

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

6th September 2018 - Board Meeting

Bucks Safeguarding Adults Board met on the 6th September with a themed Board Meeting focused on "Modern Slavery". The aim of the meeting was to inform Board Members around the form and prevalence of Modern Slavery in Buckinghamshire as well as highlighting agencies responsibilities and the new Willow Service which is available to support victims of Modern Slavery within Buckinghamshire.

There were two presentations one from the Willow Project who are providing services to support victims of modern slavery in Buckinghamshire and the other from Thames Valley Police lead on Modern Slavery. Copies of these presentations can be found on our website.

The meeting also looked at Buckinghamshire's Domestic Abuse Strategy and the Action plan was signed off. The strategy can be found on our website:-

<http://www.buckinghamshirepartnership.co.uk/safeguarding-adults-board/about-the-bsab/bsab-board-documents-and-policies>

The next meeting Board meeting is on the 13th December 2018. However there is a Board Development day on the 25th October to look at ways of improving the way in which the Board functions in order to achieve its outcomes.

Board Training and Development

As a Board a decision was made in 2016 that the Board would produce a Training Competency Framework and this was updated in August 2018 and again is available on our website. The Framework enables staff and agencies to understand what level of training is needed for each job role within an organisation.

It was also agreed in 2016 that the Board would not provide basic safeguarding training instead the Board would provide E learning and some specific, safeguarding focused training. All our training can be accessed on via our Training website; <http://buckssafeguarding.org.uk/>

National Stalking Helpline

The BSAB were recently contacted by the Suzy Lamplugh Trust regarding their National Stalking Helpline as they are working to make victims of stalking and harassment safer. In their words:

'We know that stalking behaviour is often part of domestic abuse and other forms of VAWG (Violence Against Women and Girls,) and around half of all recognised stalking cases are perpetrated by an ex-partner. Unfortunately, our experience is that in many cases survivors are being stalkedOften stalking by strangers is seen as 'real' stalking, when in fact stalking by an ex-partner is a higher risk, and 75% of DHRs (Domestic Homicide Reviews) identify stalking behaviours in the run up to the homicide.....Stalking or harassing behaviour can cause a victim to suffer severe alarm and distress. The psychological impact of victims can have detrimental effects on their mental health.'

The Suzy Lamplugh Trust are able to offer practical advice concerning stalking and the law, and have links to Single Points of Contact within each Police force. You can contact them or signpost any clients to them at:

Freephone helpline (9.30am – 4 pm weekdays, except Wednesdays when we open at 1 pm) - 0808 802 0300

Website: <https://www.suzylamplugh.org/Pages/Category/national-stalking-helpline>

Email: advice@stalkinghelpline.org



BUCKINGHAMSHIRE SAFEGUARDING ADULTS BOARD

Community Engagement Event

Want to know more about how your organisation can become involved in Adult Safeguarding? Learn more about what is happening in Adult Safeguarding in Buckinghamshire.

"Safeguarding is everyone's business" adults with care and support needs should be able to live free from abuse in Buckinghamshire. How can you help us to engage with service users and carers in Buckinghamshire to make this reality?

The Gateway Aylesbury 10.15.18 9.00

Monday 8th October 2018

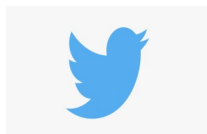
12.00pm to 1.00pm

We want to hear from you!

A workshop will be held at The Gateway, Aylesbury, Buckinghamshire, to explore options for improving engagement with service users and carers through local working in the community and service user groups in Buckinghamshire. This session will provide information regarding the work of the Board, outlining its current priorities and invite you to contribute ideas for how we can take this work forward. If you would like to come and find out more, please book your place via our Learning and Development website <http://www.bucksad.org.uk>

We are now on Twitter!

Join us, like us, retweet us. [BSAB@BSABBucks](https://twitter.com/BSAB@BSABBucks)



Community Engagement

Bucks Safeguarding Adults Board is holding a Community Engagement Event on the 8th October 2018. The purpose of this event is to enable the Board to engage with the voluntary sector, faith sector and those groups working in the local area with adults with care and support needs and to develop a forum for future engagement.

The aim is that this will enable the Board to identify with the forum, safeguarding issues that are particular to Buckinghamshire. The Forum will also enable voluntary groups etc. to raise issues with the Board as well as receiving free training and updating on safeguarding issues in Buckinghamshire for adults with care and support needs.

So why not book a place on the event through our webpage: <http://buckssafeguarding.org.uk/>