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Dear Resident,

It is with deep sadness that we write to you again today to let you know that a young person has had his life taken in a deeply violent and senseless attack.

On Sunday 12 September, a 27-year-old man was shot and fatally injured in Ferrey Mews, SW9. Yet again, someone with so much potential – and with their entire life ahead of them - has been taken from us and killed because of gang violence. Two other individuals were injured as well, in what was a horrible attack. Thankfully, the injuries of those two young people are not, at this stage, believed to be life threatening or life changing.

This horrific incident is still very much an active police investigation. As leaders of our community, we once again ask that anyone with information about this despicable incident please to come forward and help us stop these mindless acts once and for all.

You can assist your community and help make Lambeth safer by contacting the police by dialling **101**, quoting reference **7163/12SEP**. You can also help anonymously if you wish, by getting in touch with **Crimestoppers** on **0800 555 111**.

Right now, the council is working hard alongside the police, the community and others to try to end this cycle of violence. We are determined that everything that is so good about Lambeth is not ruined by violent attacks such as this. It must stop – and you have a vital part to play in making sure this happens.

By working together, we believe it can – and we believe it must.

There are a range of free and confidential online and telephone-based support services for anybody who feels affected by this incident, or the wider issue of violence in our communities. Please share this information with your family and friends.

- **Young Minds** provide support for young people experiencing loss and offers advice for parents (call 0808 802 5544 or visit youngminds.org.uk).
- **Kooth** is an online support service for young people offering support at weekends, and live chat support with professionals until 10pm. You can access the service online by visiting <https://www.kooth.com>
- **Mind Ed** for families - provides support and guidance for parents www.minded.org.uk
- **Victim Support** provide a telephone support line (call 0808 168 9291) and online support for parents, professionals and young people who have witnessed crime. Victim Support also have live online chat: www.victimsupport.org.uk



We have it within our power to end this violence in our communities. Lambeth Council and our partners are determined to stop violence involving young people in our communities. It is a tragedy that young lives are being taken in such horrific ways.

To make Lambeth safer for children and young people, we all need to work together. It can be done.

If you know anything about this latest incident, please do get in touch today.
Thank you.

Yours sincerely,

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Deputy Leader and Cabinet Member for Jobs, Skills and Community Safety

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