

London Safeguarding Voices Group Member role description

02 June 2021 – London Safeguarding Adult Board

Section A: Role Requirements

Introduction¹

The London Safeguarding Adult Board (LSAB) want to ensure people with lived experience of Safeguarding and their voices are at the heart of Safeguarding governance and practice across London. Therefore, we have commissioned Healthwatch Kingston to coordinate this exciting initiative.

What are we doing?

We are bringing together three people with lived experience of Safeguarding from each local Safeguarding Adult Board (SAB) to join our new regional London Safeguarding Voices Group (LSVG). Healthwatch Kingston Upon Thames are keen to work with local SAB Chairs and Managers to identify a range of voices from local residents with lived experience of Safeguarding, tapping into and sharing local approaches. This initiative will support the LSAB to ensure its work is co-produced and more person-centred moving forwards.

Who are we looking for?

We are seeking people from all walks of life, with differing levels and types of lived experience of Safeguarding, either personally, as a family member or a Carer. You may not have been involved with anything like this before and this will be your opportunity to make a real difference to future safeguarding practices in London. Specifically:

- You live or work in London or have an adult relative being cared for in London.
- You have experience of Safeguarding either personally or as a family member or a Carer.
- You are committed and passionate about improving outcomes for adults who are at risk of being abused, meaning that people will get a better experience and results to their lives.
- You are committed and supportive of the work of the LSAB.
- You are committed to equality, diversity, and inclusion.
- You will know how to use and have access to IT equipment and Microsoft Word, Outlook, Excel, and other packages (Note: we are happy to discuss your computer/ IT needs and support where we can with this)

¹ This document will be available in Easy Read version on the 09 June 2021

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Section B: Description of Duties

What will the role involve?

You will be expected to attend monthly virtual LSVG meetings. Each meeting will last for 90 minutes and take place via Zoom. The meetings will enable you to contribute to the development, implementation, and evaluation of the LSVG work Programme.

What will the LSVG do?

The LSVG will meet monthly via Zoom bringing together the three people proposed by each local LSAB. The schedule for the first two meetings will be as follows:

- Meeting 1: Introductions, aspirations for the LSVG, areas the group would like included in the work programme. Remember this is yours to develop!!
- Meeting 2: Agreeing the work programme and contributing to the planning of the LSAB annual conference.

How much time will I be expected to commit?

You will be expected to attend virtual monthly LSVG meetings (90-minute duration) to plan and help deliver a Programme of work, supported by Healthwatch Kingston, LondonADASS and Healthwatch England.

Will I be supported?

We promise that you will be supported to ensure you have the confidence to make a meaningful contribution and that you enjoy the experience.

What will I get from the role?

The Opportunity to contribute to:

1. Influencing the Making Safeguarding Personal Regional Agenda
2. Influencing safeguarding practices across London
3. Developing safeguarding services for the future
4. Improving people's experience of safeguarding

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Training & supervision:

Training

Members will be expected to complete basic awareness training in respect of adult safeguarding within the first 3 months of appointment which will be delivered by an approved training provider and you will receive certification upon successful completion.

Expenses

As this is a volunteering opportunity it is not possible to pay representatives, although expenses such as travel costs and subsistence will be reimbursed.

Appointment and notice period

The appointment is for a two-year period with a three/six monthly review. The appointment can be terminated at any time with an expectation of one month's notice period on either side.

Values and behaviours of the group

Respect: To listen to everyone and value the personal experiences of everyone in the group.

Communication: To communicate in a way that is respectful and encourages involvement of everyone in the group

Working together: To understand and learn from each other to get the best possible experience and help to make a difference together

Who do I contact if I want more information?

Please contact Stephen Bitti, Chief Executive Officer, Healthwatch Kingston Upon Thames and lead for the LSVG initiative

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Appendix 1: About the London Safeguarding Adults Board

The **London Safeguarding Adults Board** is a partnership group seeking to identify and share good practice as well as addressing complex cross borough issues.

The London Safeguarding Adults Board supports local Safeguarding Adults Boards through the Safeguarding Adults Board Chairs network.

Role: The aim of the London Safeguarding Adults Board is to enhance the safety and wellbeing of adults across London by:

- Overcoming geographical boundaries in adult safeguarding across London
- Facilitating engagement with national work programmes on safeguarding related areas
- Overseeing revisions to the London Multi-Agency Adult Safeguarding Policy and Procedures
- Providing assurance on implementation of the London Multi-Agency Adult Safeguarding Policy and Procedures
- Raising the profile of safeguarding across London
- Supporting organisations working with adults in London to meet their statutory responsibilities
- Supporting London's local Safeguarding Adults Boards to meet their statutory obligations to:
 - Ensure that local safeguarding arrangements are in place as defined by the Care Act 2014 and statutory guidance
 - Ensure that safeguarding practice is person-centred and outcome-focused
 - Work collaboratively to prevent abuse and neglect where possible
 - Ensure agencies and individuals give timely and proportionate responses when abuse or neglect have occurred
 - Ensure that safeguarding practice is continuously improving and enhancing the quality of life of adults in its area.