

# Cheshire East SAB Newsletter



## Cheshire East Safeguarding Adults Board (CESAB) Update for Information

January 2023

Welcome to the Cheshire East Safeguarding Adults Board Newsletter. We hope that you find this newsletter a useful tool, and that it helps to keep you up to date with some of the local and national issues in relation to safeguarding adults at risk of abuse and neglect

Please do not hesitate to contact CESAB with any queries or information you would like to submit to be used in future newsletters. Contact details at the bottom of this page

### 1. Welcome Kevin Bennett

The Cheshire East Safeguarding Adults Board have appointed Kevin Bennett as the Independent Chair. Kevin worked within Cheshire Police for a number of years as a Chief Superintendent overseeing Public Protection. He has a wealth of adult safeguarding knowledge and a proven record in Leadership, Management and multi-agency work. Kevin's role as Independent Chair for the Cheshire East Safeguarding Adult Board includes:

1. Providing support and effective leadership to the Board, overseeing core tasks including the Strategic Plan and Annual Report.
2. Promoting a collaborative learning culture between Board members which ensures that learning from SARs and other areas of work is embedded in practice.
3. Making sure that the voices of people who need care and support and their families are heard and that the principles of Making Safeguarding Personal are central to the work of the Board.



Kevin Bennett Independent Chair CESAB

### 2. National Safeguarding Adults Week 2022

Safeguarding Adults Week is a great opportunity to raise issues about Adult Safeguarding both at a local and regional level. In Cheshire East, the Safeguarding Adults Board and the Safer Cheshire East Partnership raised the bar this year by supporting the daily themes set by the [Ann Craft Trust](#) and were able to reach over 250 local people in many and varied ways.

Monday 21<sup>st</sup> November: The Police and Crime Commissioner provided funding for us to utilise [ODD ARTS Company](#) to use theatrical and interactive skills to bring the important issues of Exploitation and Radicalisation to life.

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Odd Arts Theatre

Tuesday 22<sup>nd</sup> November: Over 50 staff attended a powerful workshop about Hoarding and Self Neglect - aiming to improve understanding and ways of working

Wednesday 23<sup>rd</sup> November: Our Safeguarding Provider Team, Quality Assurance Team and the Manager of Weston Park Care Home delivered an Online Webinar focussing on What Good Quality Care looks like? Hearing the LIVED EXPERIENCE of the journey of improvement was impactful and memorable.

Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> November: Staff working in Faith Based Organisations in Cheshire East attended a Multi-Agency Safeguarding Event hosted by the Olive Grove Centre in Nantwich. This was an opportunity to reach out to this important sector to help support them when faced with safeguarding issues and to build local relationships:



Paul Broadhurst delivering training during National Safeguarding Adults Week

Friday 25<sup>th</sup> November: White Ribbon Day. Another successful and powerful event arranged by My CWA to consider the impact of Domestic Abuse on both male and female survivors.

For further information please do not hesitate to contact Sandra Murphy  
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### 3. Violence Against Women and Girls (VAWG)

Following the murder of Sarah Everard in March 2021, the Government set about asking Local Authorities and their Police partners about how safe women felt in their communities. Having conducted a survey in June 2021 which identified women and girls did not feel safe in parts of Cheshire East. Partners of the Safer Cheshire East Partnership (SCEP) responded positively by establishing a sub-group to consider how collectively these concerns could be tackled.

Following a successful funding application to the Police and Crime Commissioners Office, a range of measures were agreed and a robust Action Plan was put into place.

Following a number of high profile Police operations focussed around Cheshire East Town centres, small torches and personal alarms have been provided to females. In addition training with bar and door staff has raised the awareness to reduce the risks to women. Stop Topps have been purchased and distributed to prevent drink spiking.

Cheshire East is particularly proud of a new initiative introduced to locate support workers in custody suites for both victims and perpetrators of domestic abuse. This has created interest from other Police forces nationally. Following additional funding secured, this facility is common practice.

More recently the Police have purchased Safety Buses which will be prominent in town centres and offer a safe place for those at risk and will offer bottles of water, flat shoes and a lift home should the circumstances be appropriate.

Education is also playing a large part in providing information to mainly male pupils about respecting women.

An App called GOODSAM has been introduced which provides direct 'face to face' communication using your mobile phone for those ringing 999 in relation to a domestic abuse incident.

A series of videos are also being produced for presentation across the borough to further raise awareness and signpost for further support.

