

TSAB Newsletter

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Our safeguarding arrangements will effectively prevent and respond to adult abuse



New



Teeswide Inter-Agency Safeguarding Adults Procedures on How to Report and Respond to Adult Abuse and Neglect in Tees

<https://www.tsab.org.uk/key-information/policies-strategies/>

Did you know?

On average the Local Authorities across Tees receive **140** safeguarding concerns per week

On average **63** Concern Forms are incomplete and further information is required

On average **61** Concerns are completed on the incorrect form

Concern Form: <https://www.tsab.org.uk/report-abuse/>

The new procedures:

- ✓ place emphasis on the individual's views and wishes
- ✓ are flowchart format
- ✓ provide clear pathways and signposting
- ✓ are printable in an A3 format for noticeboards



What can you do to help?

- ✓ Remove all previous versions of the **Teeswide Inter-Agency Procedures** and check the correct **Concern Form** is being used
- ✓ Always access procedures and forms on www.tsab.org.uk to ensure you have the correct version
- ✓ If your organisation's website links to the TSAB website – check that the web links work
- ✓ Share this message and include this information in your newsletters or e-bulletins

Summary of the Work of the Board

The Board last met on **11 December 2019**. The agreed and published minutes of previous meetings can be accessed here: <https://www.tsab.org.uk/key-information/board-minutes/>

As a result of a recent TSAB Safeguarding Adult Review (SAR) published in December 2019, a learning briefing in relation to the **Duty to Refer (Homeless Reduction Act 2017)** has been published in line with the recommendations. Specified public authorities are under a legal duty to refer service users that maybe homeless or threatened with homeless within 56 days to Local Housing Authorities in England.

The briefing can be found here: <https://www.tsab.org.uk/key-information/policies-strategies/>

The Overview Report of the recently published SAR can be found here:

<https://www.tsab.org.uk/wp-content/uploads/2019/12/TSAB-Adult-B-FINAL-1.pdf>

National News

Romance Scams

Did you know? The average victim of online dating fraud is conned out of £10,000 !

A romance scam or romance fraud involves a person being tricked into thinking they have met a potential partner on social media or via a dating website, to later find out that they have been used for their money.

The scammer will usually always make a fake profile to target people and attempt to build relationships, they will slowly gain your trust over weeks, often months, in order to eventually ask for money or obtain enough personal details to steal your identity.

Spot The Signs

- ✓ Scammers often use attractive profile pictures. You can check whether someone's profile picture is associated with anyone else by accessing the website in Google Chrome. Further details on how to do this can be found here <https://www.tsab.org.uk/key-information/policies-strategies/>
- ✓ The messages may be filled with poor spelling and grammatical errors, which can sometimes be an indication that the profile is not be genuine.
- ✓ They ask for money often using a false story such as needing to pay for urgent medical care for themselves or an ill relative, or any other story with a sense of urgency.



Emollient Creams

Did you know ?

Emollient skin products are widely prescribed and dispensed for various skin conditions such as psoriasis and eczema.

✓ They are **safe to use** but can soak into clothing, dressings and bedding leaving a flammable residue.

✓ If exposed to naked flame or heat source e.g. cigarette, heater, they could catch fire and spread rapidly which could result in serious injury or death

✓ **Click here** for NHS safety advice on using emollient skin products or view the You Tube video on using Creams <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=6UVIB2iGuqM&feature=youtu.be>



Local News

Annual Survey

Thank you to the 700 people who completed the TSAB Annual Surveys, the surveys have now closed. Results will be analysed in the coming weeks and an update will be shared in the May Newsletter.

Dates for the Diary and Social Media

- International Women's Day 8 March
- World Social Work Day 17 March
- National Stalking Awareness Week 20—24 April



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Safe Place Scheme

Have you seen this logo? Do you know what it means?

Safe Place Scheme locations are venues in the community where people who need extra support can go if they need some help. This 'help' can range from a phone call to home, or help with directions (live more independently).



The literature can be accessed here for download <https://www.tsab.org.uk/key-information/find-support-in-your-area/safe-place-scheme/>

Please raise awareness of the scheme within your organisation.

Events

In February the Board attended a number of events in support of Sexual Abuse and Sexual Violence Awareness Week.

We attended Teesside Students Union where key messages were portrayed through art work along with attending James Cook University Hospital.



Training And Development

The Board's E-learning Courses continue to be popular with **1536 courses** requested in the third quarter of 2019/20. Our E-learning can be accessed via the following link:

<https://www.tsab.org.uk/training/>

The current E-learning training provision is due for review in April 2020. Please ensure all **requested courses** are completed before the end of March.

22 workbooks have also been completed by individuals who do not have access to online facilities. The workbooks are marked in accordance with a manager's guidance workbook (password can be requested). The workbooks can be accessed via the following: <https://www.tsab.org.uk/professionals/training-resources/>

Apologies if you missed out on the recent training courses on Section 42 and Self-Neglect Training the demand for both courses was exceptionally high. We are currently developing our training plan for 2020/21.

Please check our website regularly for updates as to when bookings open:

<https://www.tsab.org.uk/professionals/events-key-dates/>

Find Support in Your Area

The Board's website also maps relevant support services by type of abuse and by each individual Borough across Tees. This is reviewed and updated periodically, although it is not intended to be a definitive source of information for all service providers: <https://www.tsab.org.uk/find-support-in-your-area/>



Your Comments

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