



# Safeguarding is our business Make it yours!

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## Sandwell Safeguarding Adults Board Annual Conference 2017

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The annual SSAB Prevention Sub Group conference took place on 11 October 2017 at Brasshouse Community Centre. The day was hugely successful with around 100 delegates attending. The day focused on criteria for Adult Safeguarding referrals and included some fabulous presentations. Councillor Anne Shackleton opened the event followed by Elaine Kingston from IRIS Drug Services and Chair of the Prevention Sub Group and Sara Ward from Black Country Women's Aid and Chair of the Quality and Excellence Group outlining the issues around referrals and the work of the sub groups. Michelle Moore from the SSAB Business Team gave a great presentation on the Mental Capacity Act which was very well received as was Nick Law from Public Health's talk around the Sandwell Hub and pathways into this. Paul from IRIS Drug Services gave a very emotional recovery story (not a dry eye in the house) followed by Tracey Hubble from Sandwell Enquiry outlining the huge amount of services accessed via Sandwell Enquiry. Delegates worked in groups looking at case studies and options available for sign posting if not appropriate for a Safeguarding referral. Feedback was really positive highlighting the delivery of new information and the need for more events where third sector can work with the local authority.

Well done everyone—Fantastic Event !

Look out for our next conference in September 2018

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## Trading Standards Best Practice Event

Sandwell's fantastic Trading Standards Officers Kathryn Wood and Mark Beesley hosted a great event with the SSAB on Fraud, Scams and Financial Abuse. The event was held 17th August 2017 with around 90 delegates attending. Presentations included identifying **Doorstep Crimes and Scams** and the National Trading Standards training on :

### Friends against Scams Awareness

Feedback was fantastic with delegates able to identify scams and be able to pass on the information to colleagues, family and friends. Delegates also felt able to identify risks and make referrals to trading standards.



For more information please visit:

[www.friendsagainstscams.org.uk](http://www.friendsagainstscams.org.uk)



## Disability Hate Crime Event



Thursday 19th October saw the SSAB in conjunction with West Midlands Police and the Hate Crime group host a Disability Hate Crime event at West Bromwich Town Hall. The market place had over 20 stalls including Sandwell Advocacy, Changing our lives, Sandwell College, Sandwell Visually Impaired and Sandwell Deaf Community Association as well as several Disability based support groups. Over 100 people attended with fabulous feedback

**Hate Crime Week** ran from Monday 16th October 2017 till Friday 20th October 2017. The SSAB participated in the Hate Crime event in Kings Square West Bromwich organised by the Hate Crime group, as well as the Hate Crime Launch event at Sandwell College.

### Safer Six Events and other outreach events

The Safer Sandwell Partnership ran events in each of the 6 towns of Sandwell during September and October. The SSAB attended all the Safer Six events kicking off in Rowley on 25th September, followed by Oldbury on the 2nd October, Tipton on 9th October, West Bromwich on 16th October, Wednesbury on the 23rd October, ending with Smethwick on the 30th October. We got to meet lots of people and get the **Safeguarding is everyone's business message out there !**

### Celebrate Sandwell Event

The SSAB attended the Celebrate Sandwell event at West Bromwich Town Hall on Friday 30th June 2017. Brilliant turnout with over 45 information stalls for attendees to browse. We are looking forward to the next one on Friday 29th June 2018—Make sure you keep the date!



Terence Higgins Trust hosted an Healthy Christmas information stall event also at West Bromwich Town Hall on Tuesday 19th December 2017. Lots of fab Christmas food and music.



## Safeguarding Adult Review (SARs) Best Practice Event

The SSABs Protection Sub Group hosted a Safeguarding Adult Review best practice event to launch the multi-agency SARs Policy and Procedures at Brasshouse Community Centre on 14th February 2018, over 80 people attended with outstanding evaluations..

The day included SSAB Protection Lead Officer Charmaine Stephens and Lead Safeguarding Nurse for Sandwell and West Birmingham Health Trust Clare Cotterell's launch presentation for the SAR policy and procedures.

Detective Superintendent Michaela Kerr gave a talk on the Police and Partnership response to poisoning of residents and staff at a care home in 2014 —Operation Palace Robert Lake— independent author of the most recent SARs highlighted his report and identified learning. The SARs have recently been published and are available on the SSAB website.:

[www.sandwellsab.org.uk](http://www.sandwellsab.org.uk)



The Face Up interactive theatre group provided case studies for the audience to reflect on their learning and were hugely popular.

*'The theatre group was a good idea to provide reflection, interaction and think about case scenario's in a creative manner'*



## See Something Do Something Campaign



The See Something Do Something Campaign continues and is still as relevant as when it was launched in 2015! Keep the message going!

### SEE SOMETHING DO SOMETHING – SAFE-GUARDING IS EVERYONE'S BUSINESS

*IF YOU ARE CONCERNED THAT AN ADULT WITH CARE AND SUPPORT NEEDS IS AT RISK OF ABUSE OR NEGLECT CALL SANDWELL COUNCIL ON 0121 569 2266*



# TRAINING OPPORTUNITIES

## **Raising Awareness in Safeguarding Adults—Level 1**

Half day session to provide background on the issues of Adult Safeguarding and to raise awareness of the Care Act 2014, Mental Capacity Act, Deprivation of Liberty Safeguards and the importance of Making Safeguarding Personal.

Thursday 6th September 2018—Jack Judge House Green 2 Room  
Friday 19th October 2018—West Bromwich Town Hall, Committee Room A  
Tuesday 12th February 2019—West Bromwich Town Hall, Committee Room A  
Wednesday 26th March 2019—West Bromwich Town Hall, Committee Room A  
Morning or Afternoon Sessions are available AM – 9.30 till 12.30 PM 1.30 till 4.30

## **Mental Capacity Act 2005, Deprivation of Liberty Safeguards: Level 2**

Half day session to give knowledge required to complete a DoLS referral.

Monday 23rd July 2018—Council Chambers West Bromwich Town Hall 10.30—1.30  
Wednesday 21st November 2018—Room Green 2 Jack Judge House—10.30– .30  
Thursday 31st January 2019—Committee Room A , West Bromwich Town Hall 1.30-4.30  
Friday 22nd March 2019 –Committee Room A, West Bromwich Town Hall 1.30-4.30

## **Safeguarding for Practitioners - Level 2**

Half day session to provide Practitioners with an opportunity to work together to address the challenges of ensuring effective safeguarding practice within the CARE Act

Wednesday 7th December 2018—Committee Room A ,West Bromwich Town Hall—12.30-3.30  
Friday 1st March 2019—Committee Room A , West Bromwich Town Hall—12.30-3.30

## **Safeguarding for Managers - Level 3**

Half day session to provide operational Managers with an opportunity to work together to ensure effective safeguarding practice within the guidance of the CARE Act 2014.

Tuesday 11th September 2018—Combined Room, Independent Living Centre—10.30-1.30  
Wednesday 9th January 2019—Committee Room A, West Bromwich Town Hall—12.30-3.30  
Thursday 14th March 2019—Committee Room A, West Bromwich Town Hall—10.30-1.30

### **Venues:**

Brasshouse Community Centre, Brasshouse Lane, Smethwick B66 1BA  
Jack Judge House, 10 Halesowen Street, Oldbury B69 2AJ  
Independent Living Centre, 100 Oldbury Road, Smethwick B66 1JE  
West Bromwich Town Hall, High Street, West Bromwich B70 8DY

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