

# Lambeth Safeguarding Adults Board: June 2019

Our Strategic Plan for 2019/20 has now been published on the [LSAB website](#). This plan builds on the achievements of the Board and its subgroups over the last year in the three key areas of **representation, prevention and awareness**.

The LSAB has also agreed to specifically target issues of modern slavery, financial abuse and self-neglect over the course of the next year. Plans are already underway to develop targeted actions in response to these aims, including engagement events and awareness raising initiatives.

I would like to invite Board Members to share news and updates from their own organisations which can support partners in working towards these shared aims. I am also keen to spend time with teams who are on the frontline of safeguarding adults work in Lambeth – if your team would like to meet with me, please get in touch with [LSABAdmin@lambeth.gov.uk](mailto:LSABAdmin@lambeth.gov.uk).



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## Ensuring people feel safe to report concerns

A new poster developed by the Community Reference Group which sets out to encourage people to talk about adult safeguarding concerns is now available to [download](#) from the LSAB website.

This poster was developed in response to the LSAB Awareness Survey, where some participants talked about being afraid to report concerns. Some said that they hoped ‘someone else would do it’. **All partners are encouraged to make this poster visible in public areas so that people know who they can talk if they are worried.**

## Understanding neglect

The LSAB Awareness Survey also found that neglect and acts of omission were less likely to be seen as a form of abuse by those with care and support needs, their family and friends, and unpaid carers. The Community Reference Group have created a new poster which highlights some of the signs that someone may be experiencing neglect, and details where to go for further support. Partners can access this resource on the [LSAB website](#).

## New safeguarding structure for Central South Borough Command Unit

As of Monday 18th February, the MPS changed their safeguarding structure. The previous model saw Safeguarding police work e.g. rape investigations and Child Abuse being dealt with by different Command units. The new model moves this work to a central Safeguarding unit carried out by all Police Officers and Staff. The new **Safeguarding Hub** will play an integral role across the new Borough Command Unit where Officers and Staff will be more able to work jointly across cases, attend case conferences, respond to domestic violence, deal with mental health, missing persons and rape/sexual exploitation referrals.

## Raising awareness of modern slavery

More than **7,100 suspected victims of modern slavery** were identified across the UK in 2018, with London the location for the highest number of suspected victims (1,477). The increase in calls received by the **Modern Slavery Helpline** is a reflection of increased public awareness of modern slavery. Nonetheless, more still needs to be done to give people the confidence to report their concerns. [Analysis of entries to the Safe Car Wash app](#) found that between June and December 2018, 41% of users were advised to call the Modern Slavery Helpline after answering a series of questions. Only 18% of people went on to make the call.

The Lambeth Safeguarding Adults Board on a practical level, recognises there is a need for practitioners and the Board to build confidence and ensure familiarity with the safeguarding implications of modern slavery, which is why it is part of the Board’s strategic objectives this year.

## Lambeth Country Show: Advance Care Planning Consortium

Lambeth advance care planning consortium (which grew out of a successful awareness raising event developed by the CRG and MCA Subgroup in 2017) will be back at the [Country Show](#) this July with the “Before I Die” tent, an initiative to get people thinking about their care wishes for the end of life or for situations where they’re unable to communicate or make decisions – an important conversation which is too often avoided.

The tent will include a wall for sharing bucket list dreams, information on how to record your wishes, and opportunities to talk about death and dying. You can pop in for a chat, whether it’s to talk about your own future or your loved ones’, and find out how to better plan for it.