

Black Lives Matter

As Safeguarding Strategic Leaders in Kingston and Richmond, we are standing in solidarity with the Black Lives Matter campaign. We are appalled by the death of George Floyd in Minneapolis and recognise the anger and grief it has caused.

Mr Floyd's tragic death highlights the continued need for us all to fight discrimination and hate, and the need for us all to address inequality as practitioners working across our boroughs. We will work to bring justice for children and young people and their families, in providing services to our local population, and promoting a fair culture in our workplaces. We will not tolerate racism or any form of hate crime and we cannot turn a blind eye to it. We will continue to expect anti-discriminatory practice, and Learning and Development for all our volunteers and staff around issues of ethnicity and diversity.

We would also like to respond to the report published by Public Health England highlighting the disproportionate impact of COVID-19 on particular groups of the population, including Black, Asian and other communities. It confirms that the impact of COVID-19 has replicated existing health inequalities and, in some cases, has increased them. We are extremely concerned about these health inequalities and will continue to work with our communities and partners to support those at risk and do what we can to change this unacceptable position.

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