

# Lambeth Safeguarding Adults Board: July-Aug 2021

This has been a challenging period, with increasing demand and backlog. At our July Board meeting I asked all Board Members to think about **what more can we do to hear how things are for our staff**. If you would like to share your experiences, do please get in touch with [LSABAdmin@lambeth.gov.uk](mailto:LSABAdmin@lambeth.gov.uk).

I also want to bring us back to why we do the work we do by sharing this [video](#) from Surrey County Council which highlights the importance of speaking out about abuse, and encourage you to share this message in your networks.

I would also like to take this opportunity to thank Janna Kay (Adult Safeguarding Lead within Adult Social Care). Janna is leaving Lambeth after many years and has been a vital source of support for the partnership, and has been a key player in establishing a proactive and open Board.



We are also losing the vast knowledge and expertise of David Rowley (Designated Nurse – Adult Safeguarding), who has led our Mental Capacity Act Subgroup since its formation in 2016 and contributed greatly to the work of the Board, including the production of our [MCA Guidance](#).

We wish both David and Janna the best in their future endeavours.

Anu Singh, Independent Chair of the Lambeth Safeguarding Adults Board

## Safeguarding Adults Review: George

At our July Board we considered learning from the case of George. George is a 52 year old man with a learning disability and agoraphobia, who lived with his younger brother Andrew, who also acted as his main carer. In late 2019, Andrew set fire to the family home. George was supported by a neighbour to evacuate the property. Due to the extent of the fire damage, George was unable to return to his home. The learning from this independent review centres on the importance of professional curiosity and good information sharing. The review also highlights the importance of understanding adult family violence as a form of domestic abuse within families.

The Board has accepted the recommendations of the review and will now look to populate an action plan in response.

You can [read the full report](#) or access the [7-minute briefing](#) on our website.

Alongside reading this report, we would encourage you all to [watch this short animation](#) on Adult Family Violence and consider [watching our online masterclass](#).

## Complex Case Pathway-Framework

We have now agreed the final version of the Complex Case Pathway-Framework. This has been developed in collaboration with Bromley and Southwark SAB. It is hoped that this tool will support professionals working with individuals who are self-neglecting, refusing or disengaging from services. It can also help responses where there are concerns that a person may be 'falling through the gaps' or where there are many agencies involved but struggling to support an individual due to their complex needs. You can [download this tool](#) now to help support you in practice.

## Updated Lambeth SAB Policy

We have updated our Board policy to recognise changes in regional procedures and legislation changes. This captures the updated guidance on the difference between Section 42(1) and Section 42(2), Making Safeguarding Personal and expected responses when Safeguarding Enquiries run alongside NHS Serious Incidents or criminal investigations. You can [access the full policy](#) on our website.

## Multi-agency self-neglect policy

At our July Board we talked about local responses to self-neglect. It is recognised that this is a challenging area for frontline staff. Our multi-agency self-neglect guidance has been designed so that any professional can use it to support them in responding to cases of self-neglect. This resource is [available to access on our website](#).

## Adult Safeguarding and rough sleeping

We also considered a report on safeguarding rough sleeping at our July Board. The report recognised the excellent work being done within Lambeth with Rough Sleepers whilst also highlighting that there is a small cohort of entrenched rough sleepers that remain challenging to work with and for whom there may be insufficient services. The Board reflected on what more could be done as a partnership to further improve our responses.

This [short animation](#) considers some of the steps we can take to support vulnerable people who are homeless, and links to our online masterclass available to [view here](#).

You can also [read the 7-minute briefing](#) and full report for SAR Yi on our website.

## London Voices Group

This Healthwatch initiative provides the opportunity to those with lived experience of Safeguarding issues to represent their local communities and influence the regional Making Safeguarding Personal agenda. It is a volunteering opportunity for a period of 2 years with commitment to attend monthly meetings hosted by Healthwatch Kingston, with training and support provided. This [helpful video](#) provides the key information for this important initiative.

If you or someone you know would be interested in being put forward as a volunteer for Lambeth, please contact [LSABAdmin@lambeth.gov.uk](mailto:LSABAdmin@lambeth.gov.uk)

## Safer Lives Online - Research

The Tizard Centre are conducting research investigating internet use and safety for adults with intellectual disabilities, and are looking for participants who are;

- An adult with an Intellectual Disability, who uses or has used the internet.

OR

- A family carer of an adult with an intellectual disability, who uses or has used the internet.
- A paid carer/support worker of an adult with an intellectual disability, who uses or has used the internet.
- A practitioner with safeguarding element in their role and experience and/or knowledge of supporting an adult with an intellectual disability, who uses or has used the internet.

You can find out more information about the study or to take part, [click here](#).

## Lasting Power of Attorney: Consultation

The Lasting Power of Attorney (LPA) service is to be made safer, simpler and fit for the future under major reforms announced on the 20th July. This will include –

- New and improved safeguards to protect against fraud and abuse
- Simpler and easy to use processes
- A shift to predominantly digital service

As part of these reforms, a 12-week consultation has been launched. [You can share your views here](#) (consultation open until 13 Oct 2021).