

WORKING TOGETHER TO KEEP CHILDREN'S SAFETY & WELLBEING AT THE HEART OF EVERYTHING WE DO.



KEEPING YOU SAFE



Kingston and Richmond
Safeguarding Children Partnership

Welcome to the annual children's safeguarding report designed and published by students from The Hollyfield School & Sixth Form.

What is the Kingston and Richmond Safeguarding Children Partnership?

The Kingston and Richmond Safeguarding Children Partnership (KRSCP) is a group of people led by the strategic leaders to make sure everyone who works with children, in any capacity (doctors, teachers, sports coaches, religious groups and so on) are effectively keeping children safe from harm. The KRSCP work with all agencies that work with children and seek assurance from them that children are being kept safe. Where there are weaknesses identified, KRSCP recommends changes to make things better for children and young people. If a child is seriously harmed or dies, the KRSCP investigates through writing a detailed Child Safeguarding Practice Review. Every Local Authority or area must have a Safeguarding Children Partnership led by the Local Authority, Police and Health. In our area of Kingston and Richmond we also include Education as a strategic leader because we believe schools play a very important role in keeping children safe and noticing when there are concerns about safety.

This is our annual report to you, all of the students in the two boroughs, to keep YOU up to date with the work that has been happening. So turn the page and read on...

WELCOME FROM THE EDITORIAL TEAM.

This year The Safeguarding Annual Report has been a collaboration between Hollyfield School and Sixth Form, who are part of the Every Child Every Day Trust, and Kingston & Richmond Children's Safeguarding Partnership (KRSCP). The Hollyfield team will guide you through the pages of the report and share with you important updates on what is happening in our boroughs.



So, meet the team:



Ivy



Sienna



Jerome



Camron



Dylan

Haydn



Zhaklin



Millie



Meah

Editor-in-chief

The Partners of the KRSCP





SAFEGUARDING SUPER HEROES ASSEMBLE!

Let me introduce you to the Kingston & Richmond Safeguarding Children's Partnership, otherwise known as our Safeguarding Superheros.



Ian Dodds the Director of Children Services for Achieving for Children.

Ian was the Chair of the Partnership during 2022 - 2023



**Fergus Keegan
Director of
Quality NHS**



Ian Cameron Detective Superintendent of the MET Police

In Kingston & Richmond, Education is considered a fourth partner. Last year Education was represented by 6 awesome Headteachers, also Safeguarding Superheros:



Sophie Cavanagh



Polly Fraley



Susie Byers



Dalene Johnson



Esther White



Elizabeth Tongue

THE TEAM: The Kingston and Richmond Safeguarding Children Partnership – Meet the team



**Tracey Welding,
Deputy Partnership
Manager**



**Lucy MacArthur,
Education
Coordinator**



**Daksha Mistry,
Partnership
Manager**



**Sarah Bennet,
Partnership
Coordinator/CDOP
Coordinator**



Facts, The Local Context

The Royal Borough of Kingston upon Thames has approximately 168,000 residents

In 2020 estimates from ONS, 0-17 year olds accounted for 22% of the population or 36,960 children.

ONS stands for Office for National Statistics

The London Borough of Richmond upon Thames has approximately 195,000 residents.

In 2020 estimates from ONS, 0-17 year olds accounted for 23% of the population or 44,850 children.





What's going well in our 2 boroughs?



- We have a new person, Amanda Boodhoo, a scrutineer, who will check if things are going well. She will do this every year, which helps us see how things change over time.
- We are teaching and training people who work with children and the numbers attending our courses is growing.
- [We made a new website to share information that is useful for everyone.](#)
- We closely monitor safeguarding through audits and successfully audit schools, childminders, private nurseries and out of school providers
- The Designated Safeguarding Lead forums are really well attended and feedback about them from schools is very positive because they support the school safeguarding lead in their job

The Partnership's main focuses are:

1. Helping children with their feelings,
2. Supporting parents and carers early on
3. Keeping children safe when they are outside the home,
4. Raising awareness of child sexual abuse.



- We are training police to understand trauma.
- We are checking in on Children's well-being and making sure schools know about mental health.
- We are also talking about family issues and finding ways to protect children from harm, like at gatherings where no adults are present.
- We are trying to be fair to everyone, no matter where they are from or what they look like, and we have been training professionals to understand racism, to respond to it as a safeguarding issue and to stamp it out.

