

# Lambeth Safeguarding Adults Board: October 2021

We have a strong partnership in Lambeth, committed to tackling abuse and neglect and achieving the best possible outcomes for adults at risk. Our October meeting was a positive one, with a wide range of key safeguarding topics covered and assurance provided that robust systems are in place.

Making Safeguarding Personal is at the heart of everything we do; nonetheless, there is still more to do to ensure that we have embedded user voice, and that adult safeguarding is truly person centered across our cultures and systems. This is an area where we cannot be complacent. At the last Board we discussed what more we can do to better understand the experience of those from our diverse range of communities; and especially those communities that experience poorer outcomes. If you or anyone you work with would like to share thoughts or reflections on how we can better understand, connect with, and work to support our most vulnerable communities - we would love to hear from you - just contact [LSABAdmin@lambeth.gov.uk](mailto:LSABAdmin@lambeth.gov.uk) to get in touch.



*Anu Singh, Independent Chair*

## National Safeguarding Adults Week 2021

National Safeguarding Adults Week 2021 will take place from **15- 21 November**. Safeguarding Adults Week is a time for organisations to come together to raise awareness of important safeguarding issues and facilitate conversations. This year we have worked with our counterparts across South East London to offer a wide range of sessions, and you can [view the full programme here](#).

We would encourage you to take part in as many sessions as you are able, and would like to draw particular attention to the following sessions:

- Monday 15th November 13:00 to 14:00 Complex Case Pathway [BOOK HERE](#)
- Tuesday 16th November 10:00 to 11:00 Making Safeguarding Personal [BOOK HERE](#)
- Wednesday 17th November 19:00 to 20:00 Introduction to Safeguarding Adults (event for volunteers and neighbourhood champions) [BOOK HERE](#)
- Thursday 18th November 15:00 to 16:00 Radicalisation and adults at risk [BOOK HERE](#)
- Friday 19th November 10:00 to 11:30 Working with the Disclosure and Barring Service (DBS) [BOOK HERE](#)

Please share in your networks!

## Getting ready for Liberty Protection Safeguards

The Liberty Protection Safeguards (LPS) will provide protection for people aged 16 and above who are or who need to be deprived of their liberty in order to enable their care or treatment and lack the mental capacity to consent to their arrangements. The LPS will replace the Deprivation of Liberty Safeguards (DoLS) system and are planned to come into force in April 2022. To find out more about the what to expect, watch our [short animation](#).

## Recognising cuckooing

Cuckooing is where someone takes over the home of a vulnerable person for the purposes of exploiting them (for example using the property to deal, store or take drugs). It can be difficult to spot the signs that this is happening. The Community Reference Group have published a new leaflet raising awareness of what cuckooing is and what to look out for. You can [download this leaflet on the LSAB website](#).

As part of National Safeguarding Adults Week we are also hosting a session for Lambeth's voluntary and community sector which will give participants a better understanding of what cuckooing is, who the victims are, and how to spot the signs. This will take place on 16th November. To register [Click here](#).

## Safeguarding Vulnerable Dependent Drinkers

Alcohol Change UK have launched new guidance which provides an accessible introduction to three pieces of legislation that can be applied to chronic, highly vulnerable, dependent drinkers so as to improve outcomes for them, their families and their communities. This includes the concept of executive function. You can access Alcohol Change UK's guidance [here](#).

We also encourage everyone to remind themselves of the key learning from [SAR Martin](#).

## Have you seen our new animations?

We have been promoting a series of animations which were developed following our safeguarding masterclass series in 2020. If you missed these, these are still available to access and link to permanent training resource which frontline staff are encouraged to make use of.

- [Capacity in sexual relationships](#)
- [Adult Family Violence](#)
- [Safeguarding and homelessness](#)

## Lasting Powers of Attorney

We were joined at our October Board by representatives from the Office of the Public Guardian who gave Board Members an overview of the current system and the planned changes to improve processes to make applications simpler and easier. These proposals also aim to improve safeguards to protect against fraud and abuse. [Lasting Powers of Attorney](#) and other advance planning tools are an important part of planning for the future and can be a preventative measure against abuse when a person loses capacity. To find out more, [visit the OPG's website](#).

## Safer Lives Online - Research

The Tizard Centre are conducting research investigating internet use and safety for adults with learning disabilities. Recruitment for this study has been extended to **30th June 2022**. To find out more information about the study or to take part [watch this short introductory video](#) or [visit the website](#).