

Lambeth Adult Safeguarding Partnership Board

Safeguarding Adults Strategy

April 2013 - March 2016

1. Introduction

The purpose of this document is to provide a forward plan for strengthening multi-agency working in order to prevent the abuse of adults at risk in Lambeth. It outlines the principles and vision that underpin the approach of the multi-agency safeguarding partnership in Lambeth.

The strategy sets out the partnership's commitment and detailed plans to improve safeguarding practice and sets the direction for the next three years.

2. Background

These principles are informed by the ADASS Safeguarding Adults Framework of Standards and by the Local Government Associations Safeguarding Standards.

Lambeth Adult Safeguarding Partnership Board has responsibility for bringing together all those who work with adults at risk of abuse neglect within the borough to:

- raise awareness of issues relating to adult abuse
- ensure risks of abuse and neglect are reduced
- ensure that staff are trained and competent to deal with issues relating to abuse
- oversee and implement local safeguarding adult policies and procedures

3. Definition of adults at risk and safeguarding

An **adult at risk** is a person 'who is or may be in need of community care services by reason of mental or other disability, age or illness; and who is or may be unable to take care of him or herself, or unable to protect him or herself against significant harm or exploitation

Safeguarding Adults work refers to all work which enables an adult "*who is or may be eligible for community care services*" to retain independence, wellbeing and choice **and** to access their human right to live a life that is free from abuse and neglect.

This definition specifically includes those people who are assessed as being able to purchase all or part of their community care services, as well as those who are eligible for community care services but whose need - in relation to safeguarding - is for access

to mainstream services such as the police. This definition is contained in the ADASS Safeguarding Adults Framework of Standards.

Abuse is 'a violation of an individual's human and civil rights by any other person or persons'.

The main forms of abuse are

- Physical
- Sexual
- Psychological or emotional
- Financial or material
- Neglect and acts of omission
- Discriminatory
- Institutional

4. Vision

Our vision is that the Lambeth Adult Safeguarding Board partners aim to provide safeguarding services, which enable adults to live as full members of the community, free from harm/ abuse and intimidation, where dignity is respected. All adults covered by safeguarding services will have easy access to appropriate preventative information and advice.

Where needed appropriate interventions will enable them to live a life free from violence and abuse in whatever settings, and this will be delivered by high quality professional practices. The people of Lambeth will work together, whether they are service users, carers, residents of members of organisations, to make the borough a safer place to live in.

To achieve this vision the LSAPB has adopted the LGA safeguarding standards

Outcomes for, and experiences of, people who use services

- Outcomes
 - Vulnerable people are safeguarded in the community and in establishments such as care homes and hospitals.
 - The Board's approach to safeguarding clearly has an outcome based focus
 - The council and its partners demonstrates improved safeguarding outcomes alongside wider community safety improvements
- People's experience's of safeguarding
 - The Board or its constituent agencies have achieved high levels of expressed positive experiences from people who have used safeguarding services
 - The council and partners have fully engaged people who use services in the design of its services
 - Delivery accords with the six local government equality strands

- Safeguarding is personalised

Leadership, strategy and commissioning

- Leadership
 - There is recognised and active leadership by the council on Adult Safeguarding
 - There is joint and co-ordinated leadership with and by other key partners
- Strategy
 - Safeguarding is embedded in corporate and service strategies across the council and partners
 - The Board and its constituent members have a clear vision, priorities, strategies and plans for Adult Safeguarding
- Commissioning
 - All partners commission safe and cost effective services
 - The council and its partners have developed mechanisms for people who are organising their own support and services to manage risks and benefits

Service Delivery, performance and resource management

- Delivery and effective practice
 - The Board and its constituent organisations have robust and effective service delivery that makes safeguarding everybody's business
 - Domestic violence, hate crime, anti-social behaviour and community cohesion work includes 'vulnerable adults'
 - Adult Social Care Services 'Put People First' and safeguard them
 - Safeguarding is personalised
- Performance and Resource Management
 - Services are held accountable through performance measures, including quality measures, towards the outcomes for people in the strategy

Working together

- Local Safeguarding Board
 - There is multi-agency commitment to safeguarding
 - Safeguarding is effective at all levels and preventatively and responsively
- Business Capacity
 - The Board has effective arrangements to progress its vision and strategy

5. Values and Principles

The Partnership drives forward the mission and values set out in 'No Secrets.' The core principles that underpin this strategy are those set out in the Pan London Policies and Procedures.

- All agencies in Lambeth have respect for the rights of adults to make decisions about how and with whom they live. The only occasions when that right can be overridden is in situations where there are public interest considerations and other people are at risk. Where the adult lacks capacity decisions need to be taken in their best interest.
- Services provided should be appropriate to the vulnerable adult and not discriminate because of disability, age, gender, sexual orientation, race, religion, culture or lifestyle.
- The primary focus/point of decision making should be as close as possible to the adult at risk, and individuals must be supported to make choices. Adults at risk should be offered advocacy services as appropriate to their needs.
- There is a presumption that adults have mental capacity to make informed decisions about their lives. If someone has been assessed as not having mental capacity, decisions will be made in their best interests as set out in the Mental Capacity Act 2005 and Mental Capacity Act Code of Practice.
- Adults at risk should be given information, advice and support in a form which they can understand and have their views included in all forums that are making decisions about their lives.
- All decisions taken by professionals about a person's life should be timely, reasonable, justified, proportionate and ethical.
- Partner organisations will contribute to effective inter-agency working and effective multi-disciplinary assessments and joint working partnerships in order to provide the most effective means of safeguarding adults.

6. Aims

Our aims are to work with local people and our partners to safeguard adults from harm and abuse by:

- Protecting adults at risk by implementing safeguarding systems that stop or reduce abuse
- Promoting people's rights to make choices and to be treated fairly, with dignity and respect
- Detecting potential risks and preventing abuse, where possible
- Working to ensure that people feel safe and able to protect themselves from abuse
- Promoting and supporting partnership working through a shared vision and set of objectives
- Consulting with users and residents about their concerns relating to staying safe and potential abuse

7. Annual priorities and workplan

The LSAPB has prioritised the elements of its vision that it wishes to focus on year-by-year over the life of this strategy. The Executive of the LSAPB will, each year, review the current situation on these elements and determine actions to be taken in order to

achieve the desired outcomes for the year. This will form the workplan for the Executive and the sub-groups of the LSAPB each year for the period of this strategy.

The Executive will report to the LSAPB, at each meeting or at a frequency determined by the LSAPB, on progress on the action plan.

8. Aims for 2013 – 2014

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| Service Delivery, performance and resource management | Delivery and effective practice | The Board and its constituent organisations have robust and effective service delivery that makes safeguarding everybody's business |
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| Working together | Local Safeguarding Board | Safeguarding is effective at all levels and preventatively and responsively |
| | Business Capacity | The Board has effective arrangements to progress its vision and strategy |

9. Aims for 2014 – 2015

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| | | The council and partners have fully engaged people who use services in the design of its services |
| | People's experience's of safeguarding | Delivery accords with the six local government equality strands |
| | | Safeguarding is personalised |
| Leadership, strategy and commissioning | Commissioning | The council and its partners have developed mechanisms for people who are organising their own support and services to manage risks and benefits |
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10. Aims for 2015-16

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| Leadership, strategy and commissioning | Leadership | There is recognised and active leadership by the council on Adult Safeguarding |
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