

Cheshire East Safeguarding Adults Board Newsletter



January 2025 – Happy New Year

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. You can find contact details at the end of the newsletter.

In this newsletter.....

1. Service User Group Recognised Nationally



We are delighted to share news that The Service User Group of the Cheshire East Safeguarding Adults Board have been crowned national champions in the 'We See You - We Hear You' National Safeguarding Awards Ceremony in the category of 'Prevention Champion - a team who has demonstrated and acted to prevent abuse or neglect'.

The online awards ceremony was attended by over 80 Safeguarding Adult leads from across the nation. Lynne Turnbull, Service User Group Chair, attended the event to receive this prestigious award on behalf of the group.

The group were recognised nationally for the following reasons.

The group is a mix of dedicated service users, their carers, advocates and members of the public. The group meets regularly to talk about people's experiences of adult abuse in the Cheshire East area. The group has been meeting for 12 years and the Cheshire East Safeguarding Adults Board is led by the work the Service User Group does and the advice it offers. The group have been key in designing the Making Safeguarding Personal resources used by frontline safeguarding practitioners. They have also designed accessible literature for the public ensuring people recognise adult abuse and know how to report abuse and how to keep safe. The group is chaired by Lynne Turnbull, CEO of Disability Positive, which is a service user led organisation. This group of volunteers work tirelessly supporting training

plans, public engagement events and advising the SAB and will have prevented many abuse situations or stopped situations escalating over the years.

Congratulations to all members of the group, and thank you for all the work you do to help make Cheshire East a safer place.

2. National Safeguarding Adults Week Nov 2024

We had an amazing response from partners and colleagues who attended sessions during Safeguarding Adults Week. Feedback from those who attended included; 'Incredibly interesting', 'thought-provoking', 'engaging' and 'informative.'

We also met and spoke with members of the public at our marketplace events regarding adult safeguarding and community safety.

Thankyou to everyone who took part, we hope to see you all again in 2025.



3. Easy Read Adult Abuse Leaflet

The Service User Group have designed an easy read Adult Abuse Leaflet. This easy read leaflet talks about keeping adults at risk safe from abuse, in simple words and pictures. The leaflet is now [available on the board website](#).

4. Updates and Resources

- The Samaritans are offering a free Training Webinar for practitioners. [The internet, suicide and self-harm](#). Dates available in January and February 2025.

- The [Cheshire East Safeguarding Adults Board Annual Report 2023 /24](#) has been published and is available to read on our website. An [Easy Read Annual Summary](#) is also available.
- Refuge has a number of online resources about [technology-facilitated abuse](#) on their website
- Soundproof Box have produced a development session which explores coercive control in relationships. Free online audience tickets are available for 31st Jan. [Red Flags](#).

FREE TRAINING OFFER

Cheshire East Safeguarding Adults Board are pleased to announce that we are continuing in this New Year with our free training offer:

L1 Safeguarding Awareness

This is a comprehensive training session that covers the following

- 1 Understand what adult abuse and safeguarding adults means
- 2 Develop awareness of Key Legislation and Making Safeguarding Personal
- 3 Identify forms of, and be able to recognise possible signs and indicators of abuse
- 4 Understand your role if you suspect an adult is being abused
- 5 Know how to report a concern, disclosure or allegation

The safeguarding sessions are provided by Deborah Waterhouse (training officer). She is happy to come out to your provision, at a time to suit you between the hours of 09:00 and 19:00.

A session takes 1 hour 30 minutes

Care Concern Training—for care providers

This session over **TEAMS** covers the process of submitting a care concern. We also discuss good examples of care concerns, how to differentiate between care concerns and safeguarding and what happens next.

This training is delivered during office hours and **takes 1 hour**

TO REGISTER YOUR INTEREST IN EITHER OF THE TRAININGS, PLEASE EMAIL DEBORAH WATERHOUSE AT:

SabTraining@cheshireeast.gov.uk

(please specify in your email which training(s) you are interested in)



6. Survey Results



Each year, Cheshire East Safeguarding Adults Board participate in the national Safeguarding Adults Week which in 2024 ran from 18th – 22nd November. As part of the Board's commitment to adult safeguarding and community safety, a survey was conducted from 1st November to 22nd November 2024.

The aim of the survey was to find out how safe people feel in their local community, and to ascertain awareness of what adult safeguarding is / how to report concerns about an adult in Cheshire East.

In total 338 responses were received. The key results are as follows:

- 88% of respondents said they felt safe in the day
- 53% felt safe at night
- 93% had received a telephone call, text or email likely to be a scam in the last six months
- 57% had been visited by cold callers in the last six months
- 15% knew the name of their PCSO
- 14% had reported an incident of crime in the last 12 months
- 22% had accessed the Council's LiveWell pages
- 73% know what adult safeguarding or adult abuse is
- 27% had seen information about adult safeguarding such as leaflets or information on websites
- 61% would know what to do if they, or another adult was experiencing abuse or neglect
- 72% knew what hoarding was.

7. News from SCEP

The Safer Cheshire East Partnership has provided funding to the Cheshire East Children's Partnership to support a week of learning activity between the **17th and 21st March 2025**.

The programme of events is focussed on 'Young People' and covers a wide range of topics, a number of which will be both useful and interesting to staff within the Adult Safeguarding setting. All staff are being encouraged to sign up and take advantage of the range of products being made available throughout the week either through 'face to face' or on-line training and information sessions.



Focus on YOUNG
PEOPLE Week 17-21 |



For further information on the 'Programme' please contact either Louise.wright@cheshireeast.gov.uk or Richard.christopherson@cheshireeast.gov.uk

8. Crewe Hoarding Support Group

Crewe Hoarding Support Group celebrated their first anniversary just before Christmas with a festive meal and cake. The group meets fortnightly and is a welcoming and safe space for people to share thoughts, ideas and get practical support.

The group have recently recorded and shared some of their experiences which are available to listen to on the [Service User Voice](#) page of our website.



For more information about the Hoarding Support Group, please email lsab@cheshireeast.gov.uk

9. Thank you

We would like to say thank you and wish Lindsay Ratapana a happy retirement. Lindsay represented Cheshire and Merseyside ICB on the Board. We will miss you, Lindsay.

Thankyou also goes to DCI Georgie Jones who has moved onto a new role within Cheshire Police. Thank you for all your work with the Board and commitment to making Cheshire East a safer place.

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