

# Newsletter

Sandwell Safeguarding Adults Board

## Welcome to the 2<sup>nd</sup> Sandwell Safeguarding Adults Board

The SSAB are as busy as ever in the run up to our conference which is our annual celebration of Prevention work in Sandwell.

This years conference will be on Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> May 2016 at West Bromwich Town Hall between 9.30am and 4.00m.

During the morning there will be guest speakers on several topics, including : 'Think Family – lessons learned', Public Health's 'Wellbeing' campaign, Making Safeguarding Personal, Safe and Well checks from the Fire Service, Hate Crime and SCAMS. The afternoon will comprise of workshops on Making Safeguarding Personal, Wellbeing, Recovery Model and Personalised Solutions and SCAMS.

If you wish to attend please contact [lisa\\_roberts@sandwell.gov.uk](mailto:lisa_roberts@sandwell.gov.uk)

### Competition

Name our newsletter and win a Safeguarding Goody Bag!!!

Please send entries to [susan\\_clark@sandwell.gov.uk](mailto:susan_clark@sandwell.gov.uk) by 30.6.16

# Scam Corner - Copycat Websites

Trading Standards are raising awareness amongst consumers about copycat websites.

Complaints have been received by the consumer helpline from individuals who have used a website for applications for their blue badge.

The site requires you to give:-

- **Details of your disability**
- **Proof of ID – including home address**
- **A payment of £49.50**

An email is then received acknowledging payment. In some cases nothing more is heard in others the application has been forwarded to the correct authority.

Look for “Gov” in the web address. You can start by searching <https://www.gov.uk> to be confident that you will find the official government site.

Make sure you read everything thoroughly before committing money. If you have any doubts seek advice.

You can contact the Consumer Helpline 03454 04 05 06

The Advertising Standards Authority can be contacted on [enquiries@asa.org.uk](mailto:enquiries@asa.org.uk)

## Joint Development Day - West Bromwich Town Hall 28.04.16

On the 28.04.16 Heads of Service, Senior Police representatives as well as Health Partners and others, all members of both Sandwell's Safeguarding Children's Board and Sandwell Safeguarding Adult's Board were present at a local event (the first of its kind in Sandwell) to look at key Safeguarding themes that impact on both adults with support needs and children in this area!

The identified priority areas were:

- **Modern Slavery**
- **Prevent**

- **Transition and Vulnerable Young Adults**

- **Crisis Mental Health Concordation**

Professionals and experts in all of the above areas set out the key challenges and provided information to ensure all partners were well informed. There was lots of group work and discussion with active contributions from all statutory partners.

People considered the relationship between both Boards, the Health & Wellbeing Board and the Community Safety Partnership with a focus on the

potential for Service improvement, agreed branding, continued joint working and smarter working.

All delegates felt the event was positive and a real opportunity to share and develop our understanding of the identified areas.

**Next Steps:** Action plan to be developed identifying lead responsibilities for the relevant Boards and any potential implications for commissioning and Service development.

## Scam Corner

### Pets Sold Online

A report has come via Action Fraud regarding the sale of pets. In particular “pedigree” puppies and kittens advertised on popular auction websites.

Adverts are placed offering a pet for sale, they claim that the animal is currently being held somewhere less accessible or overseas. Upon agreement of the sale the fraudster will ask for advance payment by money transfer (Western Union/ MoneyGram) or bank transfer.

The pet is never delivered the fraudster will then ask for further payments e.g. courier charges, transportation fees.

How to protect yourself:-

- Agree a suitable time to meet face to face to agree the purchase and collect the animal. If they do not want to do this – be suspicious.
- A genuine seller is always keen to ensure the animal is going to a caring home. If they show no interest be suspicious
- If you think that the purchase price is too good to be true, it usually is! – be suspicious.
- Request copies of the animal's papers, inoculation history, pedigree etc. prior to agreeing the sale. If the seller shows any reluctance or comes up with excuses – be suspicious. If the animal exists it could have been illegally bred at a “Puppy Farm”. Illegally bred puppies are more likely to suffer ailments and illnesses.

If you have been affected by something like this contact Action Fraud on 0300 123 2040 or visit [www.actionfraud.police.uk](http://www.actionfraud.police.uk).

