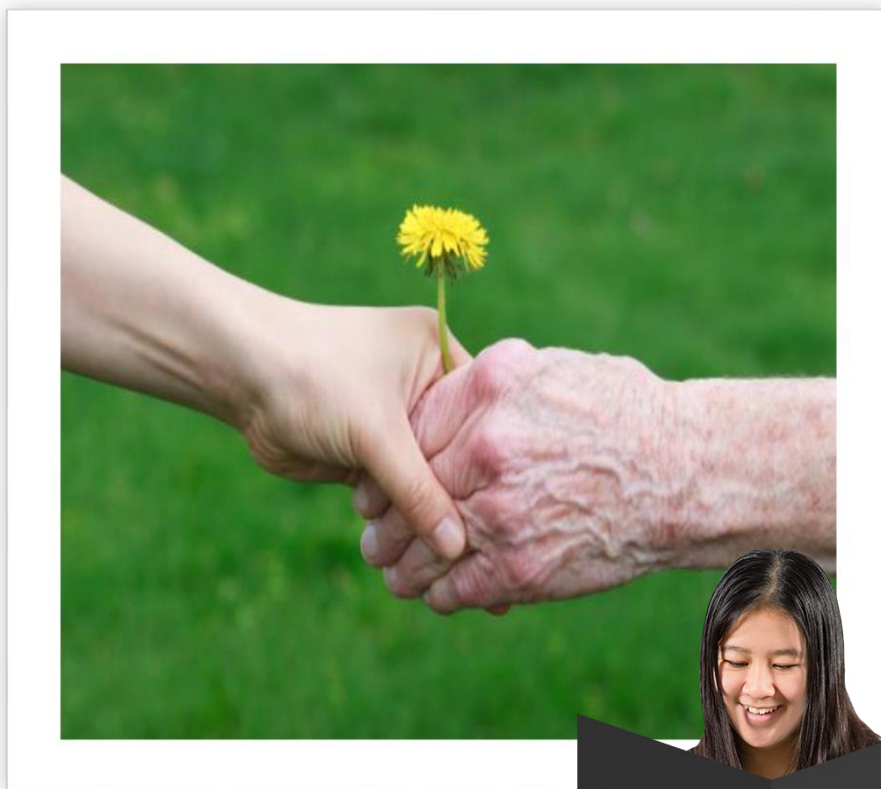


The Annual Report of the Lambeth Safeguarding Adults Board

2015-16



What does “Safeguarding Adults” mean?



The Care Act 2014 says that local authorities, like Lambeth Council, must protect the people that live or spend time in their area from abuse and neglect.

What does abuse and neglect mean?



Abuse is hurting someone or treating them badly, like hitting them or calling them names.

Some of the types of abuse are: Physical, Sexual, Psychological, and financial.



Neglect is when someone who needs help is not being cared for properly by the people who are supposed to be looking after them.

Who is an adult at risk?



Anyone 18 years and older who needs care and support.

They may be ill, frail or have a disability.

They can't protect themselves from harm.

What is the Lambeth Safeguarding Adults Board?

The Lambeth Safeguarding Adults Board brings together professionals who work with vulnerable adults so that they can work together to support and protect them.



The Board has members from Fire Services, Ambulance Services, Police, Hospitals and Voluntary organisations who work together to protect people from harm.

The Board is led by Siân Walker, our independent chair.



What do we know about the abuse/neglect that happened in Lambeth in 2015-16?

The report outlines how many times we have been told about abuse or bad treatment and shows that:

- The number of safeguarding adults concerns has gone up.
- Most safeguarding concerns happen in people's own homes.
- The most common issues are neglect, physical abuse and financial abuse.
- There has been an increase in concerns where the person needs support with their memory
- There has been a big increase in the number of applications to Lambeth's Deprivation of Liberty Safeguards service



Deprivation of Liberty Safeguards (DoLS):

- DoLS is used to protect the rights of people who are unable to make certain decisions for themselves and make sure that their freedom is not unfairly taken away.



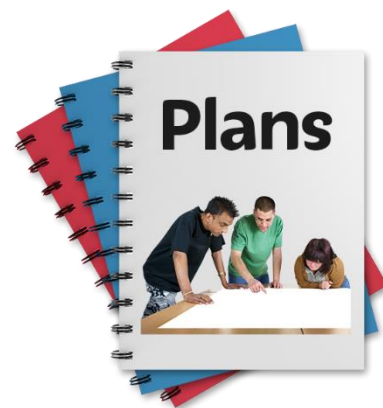
What has the Board done this year?



- The Board has worked to ensure that all its members understand what the Care Act 2014 says about what they must do to Safeguard Adults
- The Board set up a group to look at the Mental Capacity Act 2005, to raise awareness about people's rights in decision making.
- The Board asked all of its members to show how they help to safeguard adults in Lambeth.
- The Board has worked on making sure that any action taken to help safeguard someone, focuses on what that person wants to see happen: This is part of what is called 'Making Safeguarding Personal'.

What does the Board aim to do next year?

- The Board wants to raise awareness of safeguarding adults
- To work with health and social care professionals to stop abuse and neglect from happening.
- To continue to make sure safeguarding is person centred as part of 'Making Safeguarding Personal.'
- To work with the Lambeth Children's Safeguarding Board to make sure that we share information and work together.



Where can I find information about safeguarding adults in my community?

- You can go to the Lambeth Safeguarding Adults Board website
- OR
- You can pick up information leaflets in Lambeth Council buildings

If you are worried about yourself or someone you know, tell us and we can help

If there is an emergency you should always call 999



If it is not an emergency, you can:

- Call Adult Social Care on 020 7926 5555. If you are calling after 5pm or on weekends, you must call 'After Hours' on 020 7926 5555
- Email Adult Social Care adultsocialcare@lambeth.gov.uk.
- Call 101 to report non-emergency crime to the police.

You can also speak to:

- Your GP or Nurse
- A voluntary or community organisation
- RESPOND by calling 080 8808 0700
- Action against Elder Abuse by calling 080 8808 8141

