

Healthwatch Kingston Board Meeting (Part A)	Date: Wednesday 29 May 2019
Report Title: Safeguarding Report 29 May 2019	Author: Grahame Snelling, Trustee/Director, HWK Safeguarding Lead
PART A Agenda Item: 12	Appendix: No

FOR DISCUSSION AND/OR DECISION

This report sets out details of the proceedings of the Kingston Safeguarding Adults Community Reference Group (CRG), feedback from the Safeguarding Adults Board (SAB) on April 25th and confirms that there have been no safeguarding concerns reported to me as the Board lead for Safeguarding since our last Board meeting in March.

The Board is requested to note the content of this report.

The Community Reference Group

As reported to the board on March 20th, the CRG last met on March 1st. The group meets again on 24 May.

The report I supplied to the board on March 20th was adapted to supply the SAB with details of what had been discussed at our last meeting and this initiative continues to be welcomed by the SAB, despite relatively low numbers attending.

One person who attended on March 1st explained about a particular situation that, as reported before, was escalated to the Director of Adult Services.

Subsequently there has been some evidence of progress in this matter and so we hope to learn more when we meet this week.

Another attendee raised a series of thematic issues relating to safeguarding homeless people and we have passed these concerns on to the new Safeguarding Adults manager Gemma Blunt.

Her response is awaited.

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At the meeting, the HWK report was received. The following matters were discussed and noted:

- A script for safeguarding workers to use with service users to tell them about the CRG and how to get involved with HWK has been produced by Adult Safeguarding. The CRG will offer comments at its meeting this week.
- Sian Walker has now stepped down as independent chair after three years and a new chair is being sought. In the meantime, the Richmond SAB chair will cover Kingston.
- Richmond does not have the equivalent of a CRG and the new chair, who was present, expressed some interest in joining forces with Kingston which may be a helpful move given the numbers who have attended thus far. This is therefore a matter for HWK to discuss with Richmond HW and I will brief our Chief Officer accordingly.

HWK Safeguarding Referrals

No new safeguarding matters have been brought to my attention since our March 20th Board meeting.