

# Lambeth Safeguarding Adults Board: July 2020

Our July Board meeting was our first to be held virtually and provided a good space for our Board Members to share the challenges that the Covid-19 pandemic has generated. Professionals in Lambeth have responded proactively to these challenges, and whilst we appreciate what a distressing time coping with the pandemic has been for everyone; it was wonderful to hear some of the more positive ways that the pandemic has changed our practice – we hope that we will be able to build on this moving forward

We are now looking to the future. Our [overarching strategic plan for 2020-23](#) has been reviewed in light of the pandemic, and has now been published on the LSAB website, alongside our [Annual Report for 2019-20](#).



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

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## Connect Lambeth's New Advocacy Hub

Connect Lambeth's new [Advocacy Hub](#) is a partnership between Disability Advice Service Lambeth (dasl), Community Support Network South London (CSNSL) and POhWER, and provides all types of statutory Independent Advocacy for Lambeth residents aged 16 and over.

The services provided are:

- Independent Mental Health Advocacy (IMHA)
- Independent Mental Capacity Advocacy (IMCA)
- Advocacy under the Care Act
- Relevant Person's Paid Representative service (RPPR)
- Independent Health Complaints Advocacy service

Please visit [connectlambeth.org/advocacy/](https://connectlambeth.org/advocacy/), email [advocacy@connectlambeth.org](mailto:advocacy@connectlambeth.org) or call **020 3143 9000** to find out more.

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## Learning from Safeguarding Adults Review

A straightforward training resource has been put together to support learning from SAR Martin. This is available to all teams and services and can be used in team meetings, service days or any other format that brings professionals together.

To download the resource, alongside the new 7-minute briefing, please visit the LSAB website.

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## Want to refer a case for a Safeguarding Adult Review?

Any agency, professional or individual can bring a case to the attention of the Safeguarding Adults Board and request a SAR, The case must fit the criteria listed in section 2 of the [LSAB Safeguarding Adults Review Policy and Procedure](#) which is as per S44 of the Care Act and in summary is:

- Person has died or come to serious harm
- There are concerns about the way agencies worked together to safeguard the individual

Requests for a SAR (except for those referred by the Local Authority via the safeguarding enquiry process) must be made in writing using the SAR request form, which can be found on the [LSAB website](#).

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## New guidance for care home visiting policies

On 22 July 2020, the Department of Health and Social Care published [guidance](#) relating to visiting policies in respect of care homes in England. This guidance sets out a framework for **local** area policies and addresses the rights of residents who may lack the relevant mental capacity needed to make particular decisions.

For more info, visit the [Mental Capacity Law and Policy website](#).

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## Recognising Mate Crime

Previous awareness surveys in Lambeth have highlighted that both residents and professionals are not alert to mate crime. [Mate crime](#) occurs when a person is harmed or taken advantage of by someone they thought was their friend. In some cases of mate crime victims have been badly harmed or killed. Indicators of mate crime can be similar to other forms of abuse. Potential signs include:

- Bills not being paid, a sudden lack of money, losing possessions, suddenly changing their will
- Changes in routine, behaviour, appearance, finances or household (new people visiting or staying over, lots of new 'friends', lots more noise or rubbish than normal).
- Cutting themselves off from established networks of friends/family and support, missing weekly activities.
- Secretive internet or mobile phone use.

Mate Crimes are Disability Hate Crimes and should be [reported to the Police](#). You can also get support from [Lambeth's Hate Crime Reporting Centre](#) at We Are 336. To find out more, call 020 7735 5656.