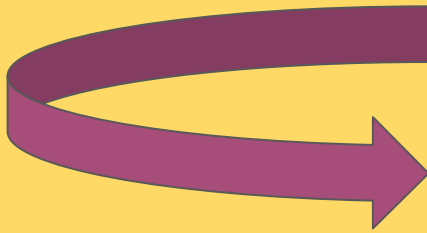
What are our worries?



We don't have all the police data we need because they haven't been able to share it. We need to improve this.

Doctors are getting better at reporting to child protection meetings, but we are still focusing on improving this.

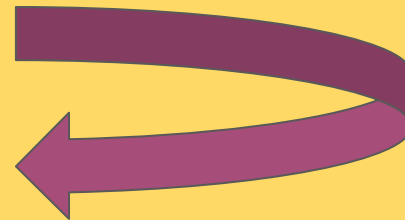
Some children and young people are learning at home or avoiding school, but we are trying our best to keeping an eye on them.



There are some job vacancies in health positions, this causes some challenges.

Health checkups for children in foster care need to be done faster, and we are working on fixing that.

Maternity services at Kingston Hospital need some improvements so midwives get better support with safeguarding.



We understand that families are finding it hard because of the cost of living, and we're making sure everyone knows about available help.

It's getting tough to find homes for families in need, and there are less private rental housing available.



Listening to young people

We listened to young people like Oliver, a brave 17-year-old, who talked about alcohol and drugs among teens. Steph, a mum, shared her 13-year-olds experience at a party.

Ellie, a 17-year-old singer, overcame challenges with Project X and sang about exploitation. In March 2023, Callum, Finlay, and Chip shared how Project X and boxing helped them turn things around, teaching discipline and inspiring their careers.



Achievements from students



Lyrics from Ellie's song.



Finlay and Callum doing a boxing demo at a partnership event



Listening to young people



Work has been underway on refreshing the Children and Young People's Plan in Richmond.

In September and November 2022, the Community Safety Team in Kingston launched its Speak Up Speak Out community safety project which received 183 responses from young people.

Public Health Richmond carried out a young people's health and wellbeing survey - London Borough of Richmond upon Thames in May 2022 with 4800+ responses from young people in primary and secondary schools.

In July 2022 Youth Out Loud launched its film by and for young people about sexual health.

Help is at hand!

-if you need support-



Are you worried about your or your friend's safety?

-Speak to a member of staff at your school.

Find out who your DSL in school is, they will know what to do.

If there is immediate danger call the Police on 999.



-You can also telephone **Children's Social Care** for advice and to make a referral on 0208 547 5008

Are you experiencing disordered eating?

<https://www.beateatingdisorders.org.uk/>

Telephone helpline Youthline: 0808 801 0711 from 9am-8pm during the week, and 4pm-8pm on weekends and bank holidays.



Youthline email support is open to

anyone under 18: fyp@beateatingdisorders.org.uk

Dangerous hotspots while out and about?

Let us know there is a place or a space in the community you think is unsafe.

Please email your concern with the exact location and why you think it is risky to:

contextualsafeguarding.exploitation@achievingforchildren.org.uk



**METROPOLITAN
POLICE**



Further helplines ...

What do you need help with?

If a loved one has died

1. Kingston bereavement services:

<https://sayinggoodbye.org.uk>

2. Email Cruse bereavement services:

hopeagain@cruse.org.uk

3. Winston Wish:

Help line on 08088 020 021
(Monday-Friday, 9AM-5PM)

You can also email:

ask@winstonswish.org

Anything worrying you:

Childline: 0800 1111

<https://www.childline.org.uk/get-support/>

Suicide/self harm

1. HopelineUK:
0800 068 4141

(Open
10AM-10PM

weekdays,

2PM-10PM

weekends)

2. Samaritans:

call 116 123



Counselling and sexual Health

See the link below for the 'Getting It On' website. This has a lot of helpful sex education information: <https://www.gettingiton.org.uk/>

For Richmond residents only try 'Off The Record' : Telephone 0208 744 1644 or

<https://otrtwickenham.com> or email:

info@otrtwickenham.com

