

Welcome to the seventh edition of the newsletter for Buckinghamshire's Safeguarding Adults Board (BSAB).

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Wishing you a SAFE and Happy Christmas
 From
 Buckinghamshire Safeguarding Adults Board

THANKS TO ALL BOARD MEMBERS AND PARTNERS FOR THEIR SUPPORT IN 2017



SAFE FORUM



The SAFE FORUM is a group of people who promote that Safeguarding is everyone's Business the best word to describe how the SAFE Forum works is based on prevention as in everything in life Prevention is always the best way forward. The group is based on Confidentiality so everything that anyone says in the group is strictly not spoken about outside of our group the SAFE FORUM are a friendly group who show Empathy Understanding and Kindness while showing support our aim is Teamwork and Improvement and most of all trust.

Below are some comments from current members of the group:-

Ellie Zavaroni—Deputy Chair (SAFE Forum)

Since I have been a member of the SAFE group I have learned so much about Safeguarding through my own Personal Experience and through the wonderful training given by BSAB offered to the SAFE group both by E learning and by different Conferences like Modern Day Slavery, Domestic Violence, Coercive Control and Scams the SAFE FORUM is a really good group to belong to the members that attend are both Professional and also Service Users and Carers and we all learn from each other how Safeguarding is everyone's Business whether big or small because it could happen to anyone at anytime. I personally have a deep compassion about Safeguarding.



Debra Robinson-SUCO Development Worker

One service user with learning difficulties told me he had been a victim of a safeguarding issue and whilst he understood what he was going through he had no idea till he joined the SAFE Forum what was happening on the 'other side' - amongst the professionals and his circle of friends and family. He really appreciated the opportunity to find out what others were doing for him, on his behalf, to make sure it did not happen again. The SAFE Forum supports vulnerable people and makes sure they understand their vulnerabilities i.e. what makes them vulnerable and easy targets

Jacky Mckenna—Chair of SAFE

We would welcome anyone that wants to join SAFE. SAFE is a groups where members can freely discuss concerns about any issues relating to the vulnerability of those receiving care in a safe and friendly environment. Why not give us a try. You can contact either myself or Nicky Barry (Board Manager) by email bsab@buckscc.gov.uk or telephoning 01296 387146.

Buckinghamshire Safeguarding Adults Board meeting was held on the 14th

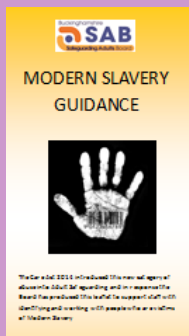
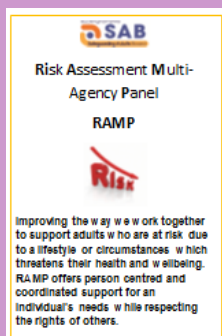
December 2017. The main focus of this meeting was on the development of a new Board Strategy for the next three years. The Strategy has 5 key priorities:

- **Key Priority One:** To ensure that there is effective communication with residents in Buckinghamshire, between professional, agencies, between different Boards and Partnerships
- **Key Priority Two:** To ensure that the workforce, working with adults with care and support needs, are competent to carry out their roles.
- **Key Priority Three:** To understand the nature of abuse within Buckinghamshire and to put structures in place to reduce the likelihood of abuse occurring.
- **Key Priority Four:** To ensure that the learning from Safeguarding Adult Reviews is embedded in practice across agencies working in Buckinghamshire
- **Key Priority Five:** To ensure that all Safeguarding work undertaken in Buckinghamshire is Person Centred and in line with the philosophy and guiding principles from "Making Safeguarding Personnel".

If you would like to find out more please go to our website <http://www.buckinghamshirepartnership.co.uk/safeguarding-adults-board/buckinghamshire-safeguarding-adults-board/safeguarding-board-documents/>

Communication Strategy

Buckinghamshire Safeguarding Adults Board has developed a Communication Strategy which is available from our website (Christine can you add a picture of our communication strategy and link to the page on the website)



As part of this Strategy the Board has developed a range of publications which can be freely downloaded from our webpages to help promote information regarding Adult Safeguarding in Buckinghamshire. The leaflets and posters that are available are pictured here.



If you have any special requests regarding leaflets that you need, that are not available on our website, then please contact the Board Administrator on: Phone 01296 387146 or email CHutson@Buckscc.gov.uk

SAFEGUARDING TRAINING

In 2017 it was agreed that Bucks Safeguarding Adults Board would no longer provide Safeguarding, instead the Board has developed a “Competency Framework” which enables organisations to determine how they will ensure that their staff are competent in Safeguarding Adults.

The Board agreed that it would still deliver some bespoke face to face training as gaps in worker’s knowledge or competency were identified. At the same time the Board has developed a range of E Learning programmes for all staff working with adults with care needs. The E Learning is also aimed at enabling informal carers and those who come across adults with care and support needs during their working day, such as Taxi Drivers, Food Banks etc., to gain a basic knowledge around Adult Safeguarding.



At the present time all courses and E Learning is FREE. Why not log on and have a go yourself or recommend to your staff and colleagues to try. All training offered by the Board can be accessed via our website:

<http://www.buckssafeguarding.org.uk/elearning-list>

SCIE Highlights No 2 – September 2017

Safeguarding adults

This article provides a snapshot of Safeguarding Adults practice and challenges based on SCIE’s work in this area. It is not a comprehensive review of Safeguarding practice, but it does provoke further thinking about how to improve safeguarding and the partnerships that need to develop in order for this to happen. <https://www.scie.org.uk/files/safeguarding/adults/introduction/highlights/highlights-safeguarding-adults.pdf>

Buckinghamshire Safeguarding Adults Board has produced a report comparing practice in Buckinghamshire to the issues discussed in the report which you can download from our website:

<http://www.buckssafeguarding.org.uk/elearning-list>

Risk Assessment Multi-Agency Panel (RAMP)

Are you working with an adult with care and support needs, who has complex needs and is at high risk of harm. Would you like the support of other agencies to help assist you in supporting your client? Would you like to discuss your case with a range of professionals including the Police, Fire, Adult Social Care, Health etc.

Have you thought about making a referral to RAMP?

RAMP is a multi-agency panel to support practitioners and service users where aspects of an individual's lifestyle are potentially or actually harmful to their wellbeing and aims to be beneficial in the following ways:-

- To consider a variety of options for supporting individuals
- Improved support for practitioners
- Identification of risk at an earlier opportunity
- A proportionate, coordinated, effective and timely response
- Improved outcomes for the adult with care and support needs

Who can refer to the RAMP?

The RAMP panel is there to discuss complex cases that involve:-

- Aged over 18
- Be in need of care and support
- Concerns about risk and risk management
- Be living in Buckinghamshire
- Have a named lead professional/worker

It is also important that the person who is being referred to the panel is aware of their case being referred to the panel and that their consent is sought. However there may be times when this is not possible and this should be recorded on the referral form.

Go to our website to find out more about the RAMP and to download a free leaflet.

Do you know what to do when someone you are working with or caring for goes missing? Read the attached document.

