

Adult Safeguarding Bulletin for Norfolk & Waveney GPs.

Welcome

Please find attached a copy of the latest updates and news relevant to GP practice.

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Adult Safeguarding Training – free to attend

Suffolk, Cambridgeshire and Norfolk Safeguarding Adult Teams have successfully applied for funding from NHS England to support training for GPs. We will be running half day workshops across the three counties in Jan and Feb 2018. This will have particular reference to the use of The Mental Capacity Act, DOLs and Domestic Violence but will also share where possible local learning from Safeguarding Adult Reviews (SARs). All are welcome especially Safeguarding Adult GP/NP Leads.

To **book a place** enter this URL into your browser (*may not work in internet explorer*) <https://www.events.england.nhs.uk/p/16079/adult-safeguarding-training>

Hypothermia: the silent killer

Following the death of a patient in a care home from pneumonia and hypothermia in November 2016, there is an on-going Safeguarding Adult Review (SAR E). Preliminary discussions have made us aware that as GPs, our **professional curiosity** should allow us to raise an adult safeguarding concern if we notice that a patient's home or care home feels significantly cold. We could assume or argue that this is someone else's role eg CQC, environmental health, etc but adult safeguarding is everybody's concern and the authorities have signalled that they would welcome a call from us if we feel concerned. Please call 0344 800 8020 if worried.

High Risk Domestic Abuse Cases; MARAC letters

After close work with the and the Norfolk Police and Safeguarding Children Team, we have agreed an information sharing letter which the Police will be sending out when a potential victims are referred to MARAC (Multiple Agency Risk Assessment Conference). This will alert us to these patients and also request us to share anything we feel might be pertinent to their case. **It is vital that these victims are not contacted as a result of these letters as this could potential increase their potential risk further.** Please see links to www.safelives for further information.

[Click here for sample MARAC GP letter.](#)

Domestic Abuse: DA Champions in General Practice

A recent high profile domestic homicide in Norwich with an associated on-going Domestic Homicide Review (DHR) highlights the need to makes sure that GP practices are aware and can respond to the risks of domestic violence.

The safeguarding teams are rolling out “Domestic Abuse Champion” (DA Champion) training. Any disclosure can be time consuming so the idea is that each practice has at least 1-2 trained “DA Champions”. These can be nursing or admin staff who have been appropriately trained to support the victim and signpost him or her to the appropriate organisations. Clinicians can then safely arrange for their DA Champion to continue the consultation in a quite safe area and complete a DASH Assessment if appropriate.

The training dates and venues are included in the training list. Including involvement in this initiative could be included in your practice’s child and adult safeguarding policies for the CQC.

[Click here for DA Newsletter with details of the Champion training events](#)

RCGP toolkit

Practice Managers, Safeguarding Leads, GPs with a concern/question.

The RCGP have developed a toolkit to help us get to grips with the ever increasing remit of safeguarding. You may want to consider adding this to your favourites or to your desktop so you can have it to hand when a query arrives.

<http://www.rcgp.org.uk/clinical-and-research/toolkits/safeguarding-adults-at-risk-of-harm-toolkit.aspx>

Prevent Training

In the current climate of terror and risk of radicalisation, frontline staff in primary care should consider this training. Although we may think East Anglia is not “high risk”, susceptible individuals can come from all backgrounds and are often themselves “vulnerable adults” who are preyed on by terrorist organisations. Please see attached link to new training updates.

[Click here for Prevent external flyer with details of the training dates and training booking form.](#)

Modern Day Slavery

Were you aware that British nationals are one of the most highly trafficked groups of individuals? In our area this is most likely to be as forced agricultural workers or sex workers. The RCN have developed a useful information document outlining the risks and warning signs that we should consider. Although written for nurses and midwives, it is equally relevant for us GPs.

[Click here for the RCN Guide Modern Slavery.](#)