

Lambeth Safeguarding Adults Board Three Year Strategic Plan 2023 to 2026

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- 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 2023 to 2026** 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:

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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 2023. 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.

Our key priorities for 2023 to 2026:



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 2023-26 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.

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Our Annual Report, like everything we do, is absolutely a Partnership effort. Each of our partners steps up to showcase learning, insight, activity and reflections from their organisation's perspective. This is a critical part of our culture as an SAB. As we have gained in maturity as a Board, so too have we gained in shared partnership accountabilities and responsibility - moving from a set up phase where the Local Authority kindly acted as an action and delivery secretariat, to a place now where each partner takes responsibility for proactive reporting, ideas for sharing learning and topical issues, and of course together shouldering the accountabilities of moving safeguarding practice forward in response to Lambeth's diverse community need.

