

# Lambeth Safeguarding Adults Board: February 2019

A key document agreed at the January Lambeth SAB meeting was the [Mental Capacity Act Guidance](#). This practical, easy to use tool is now available to download and can be shared widely in order to support professionals in their practice. I am really grateful to David Rowley & the MCA sub-group who did considerable work on pulling this together. I would also like to take this opportunity to draw attention to the upcoming event organised by the Mental Capacity Act Subgroup, supported by Lambeth Together.



**This event will explore the legal framework to make Best Interests decisions under the Mental Capacity Act, and participants will hear from experts, including our keynote speaker Alex Ruck Keene (Barrister).** In the afternoon, the session will be open to service users and Lambeth residents to attend. This is a **free event** and I would encourage all Members publicise this opportunity within their networks. [Further information and advice on how to book](#) can be found on the LSAB website.

*Siân Walker,  
Independent Chair of the Lambeth Safeguarding Adults Board*

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## Fire Safety in specialised housing

The [London Fire Brigade recently reported](#) that inspectors had found serious fire safety failures in care homes across London. This is a timely opportunity to highlight the new guide to 'Fire Safety in Specialised Housing', and the [accompanying summary sheet](#) for commissioners and providers of specialised housing and care services, developed by LFB and ADASS. Members are encouraged to take note of this guidance.

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## Our commitment to improve responses to Domestic Abuse

The LSAB remains committed to improving professional responses to domestic abuse. In particular, the LSAB wish to promote the proper use of the SafeLives DASH risk checklist. [A copy of the checklist and accompanying guidance](#) can be found on the LSAB website.

There is **free training** for all professionals working with Lambeth residents who may be at risk of gender based violence. If you want to find out more about this training please contact the VAWG Senior Officer Ella Pollock: [Epollcock2@lambeth.gov.uk](mailto:Epollcock2@lambeth.gov.uk)

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## LGBT+ experiences of domestic abuse

GALOP have released a new report on LGBT+ people's experience of domestic abuse. Lambeth had the highest proportion of reported incidents in London, a reflection of our borough's demographics. GALOP's data also found that 55% of victims/survivors disclosed a disability. To find out more, please see [GALOP's full report](#).

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## Acting on signs of CSE and County Lines

A report by Niche commissioned by NHS England which outlines important learning and recommendations from an Independent Mental Health Homicide Review has been published. This Review was in relation to a young person (perpetrator of a homicide) who was the victim of serious Child Criminal Exploitation. He was known to CAMHS and multiple other services (including several attendances to ED) and at the point of transition to adult services. The review found that there were significant safeguarding failings by all services.

[The full report has been published on the NHS England website](#). The transition from children's services to adult services is an important issue which will require more thought as we move forward.

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## Marking International Day of Person with Disabilities

The UN's International Day of Persons with Disabilities took place on the 3rd December, with a focus on empowering persons with disabilities and ensuring inclusiveness and equality. To mark this day [Disability Advice Service Lambeth](#) wrote a [guest post](#) highlighting their role working alongside disabled people in Lambeth, including providing an advocacy service which supports people to understand what abuse is and how to get help and advice about keeping safe.

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## Recognising 'honour-based' violence as a form of abuse

The LSAB Awareness Survey completed last year highlighted that 'honour-based' violence was less likely to be recognised as a form of adult abuse. In response to this, the Community Reference Group have written about the indicators that someone may be experiencing 'Honour Based Violence' and highlighted existing resources such as the [Metropolitan Police Service's website](#), which outlines the help and support available from Community Safety Units.

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## Do you have any safeguarding news you'd wish to share?

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