



East Sussex Safeguarding Adults Board Monthly Digest

April 2024

This latest roundup includes What is a SAR? ESSAB & Hourglass lunch and learn sessions, cause of death certificates, temporary accommodation wellbeing and planner packs, new domestic abuse courts in Sussex, tackling fraud in Sussex, digital safeguarding leaflet and the new safeguarding adults policy and procedures website.

Have an interesting item? Please get in touch ESSAB.Contact@eastsussex.gov.uk

What is a Safeguarding Adult Review (SAR)?

When an adult who needs care and support either dies or suffers serious harm, and when the SAB knows or suspects abuse or neglect (whether or not it knew about or suspected the abuse or neglect before the adult died) is thought to have been a factor, we may need to review what happened. This is a safeguarding adult review (SAR).

The purpose of a SAR is not to apportion blame, it is to:

- establish whether there are any lessons to be learnt from the circumstances of the case, about the way in which local professionals and agencies work together to safeguard adults,
- review the effectiveness of procedures,
- inform and improve local inter-agency practice,
- improve practice by acting on learning, and,
- highlight good practice

SAR criteria & how to make a referral?

Any agency or professional can make a referral for a SAR by using the [SAR Referral Form](#)

We have also developed a [learning briefing](#) to support referrers understand whether to make a referral and you can find our published SARs and associated learning briefings on the SAB website here: [Safeguarding Adults Reviews - East Sussex SAB](#)

Second National Safeguarding Adults Review Analysis 2019- 2023 webinar

Tuesday 14 May 2024, 10.00am - 12.00pm

This free webinar will present the results of the second national analysis of safeguarding adult reviews in England. It will present a detailed analysis of the types of abuse and neglect, and the nature of adult safeguarding concerns as reported in 652 reviews. This analysis will offer both a regional and a national perspective. Some comparisons will be made with the first national analysis.

The webinar will then present the findings and recommendations from a stratified sample of 229 safeguarding adult reviews across five domains - direct practice, the team around the person, organisational support for practice, governance and the national context within which adult safeguarding is situated.

To register, please go to the website page here: [Local Government Association](#)

Lunch & Learn Sessions



In June the Safeguarding Adults Board will be hosting two 30-minute free online lunch and learn sessions which will focus on raising awareness of older victims of domestic abuse.

Both sessions will be delivered by Poppy Everton - Hourglass Community Response Officer, Independent Domestic Violence Advisor (IDVA) and Independent Sexual Violence Advisor (ISVA).

1) Tuesday 11th June 12.30 - 1.00: Introduction to Hourglass and Older Victims of Abuse

- Information on the prevalence of abuse of older people and types of abuse.
- Barriers to seeking support by victims.
- Informal care provided by family members.
- The importance of professional curiosity with older victims of abuse.
- Hourglass services

Meeting link: [Join the meeting](#)

2) Thursday 13th June 12.30 - 1.00: Dementia Awareness and Domestic Abuse

- Defining dementia
- Dementia and domestic abuse
- Barriers to seeking support by victims.
- The reduced ability of victims to protect themselves from abuse.
- Carer stress and the impact.

Meeting link: [Join the meeting](#)

Causes of death to be scrutinised in revamp of death certificates.

From September 2024, medical examiners will look at the cause of death in all cases that have not been referred to the coroner in a move designed to help strengthen safeguards and prevent criminal activity.



They will also consult with families or representatives of the deceased, providing an opportunity for them to raise questions or concerns with a senior doctor not involved in the care of the person who died.

Visit the Gov.uk [website](#) to read the article in full.

East Sussex Temporary Accommodation Wellbeing Pack & Personal Planner

A [wellbeing](#) pack co-produced by ESTAR & Changing Futures provides helpful advice regarding a range of free services such as:

- Looking after mental and physical health
- Childcare
- Managing money
- Housing Assistance



The [planner](#) is a tool to support the use of the wellbeing pack. Each page of the planner refers to the wellbeing pack.

Domestic abuse courts open in Hastings, Eastbourne, Brighton & Worthing

New courts will deal with defendants charged with any domestic abuse offence which would otherwise go to a magistrates' court. The new courts will also consider sentencing, breaches and variations of orders relating to any domestic abuse offences, including restraining orders, domestic violence prevention orders, non-molestation orders and other related cases.

Independent domestic violence advocates (IDVA) will support and keep victims informed throughout the prosecution process.

To read more visit the BBC news [website](#).

New Sussex Safeguarding Adults Policy and Procedures website: coming soon to a screen near you!

Brighton & Hove, East Sussex, and West Sussex Safeguarding Adults Boards are pleased to announce that we will soon be launching a NEW Sussex Safeguarding Adults Policy and Procedures website.



This website will replace the current Sussex Safeguarding Adults Policy and Procedures site. The policy sets out the approach taken to adult safeguarding across Sussex. The procedures explain how agencies should work together to follow the Sussex Safeguarding Adults Policy.

Further details regarding the new website, including the new website URL address, will follow in due course. In the meantime, please do continue to use the current website: [Sussex Safeguarding Adults Policy and Procedures | Welcome to Sussex Safeguarding Adults Policy and Procedures](#)

Tackling fraud in Sussex

Earlier this year, the Home Office launched a national campaign: [Stop! Think Fraud](#)



The Sussex Police & Crime Commissioner Katy Bourne funds two Fraud Caseworkers through Victim Support.

The caseworkers offer emotional support and practical guidance to victims of fraud, as well as advice on how to spot the signs of specific fraud types, such as romance fraud. They have received 1,424 referrals of people who need support regarding fraud in the past 12 months alone.

To find out more about the work of the Sussex Fraud Caseworkers visit the [Sussex Police & Crime Commissioner website](#)

East Sussex Safeguarding Adults Board Digital Safeguarding Leaflet

The internet can give adults a wide range of options and tools to manage their lives and keep in contact with people. However, it can also expose them to abuse and crime. The number of issues that could be regarded as harmful online is considerable.

We have published an online leaflet highlighting some of the risks for vulnerable adults who use social media and the internet. The leaflet can be found on the SAB [website](#) and provides tips and signposting to help people stay safe online.



Safeguarding Training.

Please see details below of the East Sussex Safeguarding Adults Board (SAB) multi-agency training courses with places still available. All these courses can be found on the [Safeguarding page on the Adult Social Care section of the East Sussex County Council Learning Portal](#).

Please cascade this information to relevant staff within your agencies and promote these opportunities for continuing professional development. Courses may be delivered face to face or virtually so make sure you check the course details when booking.

- **14th May** - Mental Capacity Act 2005: A Multi-Agency Approach to Complex Cases (ASC/24/360)
- **20th June** - Coercion and Control: A multi-agency workshop for staff working with Domestic Abuse (ASC/24/131)
- **9th July** - Safeguarding Adults Board Multi Agency: Self Neglect (ASC/24/135)

e- Learning:

Some courses have prerequisite e-Learning to be completed before you attend the course. If your course requires you to complete e-Learning this will be explained in the 'Additional Information' section in the course details. To see all e-Learning modules please visit [e-learning site](#). You will need to create an account to access the e-Learning.

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