



Welcome to the Winter 2011/12 edition of the Essex Safeguarding Adults Bulletin, an update from the Essex Safeguarding Adults Board on safeguarding issues, updates and training availability across Essex.

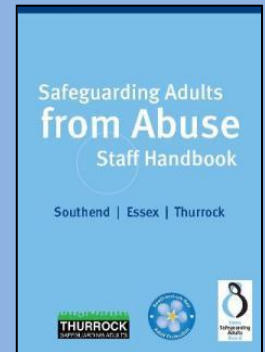
How useful do you find the SET safeguarding adult handbook? We need your help

If you work with vulnerable people, we'd like to hear from you! We're currently looking at the information we provide to professionals working with vulnerable people in all settings. In the economic climate we find ourselves in, it's more important than ever that we are as cost effective as possible with the information we provide. Whether you'd prefer the information to be provided in an alternative way, or you like the way we do things now, we'd really like to hear from you.

So how can you get involved?

We've produced a very short survey which consists of a few simple questions, and should take no more than a few minutes to complete. Your feedback is very important to us and it will help us to look at the way we give you this information and what we can do to improve the service we offer.

To complete the short survey please [click here](#).



Risk and Safeguarding Conference NOW FULLY BOOKED!

Recently we emailed you with the news that the Southend, Essex and Thurrock Safeguarding Adults Boards would be holding a free conference for professionals working with vulnerable adults. The conference, which is now fully booked will explore a number of issues surrounding safeguarding and associated risks. Attendees will learn from the expertise of guest speakers including:

Terry Bryan

Former senior nurse at the Winterbourne View Hospital near Bristol, that was subject to a police investigation after the BBC uncovered serious abuse of people with learning disabilities through its Panorama programme.

Belinda Schwehr

Solicitor and barrister specialising in adults' social services, health care law and human rights.

Laura Richards BSc (Hons), MSc, FRSA

Author of the Domestic Abuse, Stalking, Harassment and Honour Based Violence (DASH) risk assessment tool.

Although all 250 applications have been received we are currently accepting details of those wishing to add their names to our reserve list, should we have any cancellations. To add your name to that reserve list [click here](#) and fill in a short online form. Those who managed to apply when the application process was open should expect to receive a confirmation in the new year, if they have been allocated a space.

The AskSAL Helpline 08452 66 66 63 – Providing advice to anybody concerned about an adult at risk of abuse

The AskSAL helpline has been in existence since June 2009 and continues to provide advice to anybody that is concerned about the vulnerability of an adult that they know. Callers to the helpline can seek anything from straightforward information or advice about the abuse and safety of an adult in Essex to the disclosure of a specific concern about their own safety or the safety of somebody that they know. Callers can also report abuse through the helpline, and all reports are investigated through the same SET SAF process as concerns reported by professionals working with vulnerable adults.

It is important that all those working with vulnerable adults are aware of the helpline and are in a position to pass on contact details where necessary. Anybody can be given a supply of posters to display, as well as leaflets to hand out to those who may find the information useful. AskSAL really can make a difference to the lives of adults at risk of abuse, however without the help of others to deliver the AskSAL message there is always a risk that abuse will go unreported, and adults may not be able to access the advice that they desperately need.

To order your free supply of leaflets email wesley.jarvis@essex.gov.uk or call 01245 430085. Please don't call the helpline number to request posters and leaflets.



Hidden Harm' e-learning module

The [Essex Drug and Alcohol Partnership \(EDAP\)](#) have developed a '[Hidden Harm' e-learning module](#) for professionals following findings from a number of serious case reviews in Essex, where parental drug and alcohol misuse was a significant factor.

The training is available to staff in children and adult services, health, education, private, voluntary and independent sectors. All professionals can be better equipped to understand the impact of a parent or carer's drug and / or alcohol misuse on a child and young person's health and wellbeing.

The course will increase awareness and understanding of the:

- Impact of parent or carer problem drug and / or alcohol use on children;
- Needs of children of problem drug and / or alcohol users;
- Importance of integrated working to achieve positive outcomes for problem drug and / or alcohol using parents and families;
- Ways professionals can protect, support and improve the health and wellbeing of children affected by parental problem drug and / or alcohol misuse.



Case studies from past and present Essex based service users help portray familiar situations, an understanding of local tools and systems including the Common Assessment Framework (CAF) and the importance of an integrated approach to service delivery.

The training course is available on the Integrated Working, Children and Young People's Strategic Partnership e-Learning and Information Portal www.ecclms.co.uk/goecclms.asp and will take an hour to an hour and a half to complete. Users will receive a certificate upon completion and will also be signposted to further reading material.

