Safeguarding Report (for Carers Forum of 16 Dec 2019)

The Sutton Safeguarding Adults Board met on 15 October under its new chair, Fiona Bateman. The Business Plans for the period up to 2022 set out 3 broad Strategic Objectives:

1. To identify and share learning about adult safeguarding to make adults at risk of abuse safer in Sutton. This will entail ensuring that the experience of people who access services is incorporated in the process, with the possibility of producing a video presenting the experience of service users.

2. To involve the community and people who access services to make safeguarding everyone’s business by increasing awareness of safeguarding across agencies in Sutton working with vulnerable adults, by increasing the influence of people who access services on SSAB’s priorities and actions, by increasing awareness of financial abuse of vulnerable adults engaging with partners in the police, Age Concern, Trading Standards, banks and link with Safer Neighbourhood teams.

3. To improve outcomes, monitor performance and make best use of resources. This will involve using a quality dashboard to provide assurance of multi-agency safeguarding standards and evaluating the effectiveness of subgroups in delivering the new SSAB strategy within the context of transformation across partner agencies. The new model for delivering the SSAB objectives will include time-defined Task and Finish groups for specific projects – membership of these groups will include service users and carers.

Learning Disability Mortality Review

This meeting of the SSAB also considered a report on Sutton’s response to the national Learning Disability Mortality Review. 25 referrals had been made indicating that life expectancy among this population group was significantly lower than for the general population. The completed reviews have identified areas of good practice and areas for further development to be actioned in the development plan.
The Annual Conference of the Sutton Safeguarding Adults Board was held on Tuesday 19 November at Holy Trinity Church, Wallington. It was well attended with presentations on:

- Liberty Protection Safeguards – implications of changes
- Transitional safeguarding
- Safeguarding adults at risk from online fraud

There were also several Workshop sessions considering Safeguarding Adults Reviews; Hate crime awareness; Coercion and Control and Suicide prevention. Each attendee could attend 2 of the 4 workshops available – after an initial presentation attendees would discuss the issue and put forward ideas for development. The outcomes of these sessions will be reported back to the SSAB.

**National Safeguarding Adults Week**

SSAB hosted a two day event on 21/22 November in the Community Zone of Sutton Central Library. All members of the public were invited to attend these talks which covered a range of safeguarding related topics. There were 6 sessions on each day which were intended to be interactive, with the opportunity to ask questions at the end of each presentation. I attended 2 sessions – on Financial Abuse (given by Barclays Bank staff who provided a very helpful booklet on various financial scams) and on choosing a Care Home – what does good care look like? This was given by the head of LBS Commissioning and led to a discussion on some of the problems which arise when someone has concerns about a relative in a care home.

**Contact Details for Safeguarding Referrals**

A number of individuals have mentioned that they have been unclear as to Sutton’s email and telephone number when making safeguarding referrals. These are:

email: referralpoint@sutton.gov.uk

telephone: 020 8770 4983

Brian Dear.

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