Safeguarding Vulnerable Adults *News*

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Bromley Safeguarding Adults Board

Message from the Chair

Terry Rich

Welcome to our first Bromley Safeguarding Adults Board newsletter, an **e-zine** which will keep you up to date with local developments in the protection of vulnerable adults who are at risk of abuse.

The Bromley Safeguarding Adults Board (BSAB), has been working to achieve significant improvements in Bromley's multi-agency safeguarding arrangements. This work will continue during 2010 as we apply the advice and insights gained from the Care Quality Commission inspection in July and August 2009 to ensure that our safeguarding arrangements are robust and effective.

As the Supporting Independence in Bromley programme starts to deliver changes in the way we support people, the Bromley Safeguarding Adults Board will be developing closer links with police, community safety and trading standards to protect adults at risk of abuse and promote prevention strategies. If you are interested in learning about our work you can access the BSAB Annual Report 2008/9 and the mid-year report for 2009/2010 on the Bromley website.

Terry Rich, Chair of Bromley Safeguarding Adults Board and Director of Adult and Community Services for Bromley Council.

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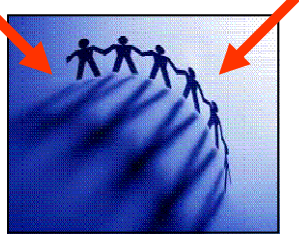
Policy Protocols and Procedures sub-group. It is responsible for the development and agreement of local policies and procedures for multi-agency safeguarding work. **Chaired by Lynne Powrie, Chief Executive of Carers Bromley (member of BSAB Executive)**

Performance Audit and Quality Standards sub-group. Monitors data, quality audits and case reviews. **Chaired by Andrew Hardman from Bromley Primary Care Trust (member of BSAB Executive)**



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The business of the Bromley Safeguarding Adults Board is managed by the BSAB Executive Committee. They are collectively responsible for monitoring the strategic and annual business plan. This states the priorities for safeguarding vulnerable adults in Bromley.

The Mental Capacity Act (MCA) Local Implementation Network. They are responsible for local implementation of the Act and the local training programme; including the provisions of the MCA and the Deprivation of Liberty Safeguards. It is chaired by **David Roberts, Assistant Director Care Services, London Borough of Bromley, Adult and Community Services (member of BSAB Executive)**

Training and Awareness sub-group. It is responsible for the training strategy and commissioning multi-agency safeguarding vulnerable adults training. They oversee the work to raise awareness of safeguarding adults at risk of abuse in the community. **Chaired by Antoinette Thorne, Bromley Council's Learning and Development Manager (member of BSAB Executive).**

Latest news

Safeguarding Training Strategy

Following the expansion of the safeguarding training programme during 2009, the Training and Awareness sub-group of Bromley Safeguarding Adults Board has started work on reviewing training needs for the 2010/2011 programme.

In the New Year, we will be publishing our new Safeguarding Training Programme on our new website pages on www.bromley.gov.uk to help you identify the most appropriate levels of adult protection training to develop the safeguarding knowledge and skills that are necessary for your job role. Please take a look at the brochure and be ready to discuss your learning and development needs with your manager in preparation for your annual learning and development appraisal.

Welfare Benefit Advice

Agencies are advertising on the internet for free welfare benefit advice but in return, the agency keeps 45% of any back paid benefit. Please advise new service users in need of welfare benefit advice to use the established free advice services, such as Bromley's Citizen Advice Bureaux so that they can then keep all of any backdated benefit.

Latest news

Domestic Violence Newsletter

Domestic Violence & Forced Marriage Newsletter
Ministry of Justice
25 November 2009

Ministry of JUSTICE

Forced Marriage (Civil Protection) Act 2007 – One Year On
It has been a year since the Forced Marriage (Civil Protection) Act came into force. Since implementation last November and up to the end of October 2009, 86 Forced Marriage Protection Orders (FMPOs) have been recorded across most of the 15 courts designated to hear applications. This has exceeded the projection of 50 orders being made in a year.

Changes to the DV Branch
John Bowman who leads on matrimonial proceedings in the Family Law & Justice Division has now taken over the responsibility for Domestic Violence & Forced Marriage Policy from Jodie Smith. Yvonne Dreckett has also joined the branch to provide administrative support.

John Bowman, Jan Salihi, Brett Gable, Bola Aggrey-Finn and Yvonne Dreckett

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You may be interested to read the latest Ministry of Justice Domestic Violence and Forced Marriage newsletter which contains some interesting statistics and links to recent reports and useful websites.

http://tinyurl.com/ybj7d4r

Quality Assurance Unit—supporting BSAB

The Quality Assurance Unit in London Borough of Bromley is now part of the Strategy and Performance Division. Based on the third floor of the Stockwell building at the Civic Centre, the Quality Assurance Unit is managed by Aileen Stamate and includes quality assurance, the complaints service and the safeguarding unit. The safeguarding unit is managed by Susannah Simpson, Adult Safeguarding Manager. Other members of the team are Ruth Warren Adult Safeguarding Co-ordinator and Sarah Reardon, Bromley Safeguarding Adults Board Administrator.

The unit is developing new adult protection pages on the London Borough of Bromley website:to provide you with a broad range of reference material linked with the safeguarding procedures.

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Latest news

Care Quality Commission Inspection

The inspection report of Bromley Council's safeguarding services will be published on February 16th 2010 at 5pm at a public meeting at the Civic Centre.

The report will highlight what we are doing well and those areas which require some further work. An action plan to address the areas for improvement will be released at the same time as the report. Both the report and the action plan to address the areas for improvement will be released at the same time as the report and both the report and the action plan will be published on One Bromley (the Council's intranet) and the London Borough of Bromley website.

Over the next few months managers will be working with staff to deliver the action plan objectives. Staff will be given every opportunity to to support these plans to make a difference for the people of Bromley.

BSAB Annual Conference

The Bromley Safeguarding Adults Board is delighted to announce its first annual conference in the summer of 2010. The title for the conference is Keeping Safe in Bromley; it will explore themes of prevention of abuse through working together, communication and good practice. Watch this space over the next few months for further details.

Thank you for your contribution to keeping vulnerable adults in Bromley safe from abuse.

What's new for 2010?

Supporting Independence in Bromley

We are changing Bromley's adult social care. These changes will mean that people who receive social care and support will have more choice and control over the care and support they receive. The Bromley Safeguarding Adults Board is working closely with the Supporting Independence in Bromley team to make sure vulnerable adults are supported through these changes and continue to be protected from harm. More details can be found on Bromley Council's website pages and we will keep you posted on any developments relevant to your safeguarding role through this newsletter.

We would like to take this opportunity to wish everyone
involved in safeguarding in Bromley, a safe and peaceful
Christmas and New Year.

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