

Lambeth Safeguarding Adults Board: January 2020

The January 2020 Board Meeting focused on safeguarding in housing and social care provider settings. The Board welcomed the commitment to the adult safeguarding agenda from colleagues in LB Lambeth Housing, Adult Social Care and Integrated Commissioning. Board Members heard about the important work these services are doing to protect adults at risk in the borough. We will continue to make strides to strengthen this commitment across all services.



As part of this work I want to continue to make connections with those working on the frontline of adult safeguarding – if your team would like to meet with me, please get in touch with LSABAdmin@lambeth.gov.uk.

Siân Walker,
Independent Chair of the Lambeth Safeguarding Adults Board

Lambeth Together Safeguarding Masterclasses

Taking place 30 March to 03 April at Lambeth Town Hall.

The Board is pleased to be part of another series of multi-agency masterclasses which have been developed to give Lambeth practitioners access to expert knowledge in challenging and complex safeguarding topics. An opportunity for joint learning, these sessions are open to all professionals working with children or adults at risk of abuse and neglect in Lambeth. Topics include Adult Family Violence, Serious Youth Violence, Consent and capacity in sex and relationship, safeguarding and homelessness and safeguarding in the digital age.

To sign up register on [Eventbrite](https://www.eventbrite.com) (make sure to choose the correct date for your chosen topic).

Resources and information

Over the past two years, the Board and it's subgroups have developed a range of resources to promote adult safeguarding and support professionals and service users. This has included;

- A range of awareness raising material including [posters and leaflets](#)
- Tools for practice such as the Board's [MCA Guidance](#)
- The [Adult Safeguarding Decision Making Tool for professionals](#)

All of this information is accessible via the LSAB website. Partners are encouraged to think about how they can make this information even more accessible.

As part of National Safeguarding Adults Week (Nov 2019), Disability Advice Service Lambeth created a permanent space to share information and raise awareness of safeguarding adults, using LSAB resources.

Could you make space in your services to create something similar? Please contact LSABAdmin@lambeth.gov.uk if you would like to do this – we are happy to support you!



Lambeth Single Point of Access

Lambeth has three Living Well Centres (LWC) which provide community support to adults with mental health needs. The LWCs have workers from South London and Maudsley NHS Foundation Trust (SLaM), social care and the voluntary sector who provide short term support and focused support teams. The service accepts new referrals for people not known to the Living Well Centres (LWC) and this can be done via the Single Point of Access. More information can be found [here](#).

This initiative links to learning from SAR E, which highlighted the need for substance misuses services to have input and support from mainstream mental health services in order to offer a comprehensive assessment to the person.

Lambeth Homelessness and Rough Sleep Strategy

LB Lambeth's Homelessness and Rough Sleeping Strategy and Action Plan was renewed in 2019 and includes a number of targeted commitments which aim to improve the partnership working relationships between housing, health, and social care to ensure that matters can be dealt with promptly and successfully when they arise.

In reviewing this strategy, LBL Housing considered learning from SAR Yi; learning from this SAR has also led to Adult Social Care and Housing colleagues being provided with access to one another's recording systems to enable better information sharing and coordinated working in relation safeguarding concerns and assessments

LSAB Staff Supervision and Support Framework

Adult safeguarding work can be complex and demanding, and often requires staff to make urgent and sometimes difficult decisions whilst under pressure. Effective supervision is essential to support those practitioners responding to safeguarding concerns.

To support organisations to develop their own approach to supervision in the context of adult safeguarding, LSAB's Performance and Quality subgroup have developed some specific guidance. This framework is now available on the LSAB website.

What to expect when raising a safeguarding concern

To find out more about what happens after a concern is reported, check out our brief guide on what to expect