

Lambeth Safeguarding Adults Board: Oct 2020

A number of important pieces of work were finalised at our October Board, including new *multi-agency* self-neglect guidance, and a framework for managing allegations against persons in position of trust (see below). I am grateful for all the hard work that has gone in to these documents and encourage everyone to make use of these new tools within their own organisations.

We are also looking forward to **National Safeguarding Adults Week taking place 16th to 22nd November**. We all have a role to play in safeguarding adults at risk and I encourage everyone to be proactive in promoting this message. Keep an eye on our website for updates on our plans including a wide variety of training and resources made available to you.



Siân Walker, Independent Chair of the Lambeth Safeguarding Adults Board

Responding to Self-Neglect

At our October Board we [launched a new animation video](#) which highlights the challenges we face when working with someone who can self-neglect. The key messages from this short clip are taken from the lessons learnt from Lambeth's [SAR Martin](#). We encourage you to share widely with colleagues in your team and across organisations.



Alongside this animation we are launching a trial of our [new multi-agency self-neglect guidance](#). Any agency can respond to someone who is self-neglecting and this guidance outlines the different ways in which we can support people. This guidance also outlines how any professional can respond to someone who may be self-neglecting and in what circumstances, a formal multi-agency response would be required.

We want this to be a tool that any professional feels able to use to support them in responding to cases of self-neglect. We welcome feedback on what is useful or missing: send us your thoughts by emailing LSABAdmin@lambeth.gov.uk

Mental Capacity and Covid-19 antigen testing

Simple guidance has been developed which sets out the MCA process that should be followed when professionals want to test someone who may lack mental capacity to consent to the test. **The law does not allow for blanket testing**. Decisions on whether to conduct a test should consider what's in the person's best interests and be made on an individual basis. To find out more, [see our guide](#)

Safeguarding Masterclasses

In September 2020, in collaboration with Lambeth Together and the Lambeth Safeguarding Children Partnership, we hosted a series of online safeguarding masterclasses focusing on: Adult Family Violence, Mental Capacity in relation to sex and intimate relationships, and Homelessness and Safeguarding.

These are complex areas and we are fortunate that the expert speakers agreed to recording the masterclasses. As such, all of these sessions are now available to access on the [LSAB website](#). We would strongly encourage you to access this specialist knowledge.

Managing allegations against persons in positions of trust

The Care Act 2014 requires the local authority, its relevant partners, and those providing universal care and support services to have clear policies for dealing with allegations against people in positions of trust i.e. anyone working in either a paid or unpaid capacity, with adults with care and support needs.

Lambeth Safeguarding Adults Board has produced a framework for managing allegations against persons in position of trust which has now been published on the [LSAB website](#). All organisations working with adults who have care and support needs are expected to use this framework to develop their own policy and procedures in relation to this

Free service to support advance care planning

Lambeth residents can now get help with advance care planning for free. An advanced care statement and/or decision helps family and friends as well as professionals, clearly understand what someone wants in the event that they become too unwell to tell them. The service, which is run by local organisations, offers one-to-one support by phone, or information to create the person's own plan using free documents. [Find out more here](#).

Modern Slavery

Lambeth Council published their [Modern Slavery Annual Statement for 2020-21](#) in June 2020. This covers a range of issues including ethical procurement, governance arrangements and training of staff. It is important that staff are aware of how to spot signs of modern slavery and know how to respond and we encourage Members to share the below resources for learning.

- Health Education England's Modern Slavery programme is free to access [here](#).
- [Home Office Modern Slavery Awareness Booklet](#)
- The [Independent Anti Slavery Commissioner \(IASC\)](#); a range of videos by sector on spotting the signs of modern slavery
- Lambeth Adult Social Care workers can access training [via Oracle](#).

The Board has also created simple explainers about [types of modern slavery](#) and [spotting the signs](#). These can be downloaded and circulated.
