

Lambeth Safeguarding Adults Board

Three Year Strategic Plan; 2017 to 2020

Context

Statutory objective

The Care Act 2014 sets out that the overarching objective of a Safeguarding Adults Board (SAB) is to assure itself that local safeguarding arrangements and partners act to help and protect adults in its area who:

- Have needs for care and support (whether or not the local authority is meeting any of those needs); and
- Are experiencing, or at risk of, abuse or neglect; and
- As a result of those care and support needs are unable to protect themselves from either the risk of, or the experience of abuse or neglect.

Statutory requirements

As well as its main objective the Care Act 2014 sets out the board's specific functions. One of these is that it must publish a strategic plan for each financial year that sets how it will meet its main objective and what the members will do to achieve these objectives. The plan must be developed with local community involvement, and the Board must consult the Local Healthwatch organisation.

In order to give clear direction for the medium term, Lambeth Safeguarding Adults Board has produced an overarching plan for the three years from 2017/18 to 2019/20. During this period it will set out in more detail at the start of each financial year how it will meet the aims of this three-year plan over the next twelve months.

Statutory guidance requirements

The Care and Support Statutory Guidance gives more detail about how SABs should meet the requirements of the Care Act 2014. Lambeth SAB's Adult Safeguarding Policy says it will address three of these requirements

- develop preventative strategies that aim to reduce instances of abuse and neglect in its area
- develop strategies to deal with the impact of issues of race, ethnicity, religion, gender and gender orientation, sexual orientation, age, disadvantage and disability on abuse and neglect
- Promote multi-agency training and consider any specialist training that may be required. Consider any scope to jointly commission some training with other partnerships, such as the Community Safety Partnership

Our priorities

Representation

- Making sure that people from all communities are able to access the protection of an adult safeguarding enquiry when they need it;
- Making sure that our Safeguarding Adults Board is representative of the communities it service

Awareness

- Making sure that the public and people working with those with care and support needs can recognise and act when there are concerns about the risk of abuse and neglect

Prevention

- Making sure that we are doing all we can to stop abuse and neglect happening
- Making sure that we do all we should when we respond to a risk of abuse and neglect to apply any lessons learned to prevent something similar happening again

This strategy sets out how we intend to achieve each of the priorities and will be the Board's blueprint for the next three years. It will ensure everyone - board members, staff, and the public - are clear about what we want to do and can work together to make it happen.

While the strategy gives a broad sweep it will be delivered through a work plan. Each year board members will agree on exactly what they need to do to achieve the agreed strategic priorities. The work plan will be published alongside the strategy and the Board will implement the plan.

We will measure how well we are helping to keep people safer and hold partners to account to ensure they meet their work plan commitments. At the end of each year we will publish an annual report that says what and how we have done to deliver that year's work plan and agree a new work plan for the following year. The Board will also do its bit to support partners, listen and learn from people who have been abused and work actively with other boards and public bodies.

Theme	Area	Aim	2017/18	2018/19	2019/20
Representation	Individual	<p>The Board has assurance that recognising and acting on adult safeguarding concerns happens for people with care and support needs in all communities in Lambeth.</p> <p>Making Safeguarding Personal is applied in ways that take account of issues of diversity and difference</p>	<p>Measure baseline</p> <p>Identify how to improve</p>	Make improvements	Measure progress
	Strategic	The Board membership better represents the population of Lambeth in terms of the protected characteristics	<p>Measure baseline</p> <p>Identify how to improve</p>	Make improvements	Measure progress

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Promotion, communication and involvement	Abuse and neglect in private or family life	People in Lambeth with care and support needs and their friends and family are aware of adult safeguarding enquiries, make use of them, and find them useful	Measure baseline Identify how to improve	Make improvements	Measure progress
	Abuse and neglect in communities	There are effective multi-agency responses to community based risks to people with care and support needs	Improved strategic partnership with the Community Safety Partnership Review of the effectiveness of the MASH for adult safeguarding	Implement learning from the review of the MASH	
	Abuse and neglect within services for people with care and support needs	People with care and support needs know about Those working with people with care and support needs know how to recognise and act on the risk of abuse or neglect, and they are doing so	Focus on health and social care services and the voluntary sector	Focus on criminal justice and housing services	Focus on financial services

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Prevention	Abuse and neglect in private or family life	<p>The number of adult safeguarding concerns relating to abuse and neglect in private or family life reduces</p> <p>The effectiveness of adult safeguarding enquiries in reducing risks in private and family life improves</p>	<p>Measure baseline</p> <p>Identify how to improve</p>	Make improvements	Measure progress
	Abuse and neglect in communities	<p>The number of adult safeguarding concerns relating to abuse and neglect in private or family life reduces</p> <p>The effectiveness of adult safeguarding enquiries in reducing community-based risks improves</p>	<p>Measure baseline</p> <p>Identify how to improve</p>	Make improvements	Measure progress
	Abuse and neglect within services for people with care and support needs	<p>The number of adult safeguarding concerns relating to risks within services for people with care and support needs</p> <p>The effectiveness of adult safeguarding enquiries in reducing risks within services for people with care and support needs</p>	<p>Measure baseline</p> <p>Identify how to improve</p>	Make improvements	Measure progress