



## February 2020

### Message from the KRSCP Chair, Ian Thomas

Welcome to our February newsletter. We are highlighting two National awareness raising campaigns next month Safer Sleep and CE (Child Exploitation), so that you have time to prepare for the March dates. Everyone can influence those around them, so from young babies to vulnerable adolescents, please think how you can create change and improved safety in Kingston and Richmond, as members of our Partnership.

We need your help to choose our Children's Partnership Priorities for 2020-22. All sectors, agencies, local volunteers and professionals, young people, children and family members are all invited to take part in the KRSCP priority setting. Please make a first, second and third choice for our priorities to keep our local children safe before then end of February. Please click [here](#) to view the potential priorities, and please click this link to cast your vote:

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/SXV3YQL>

Please disseminate this newsletter widely.

### National Child Exploitation Awareness Day 18th March 2020

The National Child Exploitation Awareness Day aims to highlight the issues surrounding Child Exploitation; encouraging everyone to think, spot and speak out against abuse and adopt a zero tolerance to adults developing inappropriate relationships with children or children exploiting and abusing their peers.

Help us to improve the chances of young people being heard and to deter offenders and trafficking through awareness of child sexual exploitation and wider exploitation and abuse. The NWG Network we are committed to the fight against Child Exploitation and supporting victims and their families who are subjected to the horrors of exploitation. ANY CHILD CAN BE EXPLOITED NO MATTER WHAT CULTURE, ETHNICITY, RELIGION, WHETHER A BOY OR A GIRL FROM ANY BACKGROUND. If we can make more people aware, not only through our National Awareness Day, but all year round through our Say Something if You See Something campaign, that we can improve the chances of young people being heard. Together, we can work to inform, educate and prevent child abuse within the UK

For further information and resources:

<http://www.stop-cse.org/national-child-exploitation-awareness-day/>

For information about KRSCP multiagency training on child sexual exploitation and child exploitation:

<https://training.kingstonandrichmondsafeguardingchildrenpartnership.org.uk/Course/CourseDescriptive.aspx?id=153>

### Contextual Safeguarding Conference

I was delighted to welcome Dr Carlene Firmin, OBE to be the Headline speaker at our Conference in January - over 200 people attended. Please find the slides here from the presentations here: <https://kingstonandrichmondsafeguardingchildrenpartnership.org.uk/>

We were also able to launch our MARVE (Multi-Agency Risk & Vulnerability to Exploitation) local Panel - please find the refreshed local protocol here:

<https://kingstonandrichmondsafeguardingchildrenpartnership.org.uk/about-richmond-lscb/7-minute-learning-267.php>

Many thanks to DI Lucy O'Connor and Sara Doyle, AD in AfC for leading on that aspect of our Conference. Let's see if, in the light of our Contextual Safeguarding Conference with Dr Firmin last month, we can think about locations and hotspots of vulnerability in the same way. Working to support vulnerable adolescents is one of our local Partnership priorities - please find local learning here from our reviews about Young People Q and S: Our 7 minute local learning is here: <https://kingstonandrichmondsafeguardingchildrenpartnership.org.uk/about-richmond-lscb.php>

## "Signs of Safety"

Kingston and Richmond Safeguarding Children Partnership and its partners have adopted the "Signs of Safety" (SoS) approach to working with families where there are concerns about children's safety. This approach aims to work with the strengths and resources that exist within families to build safety for children who have suffered, or are at risk of suffering, significant harm of physical, sexual and emotional, as well as neglect.

The SoS approach considers information about the child and their family across a number of areas, for example: • Why are we worried about this child? • What are the dangers / risks? • What are the complicating factors or grey areas? • What is working well in terms of existing strengths? • What is working well in terms of existing safety measures that are in place? • How worried are we on a scale of 0 to 10? • What outcomes (or goals) do we need to have to build safety for the child? • What needs to happen to make the necessary changes to achieve this outcome?

I am pleased that now many agencies use this framework in their staff supervision or one to ones and in their report writing. Find out more here: <https://kingstonandrichmondsafeguardingchildrenpartnership.org.uk/news-resources/child-protection-conferences-241.php>

## Safer Sleep Week

The Lullaby Trust's annual campaign to raise awareness of safer sleep will run from 9-15th March 2020. Visit their site to see how you can help <https://www.lullabytrust.org.uk/professionals/safer-sleep-week-awareness-campaign/>

The Lullaby Trust's quick tips for Safer Sleep are as follows:

### Things you can do

- Always place your baby on their back to sleep
- Keep your baby smoke free during pregnancy and after birth
- Place your baby to sleep in a separate cot or Moses basket in the same room as you for the first 6 months
- Breastfeed your baby
- Use a firm, flat, waterproof mattress in good condition

### Things to avoid

- Never sleep on a sofa or in an armchair with your baby
- Don't sleep in the same bed as your baby if you smoke, drink or take drugs or are extremely tired, if your baby was born prematurely or was of low birth-weight
- Avoid letting your baby get too hot
- Don't cover your baby's face or head while sleeping or use loose bedding

## Overheard - Cot Death

According to the Lullaby Trust 'cot death' was a term commonly used in the past to describe the sudden and unexpected death of an infant. It has largely been abandoned, due to its misleading suggestions that sudden infant death can only occur when a baby is asleep in their own cot, which we know to be untrue – for example did you know that sleeping on a sofa or armchair with a baby can increase the risk of Sudden Infant Death Syndrome by 50 times?

Following Safe Sleeping advice is important in reducing the risk of Sudden Infant Death Syndrome. You can read more about it here:

<https://www.lullabytrust.org.uk/safer-sleep-advice/what-is-sids/>

## Achieving for Children Updates

Achieving for Children's (AfC) Quality Assurance and Review Service has created pages on their website to support children, families and professionals. Have a look to find helpful resources on child protection conferences, advice for children looked after and their families, and information and resources from the LADO (Local Authority Designated officer), who supports organisations when allegations are made against staff or volunteers.

Child Protection Conference website: <https://kr.afcinfo.org.uk/pages/community-information/information-and-advice/quality-assurance-and-review-service>

Information about dissenting at Child Protection Conferences has been reviewed by AfC and can be found here:

<https://kingstonandrichmondsafeguardingchildrenpartnership.org.uk/news-resources/policies-and-procedures-87/child-protection-conference-complaints-procedure-159.php>

## Upcoming KRSCP Training

The KRSCP offers online safeguarding training, please use this link to create an account: [https://richmondscb.melearning.university/user/self\\_register](https://richmondscb.melearning.university/user/self_register).

The KRSCP also offers face to face training to all working with children and families. Here is a list of available courses in March:

- Youth Mental Health First Aid - 03/03/2020
- Safeguarding Children: A Shared Responsibility Level 2 (Kingston) - 07/03/2020
- Child Sexual Abuse (Level 3) - 12/03/2020
- Working with Young People and Sexual Violence - 12/03/2020
- Workshop to Raise Awareness about Radicalisation & PREVENT - 13/03/2020
- Safeguarding Children: A Shared Responsibility Level 2 (Kingston) - 17/03/2020
- Young People & Sexual Health - 18/03/2020
- Neglect Toolkit: A bitesized Session - 19/03/2020
- Safeguarding Children: A Shared Responsibility Level 2 (Richmond) - 23/03/2020
- Safeguarding Children: Child Protection Process Refresher (Level 3) (Richmond) - 25/03/2020
- Working Towards Ending Harmful Practices Asian Women's Resource Centre - 25/03/2020

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>