Disability related harassment

'Hidden in plain sight' is the final report of the Equality and Human Rights Commission into disability-related harassment. The report uncovers that harassment is a commonplace experience for disabled people, but a culture of disbelief and systemic institutional failures are preventing it from being tackled effectively. As well as reporting on the extent of harassment the report also includes case studies and makes recommendations to public authorities to help them deal with the problems uncovered. The inquiry found:

- Cases of disability-related harassment which get to court and receive media attention are only the tip of the iceberg. Evidence indicates that, for many disabled people, harassment is a commonplace experience. Many come to accept it as inevitable;
- Disabled people often do not report harassment, for a number of reasons: it may be unclear who to report it to; they may fear the consequences of reporting; or they may fear that the police or other authorities will not believe them. A culture of disbelief exists around this issue;
- There is a systemic failure by public authorities to recognise the extent and impact of harassment and abuse of disabled people, take action to prevent it happening in the first place and intervene effectively when it does. These organisational failings need to be addressed as a matter of urgency and the full report makes a number of recommendations aimed at helping agencies to do so;
- Any serious attempt to prevent the harassment of disabled people will need to consider more than organisational change, although that will be an important precondition to progress. The bigger challenge is to transform the way disabled people are viewed, valued and included in society.



[Click here](#) for more information.

New and Noteworthy

Below are new and noteworthy documents produced by ESAB and its partner organisations which you may find useful. For a full list of useful ESAB documents visit the [ESAB website](#).

- [The ESAB audit report 2010/11](#) – This report gives information on the 2011 Safeguarding

Adult Audit which was undertaken by 30 different organisations across Essex ranging from the Local Authority, Health, Housing and Supported People.

- [Minimum Domestic Abuse Training Standards](#)- To provide support and ensure consistency across Essex and organisations levels of training have been created to inform the development of training or training that is commissioned.
- [The 'Be Safer Project' Newsletter](#) – A winter 2011 update on the Be Safer project in Essex.

Safeguarding Training Opportunities

ESAB offers a range of training opportunities for professionals working with vulnerable adults. For full details, including the intended learning outcomes of each course, please visit the [training page on our website](#). Some of our current training opportunities are listed below:

Safeguarding eLearning

Essex Safeguarding Adults Board (ESAB) offers an online training package consisting of approximately 2 hours of core study material. The course, which should only be treated as an introduction to safeguarding adults, links to useful documents, procedures and forms and concludes with an on line assessment which provides a random selection of questions taken from a comprehensive question bank. The package is suitable all for individuals who work directly with vulnerable adults. To apply to use the training please complete the [application form](#) and email it to ESAB@essex.gov.uk.

Safeguarding Adults – Basic Awareness

This half-day multi-agency course is aimed at anyone working with adults in a health or social care setting. The cost for this course is £30 per place. To apply for the training please complete the [application form](#). Completed application forms could be sent to ESAB@essex.gov.uk.

Dates with availability:

7th February – Colchester
21st February – Chelmsford
4th April – Wickford
8th May – Colchester
16th May – Chelmsford
19th June - Ongar

Be Safer Training for Trainers

Do you want to deliver training to people with learning disabilities on Keeping Safe? If so, do not miss out on the [FREE](#) accredited training opportunity. The course, which is most appropriate for those who will be delivering training to people with learning disabilities, is 3 days long (9.30am – 4.30pm) and all delegates are expected to attend all three days of their chosen session. The training course is free of charge and includes all course materials, refreshments and lunch as well as accreditation. To book a place on this course a completed [application form](#) should be forwarded to ESAB@essex.gov.uk.

Dates with availability:

23rd – 25th January – Billericay
6th – 8th March – Epping Forest
16th, 23rd, 30th April - Chelmsford

Safeguarding and the Law

This one day course is designed to raise awareness of the laws around safeguarding as well as some of the legal remedies that can be used in safeguarding cases. To apply to use the training please complete the [application form](#). Completed application forms could be sent to ESAB@essex.gov.uk.

Dates with availability:

24th January – Chelmsford
13th March – Chelmsford
19th June - Chelmsford

Provider Manager Training

The training day is aimed at managers of provider services i.e. care homes, whose responsibilities include dealing with safeguarding concerns within their organisation. For more information visit [our website](#). The cost for this course is £75 per place. To book a place on this course a completed [application form](#) should be forwarded to ESAB@essex.gov.uk.

Dates with availability:

14th March – Chelmsford

Domestic Homicide Review Training

This [one day course](#) will provide delegates with the skills and knowledge to manage undertake and participate in domestic homicide reviews. It will also cover Individual Management Reviews and Overview Report writing. The cost for this course is £125 per place. To book a place on this course a completed [application form](#) should be forwarded to ESAB@essex.gov.uk.

Dates with availability:

12th March – Cambridgeshire

12th April – Chelmsford

15th June - Chelmsford