

# Lambeth Safeguarding Adults Board: Jan 2021

Our January Board looked a little different than usual as we sought to alleviate some of the pressure our partners are currently facing, and the Board was split into two parts. The second part of the meeting will take place in February 2021.

I should add that this will be my last Board Meeting, as Independent Chair. After nearly 6 years with Lambeth Safeguarding Adults Board, I will be handing over to a new Independent Chair (still to be appointed), in the coming months. It has been my absolute pleasure to have worked with partners and the team at Lambeth Council, though now feels a good time to handover to maintain the independence of the role. I will miss working with you all and know that I will be kept updated with the great practice and absolute partnership across the borough.



I would like to again express my thanks to everyone in the LSAB for their hard work delivering well and especially, more recently, in responding to this pandemic. A big thank you to all those working on the frontline who continue to play such an important role in protecting adults at risk and to those residents of Lambeth who regularly participate in our Community Reference Group and ensure we keep our attention to what matters.

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

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## Vaccine scams

Fraudsters are targeting elderly and vulnerable people with a vaccine scam and asking for bank details or cash payments for access to vaccines that are fake or non-existent. It is important to be aware of these types of scams and how to report them. For more advice on keeping safe from scams during the pandemic, visit our [page dedicated to adult safeguarding advice in the context of Covid-19](#).

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## Mental Capacity and Covid-19 antigen testing

Simple guidance has been developed which sets out processes which should be followed when considering vaccination or antigen testing for someone who lacks the relevant mental capacity. [These can be found on the LSAB website](#). Decisions should consider best interests and be made on an individual basis. Public Health England have also produced an [easy-read guide to Covid-19 vaccinations](#).

Learning Disability England and Turning Point have also developed a DNACPR Support Pack to help individuals, carers or family members challenge unlawful DNACPR order. To access the resource, including easy-read version, visit the [Turning Point website](#).

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## National SAR analysis

This first national analysis of Safeguarding Adult Reviews (SARs) in England was recently published. This has highlighted a number of themes with key questions for Safeguarding Adults Boards to consider, which we will be taking forward in Lambeth.

The full report and executive summary is available to download from the [LGA website](#). To find out more about Lambeth SARs, visit the [LSAB website](#).

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## The Truth About Disability Hate Crime

On 20th January, the BBC broadcast a film written and directed by disabled filmmaker Richard Butchins which reveals the abuse and aggression faced by disabled people in everyday life, from verbal name-calling to violent physical attacks. The film features a wide range of testimony from survivors themselves, and it available to [view on iPlayer](#).

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.

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## VAWG Training Programme

Lambeth Council, and its partners, provides a range of free training on all areas of VAWG to professionals working with Lambeth residents who are at risk of, or are experiencing gender based violence. To see the latest offerings, take a look at their [training programme](#).

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## Importance of information sharing

The Care Act 2014 guidance states that early sharing of information is the key to providing an effective response where there are emerging concerns for an Adult at Risk. Organisations need to share safeguarding information with the right people at the right time to:

- enable early interventions to prevent the escalation of risk,
- prevent abuse and harm that may increase the need for care and support,
- maintain and improve good practice in safeguarding adults
- reveal patterns of abuse that were previously undetected and that could identify others at risk of abuse
- identify low-level concerns that may reveal people at risk of abuse
- help people to access the right kind of support to reduce risk and promote wellbeing
- help identify people who may pose a risk to others and, where possible, work to reduce offending behaviour
- reduce organisational risk.

To support this, Lambeth SAB Members have agreed to the London-wide [Information Sharing Agreement](#) which sets out clearly when information must be shared in order to protect an Adult at Risk.