



Lambeth Safeguarding Adults Board Strategic Plan 2026 – 2029

Our Work to build a Safer, more Person-Centered Lambeth

As the Independent Chair of the Lambeth Safeguarding Adults Board, I am pleased to present our new Strategic Plan. Safeguarding is, and always will be, everyone's business. In Lambeth, we are committed to ensuring that every adult's right to live in safety, free from abuse or neglect, is actively upheld across all of our communities.

We have built on the progress our partnership has secured on our three priority areas of Partnership, Communication and Equality, and are now going deeper into landing the change we need to see for our most vulnerable communities.

Developed in close consultation with our statutory partners, local community groups, and the voices of those who use our services, this plan acts as our blueprint for the coming years.

We recognize that true safeguarding requires more than strong policies, partnerships and practice; it also demands cultural curiosity and a proactive, collaborative culture.

To achieve our vision, our strategy is anchored in three core programme areas:

The first is improving **Equity, Access and Voice**. We plan to have closed the inequalities gaps experienced by Lambeth's more hidden safeguarding cohorts over the three years of our new strategy. We know we need to better interrogate existing, and also commission new data, to accurately understand the true picture of trends, inequity and gaps.

The second is stronger **Learning & Assurance** across the partnership. We seek to achieve a step change in the collective practice maturity of our partnership. We will better share skills, leadership and insight to help all our partners achieve the high standards our residents deserve. We will better understand and therefore better target improvements in practice confidence risk areas across the partnership; and therefore, commission or deliver learning opportunities that close those risk areas and confidence deficits.

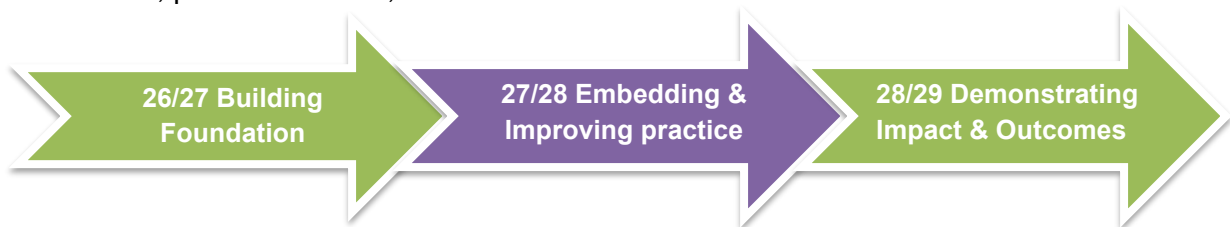
The third is stronger **Working Together to Improve our System**. We seek to achieve a step change in risk areas outlined by CQC and statutory reviews learning on how our agencies could work effectively together. We recognise that we need to implement improved information sharing protocols and triage pathways across our statutory, voluntary and community partners. We also will strengthen our joint responses to

complex risks including homelessness, mental health, substance misuse, multiple exclusion, and domestic abuse.

Our strengths lie in our collective commitment to making safeguarding personal for every unique Lambeth resident. We have committed to curious and continuous learning, deepening the impacts of our dedicated practitioners and advocates. We have held ourselves accountable for landing a visible change that will make a difference to Lambeth's most vulnerable cohorts.

Thank you to everyone who contributed to this strategy.

Over the next three years, the Board will focus on three strategic priorities: **Equity, Access and Voice; Learning and Assurance; and Working Together** to Improve the System. Through these priorities, we will ensure that safeguarding services are accessible, person-centered, evidence-informed and effective.



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

[The London Multi Agency Adult Safeguarding Policy Practice Guidance and Procedures](#) provides more detail about how Safeguarding Adults Board (SABs) should meet the requirements of the Care Act 2014, by providing strategic leadership for adult safeguarding, publishing a Strategic Plan and Annual Report, conducting Safeguarding Adults Reviews, and ensuring partner agencies work together to prevent abuse and neglect while promoting wellbeing and Making Safeguarding Personal.

How this strategy was developed

This strategy has been developed collaboratively by all Lambeth Safeguarding Adults Board (LSAB) partners, with contributions from Board Members and the Board's

subgroups. It reflects the views and experiences of residents, people with lived experience and local communities, ensuring that their voices are embedded throughout our priorities and approach to safeguarding adults.

The strategy seeks to complement and support the work of partner organisations across the borough. In developing this strategy, the Board has considered local and national safeguarding challenges, emerging themes, performance information, learning from Safeguarding Adults Reviews, and trends identified through safeguarding activity and engagement with partners.

Our Vision

A Lambeth where every adult is safe, heard and valued, with equal access to support and protection when they need it. We will work together to ensure all adults with care and support needs can access safeguarding support, create a culture of learning and improvement, and build a connected and responsive safeguarding system that delivers better outcomes for residents.

Equity, Access and Voice

This priority focuses on ensuring that every adult with care and support needs in Lambeth has equal access to safeguarding support regardless of their background, circumstances or identity. We will work to identify and address inequalities, strengthen Making Safeguarding Personal, increase accessibility, improve engagement with residents and people with lived experience, and ensure underrepresented groups are visible within safeguarding pathways.

How success will be measured

- Improved understanding of safeguarding inequalities through better partnership data.
- Increased representation of underrepresented communities within safeguarding pathways.
- Greater awareness and use of advocacy services.
- Positive feedback from adults regarding involvement in safeguarding decisions.
- Evidence that Making Safeguarding Personal (MSP) is embedded across partner organisations.
- Implementation of effective data-sharing arrangements.
- Improved accessibility of safeguarding information and communications.

Learning and Assurance

This priority aims to strengthen professional practice through learning, quality assurance and continuous improvement. We will use learning from reviews, audits and practice experience to improve services, support practitioner confidence and ensure safeguarding arrangements are effective and accountable.

How success will be measured

- Increased participation in multi-agency training and learning opportunities.
- Improved practitioner confidence and knowledge in safeguarding practice.
- Evidence that learning has led to changes in policy, practice and service delivery.
- Completion of audits, deep dives and thematic reviews.
- Improved practice identified through assurance activity.
- Greater confidence in the application of safeguarding legislation, including the Mental Capacity Act.
- Accessible learning resources used across the partnership

Working Together to Improve the System

This priority focuses on strengthening partnership working to address complex safeguarding challenges. We will improve information sharing, develop coordinated responses to high-risk situations, clarify responsibilities and support effective multi-agency decision-making to deliver better outcomes for adults.

How success will be measured

- Improved information sharing across organisations.
- Increased use of multi-agency approaches to manage complex risk.
- Greater clarity regarding roles, responsibilities and escalation processes.
- More effective resolution of complex cases through coordinated responses.
- Improved safeguarding responses to domestic abuse and other complex risks.
- Delivery of measurable outcomes from partnership improvement activity.
- Positive assurance regarding the effectiveness of multi-agency safeguarding arrangements.
- Deliver a more consistent and effective partnership response to domestic abuse

All our work must be in line with the six key principles of safeguarding adults from the [Care Act 2014](#) these are:



Delivering the plan

Our focus for 2026 - 27 is to build on the initiatives and achievements delivered during 2025 - 26. The priorities outlined above set out the key areas of work for the coming year.

The Board's subgroups play a pivotal role in supporting the LSAB to achieve its objectives. They continue to develop tools and resources, and support professionals and residents to better understand and respond to adult safeguarding concerns.

Each subgroup has its own priorities and targets, which align with and contribute to the Board's overarching strategic priorities.

At the end of each year, the LSAB will publish an Annual Report setting out the Board's achievements, highlighting the impact of its work, and demonstrating how the agreed work plan has been delivered.