For advice ring 03454 04 05 06

“ Really informative day with lots of new information ”

# See Something, Do Something

## See Something, Do Something film

The SSAB commissioned a short animated film to promote the See Something Do Something campaign featuring a whole family approach to Safeguarding issues.

The film has now been released and is available via the following link:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=l1f0WZEuKno>

This film is currently being used by our partners for training purposes and feedback shows that it is extremely powerful in getting across the Safeguarding message.

Take a look see what you think .....



## Protecting Adults at Risk

Congratulations and welcome to our new Lay Member  
**Ann Byrne**

### Join the board?

The Safeguarding Adults Board are looking for people from the local community to become Lay members.

Contact Sue Clark on 0121 569 5474 or email [susan\\_clark@sandwell.gov.uk](mailto:susan_clark@sandwell.gov.uk)

**If you're worried about someone at risk of abuse or neglect, please report it to Sandwell Enquiry on 0121 569 2266.**

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## MAKING SAFEGUARDING PERSONAL & THINK FAMILY

19.05.16

West Bromwich Town Hall

09:30 - 16:00

A conference celebrating preventative work in the area and making safeguarding personal.

Combination of speakers and workshops and an opportunity to network and share information!

If you would like to attend this event please email [lisa\\_roberts@sandwell.gov.uk](mailto:lisa_roberts@sandwell.gov.uk)

The SSAB offer FREE Safeguarding training for people who live or work in Sandwell. Please take a look at our training needs analysis and send your responses to [susan\\_clark@sandwell.gov.uk](mailto:susan_clark@sandwell.gov.uk) by end of May 16.

**Q1 Rate the following safeguarding adults topics in order of importance for you and your staff**

Safeguarding Awareness, Managers / Practitioners, Dignity, Hate crime, Domestic Abuse, Scamming, Modern Day Slavery,

Managing Risk, Making Safeguarding Personal, PREVENT, Mental Capacity Act OR Care Act, Forced Marriage and Honour based violence

**Q2 What factors influence your choice of a safeguarding course for you / your staff?**

Content & Quality, Certificated, Price, Length of course, Venue, Facilitator

**Q3 If your organisation employs people - how many of them work with adults at risk?**

1 to 5, 5 to 25, 25 to 50, 50 to 100, 100 to 500, 500 plus

**Q4 How many of those staff working with adults at risk go through safeguarding training?**

One quarter, Half, Three quarters, All, None

**Q5 What would be your first point of call for safeguarding training?**

Paid for face to face, Paid for eLearning, SSAB face to face, SSAB eLearning, Other free of charge agency, Best Practice Forums, Group based elearning/briefs, Other

**Q6 Please rate the following factors that influence you negatively about using SSAB training**

Staff are out of the office too long, Training is not good enough quality, Training is not available when I want it, I have problems booking on, Training does not cover what I need

**Q7 Would you be willing to continue evaluation by employee supervision follow up questions?**

YES NO

**Q8 What would be your primary needs in training over the next 12-18 months?**

DoLS, Safeguarding training for practitioners and managers, Awareness training for new staff and volunteers. Training for new managers. Updates on existing and new areas of work, intermediate training following on from elearning, Training in area of mental health, Safeguarding reporting, whistleblowing, MCA and DoLS, Impact of medication mismanagement, Making Safeguarding Personal and effective communication strategies, Hate Crime, Domestic Abuse, PREVENT, Force Marriage and Honour Based Violence, Modern Slavery, Safeguarding investigations, Court skills and report writing, Other .....

**Q9 How could the SSAB training be improved?**

**Q10 Any other comments**

**SSAB  
Forthcoming  
Training  
Opportunities –  
Level 1**

**Monday 6<sup>th</sup> June  
2016**

Raising Awareness in Safeguarding Adults

9.30am -12.30pm –  
Shireland Hall Primary  
School

**Monday 6<sup>th</sup> June  
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Raising Awareness in Safeguarding Adults

13.30pm-16.30pm –  
Shireland Hall Primary  
School

**Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> June  
2016**

Considering Dignity and Respect in Safeguarding Adults

9.30am – 4.30pm –  
Shireland Hall Primary  
School

**To book :**

SMBC employees - please book via OLM system

External delegates please email [Adultsc\\_learndev@sandwell.gov.uk](mailto:Adultsc_learndev@sandwell.gov.uk)