

## CHANGES TO LSCB TRAINING



### What changes are we making?

From 12th August 2016, Richmond and Kingston Local Safeguarding Children Board will be directly providing LSCB safeguarding training, rather than continuing to commission this from Achieving for Children (AfC).

### Why are we making these changes?

The change would make clearer the distinction between LSCB training provision and that offered by AfC, especially in relation to how partner agencies' financial contributions are being used. The LSCB may be able to derive better value for money from direct provision, and would be able to be more agile and potentially offer a broader learning offer to partners (SCR briefings etc.) This is a decision made by the LSCB Chair, Deborah Lightfoot.

There was no issue with the quality of training commissioned or provided by AfC. Training that had been observed by the LSCB had been good and partner feedback had been positive. LSCB safeguarding courses will remain free to all agencies: eg, Probation, Council staff, Voluntary Sector, Faith, Community Groups, Volunteers, AfC staff, Kingston Hospital, West Middlesex University Hospital, GPs, health providers, Adults' Services, CRC, Police, Housing in Kingston & Richmond. We charge schools as this is the means by which they contribute to the funding of the LSCBs in Kingston and Richmond.

### How do agencies book courses?

You book here via the LSCB website:

[kingstonandrichmondscb.org.uk/practitioners/learning-and-development-126.php](http://kingstonandrichmondscb.org.uk/practitioners/learning-and-development-126.php)

### How do schools book courses?

Schools can use a pay as you go facility or develop an SLA (Service Level Agreement) with the AfC Workforce Development Team. Schools will book training via AfC CPD Online, and as before will be charged per course attended. AfC will then pay the LSCB.

There are charging rates depending on whether the school is independent or maintained, or if it has an SLA. For safeguarding insets, schools may wish to commission AfC Workforce Development Team. Please contact [training@achievingforchildren.org.uk](mailto:training@achievingforchildren.org.uk)

### Who can we contact for information?

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