
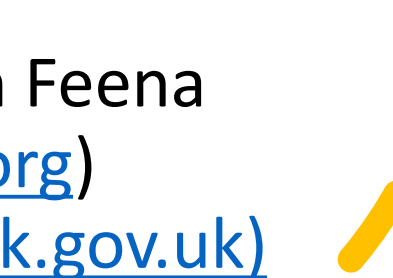


Adult Safeguarding Updates

- **Modern Slavery Awareness and Training**
 - Current drive in Southwark to identify victims of modern slavery and support them out of their exploitative situation
 - GPs identified as key eyes and ears in the system
 - Several GPs feedback from PLT that they would like more intelligence on known local gangs, areas of exploitation, trafficking routes etc
 - Stop The Traffik has been commissioned in Southwark to try to pull together local intelligence from multiple agencies, and is running workshops that you are invited to, to discuss anonymous cases and pull intelligence together
 - This is part of a “coordinated action” to disrupt human trafficking in Southwark and across London
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The Power of 10 workshops

- The Power of 10 will consist of two workshops, the first now taking place on Tuesday 26th April from 11am-12pm. The workshops will be run on MS Teams.
 - Anyone who has worked with a potential victim of Modern Slavery or Human Trafficking is invited to attend the workshops
 - Please register your interest with Feena (feena.magenis@stophetraffik.org) or Kevin (kevin.dykes@southwark.gov.uk)
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Also....

- Stop The Traffik commissioned by Southwark Council to provide Modern Slavery awareness training to GPs, Adult Social Care, Police and other agencies.
- 60 minutes on how to recognise modern slavery, and how to effectively help, including Southwark-specific referral pathways via police or adult social care, and what information is helpful to collect from and to provide to individuals before making a referral.
- Training being moulded to our (GP) needs, and I have asked if they are able to include Southwark-specific trends on areas of exploitation etc
- Separate training also being delivered by Stop the Traffik to Adult Social Care colleagues (so we will all be singing from the same sheet)
- Quick poll – they are proposing the 60 minutes of training could be delivered to GPs in 2x30 minute sessions
 - ?preferences for 1x longer session or 2x shorter sessions, given at lunchtime.

Safeguarding Adult Reviews

- Referring your patients into the Safeguarding Adult Review process
 - If you think you have a patient with care and support needs who died or came to significant harm through abuse or neglect and you believe there to have been failings in multi-agency working then you should consider referring them into the SAR process.
- Referral form in PLT resource pack
- Also on SELCCG Adult Safeguarding web page

Summary of
recommendations
for
GPs from DHR and
SARs in Southwark

- Think about domestic abuse between older adults in a relationship as much as between younger couples
- Code safeguarding concerns in all relevant family members' records (both the parents and children's notes) so that these can be flagged in years to come, when adults may have moved into different circumstances.
- When making a mental health assessment always ask about their thoughts of harming others, not only focussing on suicidal ideation
- Have a low threshold for making an IAPT referral on behalf of patients (rather than self-referral) especially if they have learning disabilities or difficulties, or have e.g. an Autistic Spectrum Disorder, as they may find it more difficult to complete forms themselves

- Always use independent interpreters (rather than family members or friends) EVEN IF THE PATIENT ASKS FOR YOU TO USE THEIR FRIEND OR FAMILY MEMBER, and consult patients alone (without family/friends) wherever practical so that they feel able to tell you how they feel in confidence (and not influenced by potential coercion or control)
- Remember that a mental capacity assessment is valid for a particular TIME, and relates to a particular question. This is particularly important to acknowledge where people may have fluctuating capacity – for instance when under influence of alcohol or drugs (and may have periods of lucidity when sober).