

# Safeguarding is our business

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### Sandwell Safeguarding Adults Board Annual Conference

The annual SSAB Prevention Sub Group conference took place on 9 October 2018 at Brasshouse Community Centre. The conference was extremely successful with a great attendance. Outcomes for the day were to celebrate Prevention work within the borough, and for delegates to contribute, participate, learn and share information.

Councillor Anne Shackleton opened the event followed by the Chair of the Prevention Sub Group - Kathryn Wood who spoke about the work of the Prevention sub group.

There were some fabulous presentations including Brian Pearce from West Midlands Fire Service talking around the Vulnerable Persons Officer role, Nick Laws from Public Health talking about the Sandwell Referral Hub. Amanda Lee from South Staffs Water Community Hub delivered a presentation on the community engagement work they are doing. Finally the Office of the Public Guardian gave a fantastic presentation regarding Power of Attorney which was really informative.

Our market place included information stalls from Sandwell Advocacy, Sandwell Vision 2030, St Alban's, Crossroads, Trading Standards, Healthwatch, Kaleidoscope, YMCA—open door project, Ideal for All and Domestic Abuse Strategic Partnership.

Fabulous day, well attended and extremely informative - here's to the next one! Thanks to everyone who came

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Oldbury



Rowley



Tipton

## Safer Six Events

The Safer Sandwell Partnership ran events in each of the 6 towns of Sandwell during September and October 2018. The SSAB attended all the Safer Six events kicking off in Rowley followed by Oldbury, Tipton, West Bromwich, Wednesbury, ending in Smethwick. We got to meet lots of people and get the **See Something Do Something** and **Safeguarding is everyone's business** messages out there !

Wednesbury



Smethwick



West Bromwich



## Carers Week 2019



Sandwell's Adult Social Care department held a Carer's information day for all Sandwell staff during Carer's Week in May 2019.

Staff were given information relating to support available such as training, carers assessments, public health fitness offers and many more.

Watch out for more details regarding support for Carers.

## Celebrate Sandwell Event 2019

The SSAB attended the Celebrate Sandwell event at West Bromwich Town Hall in June 2019 hosted by the fabulous Sandwell Information Network. Brilliant turnout with information stalls galore for attendees to browse. We are looking forward to the next one in June 2020.



## Dementia Awareness Day 2019

The Black Country Partnership Foundation Trust held a Dementia awareness day in May 2019. This was hugely successful. Lots of information and care providers and 100's of visitors. A real insight into how much is available in Sandwell. The Adult Social Care Quality Team also hosted a tea dance for Dementia sufferers and their carers at Wednesbury Town Hall providing tea, cakes and a play—another fabulous event. Well done everyone!

## **Training Opportunities**

# **T R A I N I N G**

### **Safeguarding Adults for Managers**

Wednesday 11 March 2020 1.30-3.30

Study Centre Sandwell Valley Park Farm

### **Safeguarding for Practitioners**

Tuesday 18 February 2020 1.30-3.30

Study Centre Sandwell Valley Park Farm

### **Mental Capacity Act 2005, Deprivation of Liberty Safeguards**

Thursday 6 February 2020 1.30-4.30

Hadley Room

Brasshouse Community Centre

### **Raising Awareness in Safeguarding Adults**

Thursday 22 January 2020 1.30 –4.30

Hadley Room

Brasshouse Community Centre

Wednesday 18 March 2020 9.30—12.30

Hadley Room

Brasshouse Community Centre

**To book on training and for venue details**

**please use the following link :**

**<https://training.sandwellscb.org.uk/>**

**For more info please call 0121 569 5470 or**

**email : [safeguarding\\_SSAB@sandwell.gov.uk](mailto:safeguarding_SSAB@sandwell.gov.uk)**

**eLearning for Raising Awareness is  
also available at**

**<https://training.sandwellscb.org.uk>**



## **Welcome to our independent Chair**

### **Sue Redmond**

Hello Colleagues

I am pleased to join the Sandwell Safeguarding Adults Board as the independent chair and look forward to working with the team and board members in the coming year. The work that everyone does is so important to helping people feel safe and valued and I look forward to hearing over the coming year from front line staff and from people who use services so the work of the Board is real and helps make a difference.

Sue

## **Welcome to Leanne Abbott**

My name is Leanne Abbott and I am excited to join the SSAB team as Development Officer. Previously I was a Social Worker for the Children with Disability Team for Sandwell Children's Trust. I have also worked for the voluntary sector supporting individuals. Since joining the team I have been meeting people and hearing about all the positive work going on in Sandwell. I am interested in meeting service user lead voluntary groups that are willing to share their good practice. Any groups willing to share what it is like to be an individual with care and support needs living in Sandwell please get in touch [leanne\\_abbott1@sandwell.gov.uk](mailto:leanne_abbott1@sandwell.gov.uk)



## **Goodbye to Michelle Moore and Welcome back to Charmaine Stephens Lead Officer for Protection and Audit**



Good luck to Michelle Moore who has left us for a fabulous Barge lifestyle, hope she is enjoying it and we would like to say thanks for her contributions to the work of the board.

A fabulous welcome back to Charmaine Stephens

Charmaine is a qualified social worker and Approved Mental Health Professional (AMHP) with nine years of practice. Charmaine previously fulfilled the role in 2017/18 on secondment. We are thrilled to have Charmaine back on the board business team. .