

Lambeth Safeguarding Adults Board: April 2021

April Board meeting was my first meeting as new Independent Chair of the Lambeth SAB, and I was bowled over by the ambition of our Board to **truly make** safeguarding **personal**, and to **work together** to achieve even more for our communities. I am so pleased to be able to lead such an ambitious and collective partnership. We agreed both our workplan and our annual report at the April meeting. This has given us a really clear set of actions to better support adults at risk and prevent abuse and neglect. Do find out more in this edition of our e-bulletin.



As part of this work, I am looking forward to making connections with residents and those working on the frontline of adult safeguarding. I'd love to come out (or virtually) and meet with your teams and learn more about your experiences and your ambitions; do please get in touch with LSABAdmin@lambeth.gov.uk.

Anu Singh, Independent Chair of the Lambeth Safeguarding Adults Board

Recognising our achievements

At our April Board meeting, we finalised our [Annual Report for 2020-21](#). This report is a reflection of everyone's hard work and dedication, particularly during response to Covid-19. To celebrate our achievements, we've created this [short animation](#) to bring you up to speed on the work we've done in the last year!

Looking forward

We have now agreed an action plan for the next year, continuing to work under our [three key priorities](#) of Working Together, Prevention and early action, and Making Safeguarding Personal. Our plan for 2021/22 includes:

- a focus on key local issues, such as self-neglect
- improving our engagement with local voluntary sector organisations
- reflecting on how learning from Safeguarding Adults Reviews is being embedded
- Commitment to capturing the voice of people who have been through an adult safeguarding procedure and to understand the different experiences of our diverse community

For more detail and to see what else we have planned, take a look at [this overview of our plan](#).

Importance of adult safeguarding supervision

Adult Safeguarding Supervision Training was delivered to nominated members across the LSAB. The two day training delivered by In-trac had outstanding feedback and attendees noted the absence of this training before and the positive impact this would now have on their work and supervisees.

The LSAB approved a [Framework for Staff Supervision and Support in Adult Safeguarding](#) in 2019 with the aim of supporting organisations in developing their own approach.

Recommendations at the April LSAB were that all Board members should commission this training within their own organisation.

Our commitment to Making Safeguarding Personal

At our April Board we considered [Peter's story](#) and reflected on what we can do in Lambeth to ensure Making Safeguarding Personal (MSP) is embedded in all that we do. This will be a key focus for us over the next year. In the meantime, [check out our MSP briefing](#) to get links to learning resources and local advocacy services. You can also [read our report](#) following our project in 2020 which set out to find out what adult safeguarding means to people.

Do you understand executive function?

Executive function is the ability of a person to carry out what they say they are going to do. This concept is particularly relevant when working with people who may have a cognitive impairment, are self-neglecting and where there are high risks. Our [multi-agency self-neglect guidance](#) has been developed to support best responses to people with complex needs who self-neglect and outlines examples of how you might explore executive function.

To get to grips with the key messages for working with people who self-neglect, you can also [download our short guide](#) or [watch our short animated video](#).

Dying Matters Week

Dying Matters Week takes place 10-16th May 2021, and Lambeth's Advance Planning Consortium have arranged a range of online vents with the aim of reaching more local people and refreshing the conversation around advance care planning in the borough. All events are free and open to everyone in Lambeth. [Click here to find out more about what's on](#).