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#### 4. Valuable Updates and Resources

- Researchers at Surrey Heartlands collaborated with The SunnyBank Trust and production company Strange Beast to produce an insightful short film based on real-life experiences of people with a learning disability, exploring their experience of accessing Primary Care services, and Annual Health Checks in particular. [The challenges of people with learning disabilities in primary care.](#)
- [Dignity in Care](#) Social Care Institute for Excellence
- [My Hoarder Mum and Me](#) – obsessive hoarding documentary
- [Working with older trans people](#): Practice tool 2022 Research in Practice
- [Prevent Duty Training; Learn how to support people vulnerable to radicalisation.](#)
- [Domestic Abuse Hub – One Minute Guide](#)
- [What to do about domestic abuse – A whole family response.](#)
- [Gypsies and Travellers in England and Wales Lived Experience](#) ONS Report
- [Gypsies and Travellers lived experiences](#) (Vimeo) Short 5 min film ONS

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#### 5. Professional Curiosity

Cumbria SAB have produced the following guides for practitioners.

- [Professional Curiosity A Practitioners Guide](#) Cumbria SAB
- [A quick guide to Professional Curiosity](#) Cumbria SAB

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#### 6. Get Safe Online

On Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> Dec 2022 colleagues from one of our partner organisations Get Safe Online were on hand at Bridgemere Garden Centre near Nantwich.

They were there to offer customers advice and guidance on all aspects of online safety. Nearly 400 customers called and the stand to have a chat about issues such as,

Buying goods online – learning how to spot the difference between genuine and fake websites, secure and insecure payment pages etc

Connected devices – Protecting all new or second-hand internet connected phones, tablets and computers with a reputable security app/software.–

Updates – The importance of downloading updates as they often contain key security fixes.

Mobile Apps – only download from reputable providers such as Google play or the App store.

Oversharing - Make sure what you share online is respectful and doesn't reveal confidential, sensitive or embarrassing information about yourself or others, including family members and friends

Out and About - Don't use **Wi-Fi hotspots** in cafés, pubs, hotels, on public transport and other public places for anything confidential as they could be either insecure or fraudulent.

For further information visit [Get Safe Online | The UK's leading Internet Safety Website](#)



Get Safe Online Team

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## 7. The Whole Housing Approach Pilot Project

Cheshire East Council (CEC) has been working with national domestic abuse charity [Standing Together Against Domestic Abuse](#) (STADA) on an exciting new project funded by The National Lottery; the Whole Housing Approach Pilot.

This project will implement the [Whole Housing Approach](#), a framework which addresses the housing and safety needs of victim/survivors in a local area. This approach brings together under one umbrella all the main housing tenure types, alongside the housing options and support initiatives needed to help people experiencing domestic abuse to either maintain or access safe and stable housing.

Now in the second year of the three-year project STADA has been supporting CEC to implement the 14 components of the WHA.

- In our kickstarter meeting in May we discussed how the WHA will benefit CEC, how this project fits into wider domestic abuse and housing strategies and new legislative duties under the Domestic Abuse Act 2021. Furthermore, we discussed how this project will provide choice to survivors and hold perpetrators to account. We heard from our pilot partners [Surviving Economic Abuse](#) on how they will be supporting CEC on WHA components private ownership and economic abuse and [Safer London](#) on managed reciprocals.
- A major milestone was reached when Cheshire East's Housing Options team achieved [Domestic Abuse Housing Alliance's](#) (DAHA) renowned accreditation. The report found the team are survivor focused and trauma informed concluding *'frontline staff work at the survivor's pace and allow them to make informed decision on their outcomes'*.
- We have started work on our Experts by Experience group which will work with survivors to inform the development of a WHA Hub, presenting survivors with their housing and support options all in one place: If you work with survivors, please do send our survey out to your networks: [Domestic abuse and housing in Cheshire East survey](#). All contributions are anonymous, valued and appreciated.
- In September we held our first Sanctuary steering group bringing together local social housing providers, domestic abuse services, fire services and the police. A Sanctuary Scheme is a multi-agency survivor centred initiative which provides enhanced security measures and domestic abuse support to enable households at risk of domestic abuse to remain in their own homes. We have started mapping of local provision and will build on this work with our partners to ensure all survivors have access to this vital service.
- In October we learned about Housing First, from Louisa Steele (Housing First and Homelessness Programme Manager at STADA) which provides a stable, independent home and intensive personalised support and case management to homeless people with multiple and complex needs. Nic Abbot, Housing Options Manager at CEC presented on the new multi-disciplinary team in housing, which will be providing a holistic approach to people experiencing multiple disadvantage.

In January we will commence training delivered by [Surviving Economic Abuse](#) on recognising and responding to economic abuse and much more!

If you would like more information about this pilot project please contact Whole Housing Approach Capacity Builder, Eilise McNicholas: [e.mcnicholas@standingtogether.org.uk](mailto:e.mcnicholas@standingtogether.org.uk) or Becky Rendina, Whole Housing Approach Officer [Rebecca.Rendina@cheshireeast.gov.uk](mailto:Rebecca.Rendina@cheshireeast.gov.uk)

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## 8. Local Elections 4<sup>th</sup> May 2023

For the first time residents in Cheshire East will need to show photographic ID to vote at this years local elections in May.

Please help to promote this national information drive by sharing the [Cheshire East press release](#).

### Key Contacts

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