



January 2019

Message from Chris Robson, LSCB Chair

Welcome to our January newsletter. Please share this widely with your colleagues. This issue we want to focus on the new MARVE (Multi-Agency Risk Vulnerability and Exploitation) Panel which began jointly to meet in Kingston and Richmond in November 2018.

MARVE

The Multi Agency Sexual Exploitation (MASE) and Missing Persons (Misper) panels were introduced a number of years ago to provide a multi-agency strategic oversight for children who were reported missing or deemed to be at risk of sexual exploitation. They have been successful in ensuring vulnerable children and young people get the necessary support to manage and reduce CSE (Child Sexual Exploitation) and missing risk, however in accordance with the MASE-MSPER remit the work has been limited to CSE and Missing.

In response to identified national and local trends concerning the multi-faceted nature of child exploitation and adolescent risk (County Lines, Knife Crime, Trafficking, Gangs and Groups). The LSCB lead, MASE Chair and DCI reviewed the functions of the MASE and MISPER panels across Kingston and Richmond. As a result of this review it was proposed that the MASE panel be replaced with a new panel that in addition to CSE considers children at risk or vulnerable to all forms of criminal exploitation.

The Multi Agency Risk, Vulnerability & Exploitation Panel (MARVE) was established in November 2018 and now meets monthly to provide a strategic oversight of cases concerning children and young people at risk of all forms of criminal exploitation including (but not exclusively to) Sexual Exploitation, Gangs/Groups, County Lines, or Trafficking. The MARVE panel addresses and reviews places and persons of concern. The MARVE will work in partnership with MISPER, Children Missing Education, Phoenix Project, other panels and partner agencies to identify and address emerging themes concerning exploitation of children and young people.

Find our more here: <https://kingstonandrichmondscb.org.uk/news-resources/policies-and-procedures-87/child-sexual-exploitation-88.php>

International Day of Zero Tolerance for FGM

6th February 2019 is International Day of Zero Tolerance for Female Genital Mutilation (FGM). Female Genital Mutilation (FGM) comprises all procedures that involve altering or injuring the female genitalia for non-medical reasons and is recognized internationally as a violation of the human rights of girls and women.

<http://www.un.org/en/events/femalegenitalmutilationday/>

Find out more here:

<https://kingstonandrichmondscb.org.uk/practitioners/domestic-violence-and-abuse-131/female-genital-mutilation-138.php>



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#EndFGM

2018 - Anonymous- Children F, G and H

The NSPCC has details of an anonymised case review about serious harm to three siblings due to suspected fabricated or induced illness (FII). Read the report here: https://library.nspcc.org.uk/HeritageScripts/Hapi.dll/search2?searchTerm0=C6975&_ga=2.91240594.905844362.1534753691-790590817.1510157333

Learning: GPs should take a coordinating role when a child is attending a variety of clinics and hospitals for treatment;

- practitioners should be wary of relying solely on information provided by parents and ensure that the child's views are sought and listened to;
- practitioners should be alert to signs of disguised compliance by parents;
- practitioners need to maintain professional curiosity in cases where concerns emerge over a period of time.

Fabricated or Induced Illness

Fabricated or induced illness is a condition whereby a child has suffered, or is likely to suffer, significant harm through the deliberate action of their parent and which is attributed by the parent to another cause.

There are three main ways of the parent fabricating (making up or lying about) or inducing illness in a child: Fabrication of signs and symptoms, including fabrication of past medical history;

- Fabrication of signs and symptoms and falsification of hospital charts, records, letters and documents and specimens of bodily fluid;
- Induction of illness by a variety of means.

The **London Child Protection Procedures** carry guidance on FII here:

http://www.londoncp.co.uk/chapters/fab_ind_ill.html?zoom_highlight=fabricated

Upcoming LSCB Training

The LSCB offers training courses to all working with children and families. Here is a list of available courses in February;

- LSCB Safeguarding Children: A Shared Responsibility Level 2 (Kingston) – 09/02/2019
- LSCB Safeguarding Children: A Shared Responsibility Level 2 (Richmond) – 13/02/2019
- Safeguarding Children: Child Protection Process Refresher (Level 3) (Kingston) – 16/02/2019
- Learning from Serious Case Reviews – 20/02/2019
- Neglect Toolkit: A bitesized Session – 26/02/2019

If you work within education and are interested in going on any of these courses and you can apply here: <https://www.afccpdonline.co.uk/earlyyears/courses/bookings/default.asp?curpage=2>

Otherwise you can apply for any here: <http://kingstonandrichmondscb.org.uk/training.php>

Please also book onto our next conference – the “Safe in Faith conference” on the 28th of February in the Kingsgate Church. There is also **Neglect** to be held on the 14th of March 2019.

You can book onto these conferences from this link: <http://kingstonandrichmondscb.org.uk/training.php>.