

# Lambeth Safeguarding Adults Board: November 2019

Today marks the beginning of National Safeguarding Adults Week. Led by the Ann Craft Trust, this is a time where we can all focus on safeguarding adults – so we can be better, together. Over the last year, the Lambeth Safeguarding Adults Board have created a number of resources to guide practitioners in their work to support and protect adults at risk of abuse and neglect. This includes:



- [Mental Capacity Act Guidance](#); a simple and easy to use tool which outlines the essential steps for following the MCA process
- [Safeguarding Adults Masterclass Booklet](#); capturing the essential knowledge and legislative frameworks that can guide professionals working with adults at risk, with links to further resources and research on best practice

These resources can be found on the LSAB website, alongside many other helpful sources of information. Keep an eye out for the **#SafeguardingAdultsWeek** hashtag on social media this week to access additional resources and see more of what we've been doing in Lambeth.

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

## National Safeguarding Adults Week - What's On

This week, we will be raising awareness in the key areas of domestic abuse, financial abuse, mate crime, modern slavery and self-neglect. We have developed simple visual guides on all of these topics, all of which are available to download from the [LSAB website](#). You are also invited to join us at the events we have on this week, including:

- [Meet the Chair](#); Join us at this drop in session at Mosaic Clubhouse to find out more about what the Lambeth Safeguarding Adults Board does and what you can do to help prevent abuse and neglect
- [Recognising Modern Slavery](#); learn to spot the signs that someone may be a victim of modern slavery and find out how we can support victims at this event aimed at the voluntary and community sector in Lambeth

We all have a role to play in safeguarding adults. This week provides a good opportunity for everyone to think about what they can do to make a difference. There are simple ways your organisation can help to raise awareness of adult safeguarding and prevent abuse and neglect from happening. What will you pledge to do?

## Safeguarding Adults Decision Making Tool

As part of National Safeguarding Adults Week, we are launching the new [Safeguarding Adults Decision Making Tool](#). This tool can be shared with all professionals. It provides information on what to consider when making an adult safeguarding referral, how the law is applied by the local authority (Section 42(1) and (2)) and the types of possible abuse against levels of risk which help to clarify what response referrers can expect.

We have also developed a new one page guide, outlining [what to expect when raising a safeguarding adults concern](#).

## Key Learning to support us in practice

Across Lambeth, there are a number of different review methods being used by partner organisations and other statutory bodies to identify key learning points. The Safeguarding Adults Review (SAR) Subgroup wants to ensure that this important multi-agency learning is shared as widely as possible, so that it can support us in practice and help us to prevent future abuse and neglect of adults at risk. To find out about key learning identified in recent review processes, see the new [SAR Subgroup briefing](#).

## Forced marriage and mental capacity

Respond have developed an easy read booklet which aims to help people with learning disabilities understand their rights in relation to marriage and the law, and find support if they have been forced to marry. They have also developed additional guidance to help parents of people with learning disabilities to understand mental capacity, marriage and how this all links to forced marriage. This guidance can help to encourage discussion between parents and professionals. Both resources can be found on the [LSAB website](#).

## Understanding the use of restraint; a guide for unpaid carers

Despite best intentions, the use of restraint can sometimes cause harm. In a local survey undertaken in 2017, restraint was less likely to be seen as a potential source of abuse. This was particularly so with adults with care and support needs and their friends and family, and unpaid carers. In response to this, the Lambeth Safeguarding Adults Board have created a [new leaflet aimed at unpaid carers](#), developed in consultation with Carers Hub. The leaflet aims to help unpaid carers understand what restraint looks like and when it might be used.

## Violence Against Women and Girls Safeguarding Workshops

As a part of the 16 Days of Activism - an international campaign on ending violence against women and girls - NHS England and NHS Improvement are hosting two Violence against Women and Girls Safeguarding Workshops on 10th December 2019. The workshop is aimed at a wide range of professionals from various backgrounds including but not limited to: Health, Police, Children's Social Care, Adult Social Care, Education, Criminal Justice, Charities. Those in strategic roles such as Directors are encouraged to attend, as well as those in operational roles such as frontline staff. Sign up online:

- [Morning workshop: 9:00am - 12:30pm](#)
- [Afternoon workshop: 1:00pm - 4:30pm](#)

## Help us shape our future work plans

You can help to direct future work of the Lambeth SAB by completing our awareness survey and telling us what you'd like to see us doing. Our [online survey](#) is now open!