



Redbridge Safeguarding Adults Board (RSAB) Lay Member Role Profile

Role Description

The [Care Act 2014](#) required every local authority to establish a Safeguarding Adults Board. The Redbridge SAB is a partnership body in which statutory and voluntary sector organisations work together to ensure that adults at risk of any form of neglect or abuse are effectively helped and protected. We have a central commitment in everything we do to Making Safeguarding Personal – making sure that we place the individual at the heart of safeguarding.

The Board is seeking to recruit three independent Lay Members who will bring an independent personal and community perspective and challenge to its work. As a Lay Member, you will both help to shape future priorities and to drive forward our current work on improving the prevention of abuse, supporting the voluntary sector, hearing and acting on the voice of people who use services, and strengthening challenge and accountability.

Essential Requirements

- Time to commit to attending Board meetings held four times per year (usually held on a mid-week morning, 10:00 to 13:00, during school term) and to read Board papers ahead of these meetings.
- Live within the London Borough of Redbridge.
- Commitment and interest in safeguarding vulnerable adults.
- Commitment to the values and ambitions of the Board.
- Able to contribute constructively in Board meetings, providing independent perspective and challenge to agencies involved in safeguarding.
- Commitment to valuing equality and diversity
- Independent of local agencies- must not be an employee/board member/trustee of any partners that have been part of the Board for the past two years.
- Understanding of the importance of maintaining confidentiality and respecting sensitive information.
- DBS clearance (you will be supported to apply for this).

Desirable Requirements

- Involvement in community issues.

- Some experience of working with vulnerable adults (this does not need to be a formal position).
- Knowledge of safeguarding adult issues and wider adult social care nationally and locally (you do not need to have a professional qualification).

Our Commitment to You

- You will receive a thorough induction, which will set out who is involved with the Board and how it works.
- You will be assigned a buddy, who will be an existing Board member. They will be encouraged to meet with you prior to your first Board meeting and ensure that you feel confident in conveying your views.
- Opportunities to attend safeguarding training which will help develop your learning and understanding of safeguarding issues.
- Reasonable travel expenses will be reimbursed when supported by the relevant receipts.

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