

18 September 2020

Dear Neighbour,

The fatal stabbing of 20-year-old Jaden Christie in Stockwell on Tuesday afternoon shocked and saddened us all, as another young person in the borough lost their life to violence. All our thoughts are with Jaden's family, friends and local community at what must be an incredibly difficult time.

At Lambeth Council, we are committed to providing support to all members of the community who are experiencing trauma and upset during the aftermath of such a violent incident.

There are a number of **free online and telephone based support services** for anybody who feels affected by this incident, or the wider issue of violence in our communities. We urge you to share this information with friends and family:

- **Young Minds** provide support for young people experiencing loss and offers advice for parents (**call 0808 802 5544** or visit [youngminds.org.uk](https://www.youngminds.org.uk)).
- **Kooth** is Lambeth's new **online support service for young people** offering support at weekends, and live chat support with professionals until 10pm.
- **Mind Ed** (minded.org.uk) for Families provides support and guidance for parents.
- **Victim Support** (**0808 168 9291**) provide a telephone support line and online support for parents, professionals and young people who have witnessed crime. Victim Support also have live online chat: [victimsupport.org.uk/help-and-support/young-victims-crime](https://www.victimsupport.org.uk/help-and-support/young-victims-crime)
- Contact **Refuge** on **0808 2000 247** if you are suffering from abuse by your partner and require discreet assistance.

Violent crime is a blight on our borough and our city – such attacks leave families grieving and steal from young people the chance to have happy lives and to fulfil their potential. The wider effects on communities can see people living in a climate of mistrust and fear.

In autumn, we will be launching a strategy for Lambeth Made Safer which supports our borough-wide public health approach to help young people impacted by violence and prevent violence against women and girls. Community involvement in this programme will be vital to help us make Lambeth safer and give residents, organisations and councillors the chance to discuss local safety concerns and propose solutions. We understand that there is much work to do across the borough and will work collaboratively with the local community, statutory and community groups to reduce violence in our borough.



The Metropolitan Police have launched a murder investigation following Thursday's tragic incident. Anyone with information that could assist police at this early stage is asked to call 101 or tweet @MetCC and quote CAD 4289/15 Sept. Alternatively, contact the independent charity Crimestoppers anonymously on 0800 555 111.

Staying silent will not bring justice for Jaden and his family.

Yours sincerely

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Lambeth Council's Cabinet Member for Community Safety

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