would help safeguard him in future.

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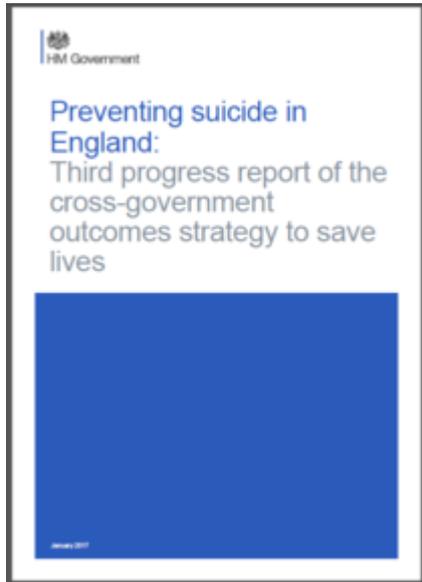
The Safeguarding Adults Board has updated its general safeguarding leaflet. You can view it in detail on the [website](#).

If you require a more accessible version, you can view it on the Safeguarding Adults Board website too, please [click here](#).

Introducing the Escalation Procedure

Following the publication of the [Safeguarding Adult Review of 'Alan'](#) in September 2016, the Safeguarding Adult Board has developed an Escalation Procedure. This procedure provides for the resolution of professional disagreements where an agency or professional considers that the decision made by other professionals or another agency on a safeguarding adult case is not a safe decision. You can [view](#) it here on the West Sussex Safeguarding website.

Suicide Prevention: Third Annual Report



The third progress report of the suicide prevention strategy sets out what's being done to reduce deaths by suicide in England.

On average, 13 people kill themselves every day in England.

This report is being used to update the 2012 strategy in 5 main areas:

- expanding the strategy to include self-harm prevention in its own right
- every local area to produce a multi-agency suicide prevention plan
- improving suicide bereavement support in order to develop support services
- better targeting of suicide prevention and help seeking in high risk groups
- improve data at both the national and local levels

Modern Slavery Update

Following a Pan-Sussex and Surrey conference towards the end of last year, the Safeguarding Adults Board in West Sussex is teaming up with partners across Sussex including the Fire Services, Community Safety Partnerships, Clinical Commissioning Groups, Children's Boards, Local Authorities and many others to look at how we raise awareness and respond to cases of Modern Slavery.

If this area of our work interests you then please make sure you sign up to our newsletter and Pass It On to your colleagues.



Doubling of Reports of slavery

UK Slavery reports have doubled in the last three years. Awareness has increased with the introduction of the [2015 Modern Slavery Act](#).

Statistics released by the [National Crime Agency \(NCA\)](#) show there were 3,805 people referred for help in 2016 - up from 1,745 people in 2013.

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Those Experiencing Domestic Abuse Withdrawing from Legal Action



An increase of 40 per cent in numbers of people experiencing domestic abuse are withdrawing their charges against their abusers in 2016 because of "lack of evidence". These revelations come from The Independent, who discovered that charges brought by the police for domestic abuse fell by more than 10 per cent.

[Read more.](#)

Safeguarding Adults Board website



For up-to-date information on safeguarding have a look at our website for new procedures, useful contacts, new leaflets and latest Safeguarding Adults Board news.

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