



Welcome from the chair of the HSAB (Chris Miller)

Hello and welcome to the Summer edition of our Harrow Safeguarding Adults Board Newsletter. The last few months have been unprecedented and I would like to start by thanking you and your teams again for the vital work you are doing to keep our communities safe. There has been a great deal of fantastic collaborative work that is being done to support the most vulnerable people of Harrow. We are now at a time where the lockdown is easing, many of us are returning to visiting our clients/patients and so I would like to encourage you to be very alert to any neglect or abuse that may have happened in the last 4 months. In that context, in this edition of the newsletter we are covering some key topics including modern slavery; human trafficking and some useful research about scams and the power of persuasive language. As in previous newsletters we have highlighted 2 recent Safeguarding Adults Reviews (SARs) that provide learning for us all.

I hope you will all be able to take a much needed break over the summer holidays. Chris Miller

As ever, suggestions for the newsletter can be sent to either Sue Spurlock (sue.spurlock@harrow.gov.uk) or Seamus Doherty (seamus.doherty@harrow.gov.uk).

Liberty Protection Safeguards: update on implementation

On 16 July 2020 the Government announced that the implementation of the Liberty Protection Safeguards (LPS) will be delayed and that we are now aiming for implementation in April 2022.

LPS will replace the Deprivation of Liberty Safeguards (DoLS) and become the main authorisation process for a deprivation of liberty of a person who lacks the mental capacity to consent to their care and treatment arrangements.

The Government has decided that delaying the implementation of the LPS scheme is the most appropriate course of action to ensure that implementation is effective - in particular for those whose lives will be most affected. The Government will undertake a 12 week public consultation on the draft regulations and Code of Practice for LPS, allowing sufficient time for everyone that is affected to engage properly. After the Government has considered responses to the consultation, the updated Code and regulations will need to be laid in Parliament to allow for proper scrutiny.

More information is available here:

<https://www.parliament.uk/business/publications/written-questions-answers-statements/written-statement/Commons/2020-07-16/HCWS377/>



Scams: The Power of Persuasive Language

Professor Keith Brown from the National Centre for Post-Qualifying Social Work and Professional Practice (NCPQSW) and Dr Elisabeth Carter, Senior Lecturer in Criminology and Forensic Linguist at the University of Roehampton, have written this new guidance.

The publication shows how criminals use language in subtle and powerful ways to scam people out of money. It highlights how, far from the popular idea of the gullible or vulnerable person 'falling for' a scam, the reality is that scammers are highly skilled manipulators of language that use techniques designed to make people feel at ease and disguise any cause for concern.

This booklet will show some of the ways in which scammers use the reassurance of familiarity, our normal instincts to protect, and isolation from support to draw people in and justify their behaviour. They exploit all types of situations, including panic, uncertainty and isolation relating to COVID-19.

They then manoeuvre individuals into positions where they believe they are making reasonable choices but are in fact being scammed.

The information here is vital for community workers, community nurses and domiciliary care workers, and individuals who have family or friends who are isolating alone, to spot and deal with signs that they are being targeted by a scam. You are key in spotting these issues and identifying them in the community.

<https://www.cambridgeshire.gov.uk/asset-library/Scams-the-power-of-persuasive-language.pdf>



Modern Slavery is a hidden crime and its victims are hard to identify in normal circumstances - it's even harder now as they are likely to be more isolated and hidden from view during the coronavirus pandemic.

Adults can access a range of support if they give their consent to enter the National Referral Mechanism which is a framework for identifying and referring potential victims of modern slavery and ensuring they receive the appropriate support.

The government updated guidance for victims of modern slavery during the coronavirus pandemic in April 2020 which is provided in the links below.

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/coronavirus-covid-19-support-for-victims-of-modern-slavery/coronavirus-covid-19-support-for-victims-of-modern-slavery>

Safeguarding Adults Reviews (SARs)

Adult A - Published 29 May 2020

Adult A was an 87 year old gentleman who was living with Alzheimer's disease. Click here to read the report by North Lincolnshire Safeguarding Adults Board:

<http://www.northlincsab.co.uk/professionals/north-lincolnshire-safeguarding-adults-review-adult-a/>

TYRONE GOODYEAR - Published 12 June 2020

This review examines the circumstances and issues leading up to Tyrone's death, including homelessness, mental ill-health and suicide prevention; all linked to Autism Spectrum Condition and learning difficulties.

Click here to read the report by Lewisham's Safeguarding Adults Board:

<https://www.norfolksafeguardingadultsboard.info/assets/SAR-REPORTS-OTHER-SABs/LSAB-7-MINUTE-BRIEFING-Tyrone-Goodyear.pdf>



'Unlock the Door' Campaign

Justice & Care are launching a social media campaign to help us play our part in the fight against Human Trafficking and Modern Slavery.

Unlock The Doors is reminding us that as lockdown eases, and we start to experience our freedom again, victims of modern slavery in the UK will remain locked away.

<https://www.justiceandcare.org/unlock/>



The Herbert Protocol is a national scheme adopted by the Metropolitan Police and other police services across the country which encourages carers, families, friends or neighbours to hold information about the person with dementia to help the police find them if they go missing.

George Herbert, who the initiative is named after, was a Second World War veteran who had dementia. Sadly, George died when he went missing, while trying to find his childhood home. This new protocol will reduce the possibility of that happening to someone else's loved one and speed up the search process.

By completing the form in advance, carers will not be under pressure to recall vital information at a stressful time. Sitting with the person who has care and support needs while the form is completed and discussing places that they used to live, and work will help identify places that may be important to them and the police if they were to go missing. The link to the Metropolitan Police website with more information and the form to complete can be found at:

<https://www.met.police.uk/notices/af/herbert-protocol/>