



Lambeth Safeguarding Adults Board

Three Year Strategic Plan 2020 to 2023

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 objectives 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 2020/21 to 2022/23**. At the start of each financial year, a **targeted action plan will be drawn up** which sets out in more detail how it will meet the objectives of the 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 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

How this strategy was developed

This strategy was developed by all Safeguarding Adults Board Partners in consultation with members of the Board's subgroups. In particular, the strategy has captured the feedback from service users and residents of Lambeth so that this embedded in all the priorities for future work of the board.

The LSAB strategy has sought to align itself with the Lambeth Together Strategy and wherever possible, to support and compliment the work being done across all the other partnerships within Lambeth. It has therefore been developed by considering key strategic challenges being faced locally and nationally as well as safeguarding adult specific data and trends.

The strategy sets out how we intend to achieve each of the three key priorities and will be the Board's blueprint for the next three years. It follows on from a previous three-year strategic plan which concluded in March 2020. Some areas of work identified during the progression of this three-year plan have been incorporated into our new plan to ensure continued focus and development in these key areas.

The strategic plan will ensure everyone - Board Members, all professionals and the public are clear about what we want to do and how we can work together to make it happen. While the strategy gives a broad sweep, it will be delivered through a more targeted one-year work plan.

The impact of Covid-19: Reviewing our priorities

Our overarching strategy for 2020-2023 was agreed at our Development Day in February 2020. Since this time, Covid-19 has had a huge impact on us all. Though the Coronavirus Act 2020 does not affect the duties to safeguard adults at risk as laid out in the Care Act 2014, we have all had to change the way in which we work and this has created new challenges in safeguarding adults at risk. In light of this, we reviewed our identified priorities and objectives.

A number of the reviewed objectives remain in place, though our approach will change. In addition to reviewing previously identified objectives, we also thought about specific issues which may now need to be a focus. We felt that it was important to explicitly state our intention to seek to learn from the experiences of Covid-19 in order to improve future responses. The Board will also have an important role to play in seeking assurance about local arrangements and risk assessments. These discussions have been reflected in the final version of our strategic plan, as outlined below.

Our key priorities for 2020 to 2023:



Working Together



Making Safeguarding Personal



Prevention and early action

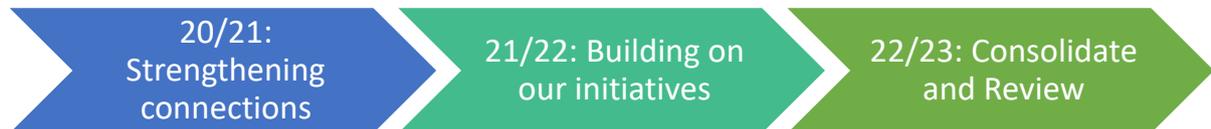
How the strategy will be delivered

A new work-plan will be developed each year, where Board Members will agree on exactly what they need to do to achieve each of the agreed strategic priorities.

Our targeted aims for 2020-21 will be complemented by a more detailed action plan which will be monitored regularly by the Board and its subgroups. This will also consider our responses to specific and thematic issues, such as modern slavery, domestic abuse, self-neglect, financial abuse and adult safeguarding in the context of Covid-19.

The subgroups of the Board are pivotal in supporting the LSAB to achieve its objectives and continue to deliver on campaigns and develop tools to support professionals and residents in understanding and responding to adult safeguarding concerns. Each subgroup has their own set of priorities and specific targets which complement the overarching priorities of the Board.

At the end of each year, the LSAB will publish an annual report highlighting the Board's achievements and outline how the work plan has been delivered.





Working Together

Our aim

Professionals, residents and service users will feel more confident by being better informed and engaged

What we will do

- We will work in the Lambeth Together way, based on alliance principles
- We will make steps to improve strategic partnerships, including links with Lambeth Safeguarding Children Partnership and Safer Lambeth Partnership
- We will identify and strengthen key external relationships
- We will continue efforts to strengthen links with local voluntary and community groups, and increase engagement with service users and residents

How we will do it

2020/21 focus:

- Identify areas for collaboration and joint working with our strategic partners
- Build relationships with key external organisations (e.g. financial services) and neighbouring Safeguarding Adults Boards.
- Continue to expand our network and identify ways to increase meaningful engagement



Making Safeguarding Personal (MSP)

Adults will feel listened to and have choice and control through the safeguarding journey

We will seek to ensure that:

- All partners are confident about Making Safeguarding Personal and ensure that people's views and wishes are heard
- All Lambeth residents have access to consistent and clear information and advice
- Safeguarding experiences of BAME groups are collected and there is an improvement in representation within safeguarding activity and Board membership

2020/21 focus:

- Members to undertake audit exercise to better understand how MSP is applied in Lambeth and identify areas for improvement
- Use feedback from service users to identify and promote best practice
- Improving BAME representation at the Board; better understanding BAME experiences of adult safeguarding



Prevention and early action

Adults will feel supported to feel safe. Professionals and residents will be able to recognise risk and know how to respond.

- We will strengthen dissemination of learning (including but not limited to learning from Safeguarding Adults Reviews, Domestic Homicide Reviews, LeDeR Reviews and local S42 enquiries).
- Identifying and acting on learning from the impact of coronavirus (covid-19) as it relates to adult safeguarding
- We will seek to improve understanding and application of the Mental Capacity Act (MCA) by all relevant partners and frontline staff
- We will evidence multi-agency responses to risks posed to people with care and support needs

2020/21 focus:

- Explore new methods to share key learning and deliver multi-agency training, and set clear methodology on how we will measure impact on practice
- Identifying learning and recommendations from the impact of covid-19 on adult safeguarding
- Embed multi-agency complex needs pathway