



## January 2020

### Message from the KRSCP Chair, Ian Thomas

Happy New Year! Safeguarding is the main business for all of us in Richmond and Kingston, whatever sector we volunteer or work in. Read on for details of our learning and development, especially for schools and other agencies involved in managing allegations made against members of staff and volunteers, as we publish our Richmond Serious Case Review. You will see that establishing a culture of strong safeguarding is a key issue and this is one of our goals as a partnership. I am delighted that there is robust safeguarding work being undertaken in our local schools, healthy DSL (Designated Safeguarding Lead) Forums for both maintained and independent schools, and a new private / independent health provider forum for both boroughs. Please read on for more information and share this newsletter widely with your colleagues.

### St Paul's School Serious Case Review

This Serious Case Review (SCR) was commissioned in April 2017 by Richmond Safeguarding Children Board (LSCB) following five convictions for sexual offences of adults who had previously worked at St Paul's School London.

At the time of this decision the LSCB was also aware that there had been 32 separate allegations and 17 named suspects of non-recent abuse, dating mainly from the 1960s to 1990s, and the emergence of these allegations between 2013 and 2015 had been resulted in the involvement of the police, local authority, health professionals and the LSCB with the school. Although the modern school had been subject to external inspections, conducted internal reviews including commissioning reviews by independent consultants and worked hard to put in place additional systems and processes to keep children safe, it was the unanimous view of the serious case review subgroup at Richmond that a wide holistic statutory review of the conduct of agencies involved in allegations of abuse from 1960 onwards would be in the public interest.

The aim of this review is to identify lessons relevant for safeguarding children today, but the starting point has deliberately been to seek to understand the experience of ex-pupils and survivors of abuse at St Paul's who are now adult men. The reviewers, Edi Carmi and Jane Wonnacott have wanted to keep their experience as pupils at the heart of the review. Although systems, procedures and guidance may have changed, the fundamental dynamics of abuse have not.

This review has brought into stark relief the complexities surrounding keeping children safe in school. Whilst many of the experiences of ex-pupils explored within this review could be described as "non-recent" and expected responses today would be very different, there are lessons for safeguarding that transcend time and place and raise important questions for our current safeguarding practices. A minority of recommendations are specific to St Paul's School and even these may have relevance in other school settings. The majority of recommendations are aimed at firmly establishing a culture where the safety and well-being of pupils is paramount and in helping schools to put this into practice in a context where academic success may be perceived as the top priority in state maintained and independent schools alike. The recommendations recognise the importance of a sound legislative, strategic and procedural framework, but most importantly the crucial role played by sound relationships across safeguarding partnerships. These relationships need to be based on trust, clear respectful communication and a willingness to challenge, reflect and learn together.

Find out more here: <https://kingstonandrichmondsafeguardingchildrenpartnership.org.uk/about-richmond-lscb/learning-improvement-case-reviews-110/learning-improvement-case-reviews-110.php>

## LADO

The LADO (Local Authority Designated Officer) advises agencies about allegations made against those who work or volunteer with children and young people. <https://kr.afcinfo.org.uk/pages/community-information/information-and-advice/quality-assurance-and-review-service/local-authority-designated-officer>

### To contact the LADO in Kingston and Richmond:

Contact the Kingston Single Point of Access (SPA) - 020 8547 5008 (outside of office hours, please ring 020 8770 5000)

Find out more here: <https://kingstonandrichmondsafeguardingchildrenpartnership.org.uk/practitioners/managing-allegations-against-adults-29.php>



### Education

Sophie Cavanagh, Headteacher Kingston Academy (left), and Sophie McGeoch, Headteacher Meadlands Primary (right) are the respective Kingston and Richmond education representatives on the Partnership's Strategic Leadership Group (SLG). They're here to represent Early Years, Schools, Colleges and Universities in our Partnership. You can contact them through our education lead [Lucy.MacArthur@kingrichlscb.org.uk](mailto:Lucy.MacArthur@kingrichlscb.org.uk).

### Overheard

The word "idiot" is a widely used term to describe someone who is silly. However, we need to be mindful that this is in fact a derogatory term for somebody with a learning disability. It brings to mind outdated expressions like "the village idiot". It dates from the 13th century and has long established roots in medical definitions relating to learning disability. It featured in the 1886 Idiots Act and the replacement Mental Deficiency Act 1913 where it meant someone who was severely intellectually disabled. It is listed on the Anti-Bullying Alliance's list of offensive words we should not use.

## Emerging Drug Trends

Lean is a substance which has a growing local prevalence amongst young people. Find out more information

here: <https://kingstonandrichmondsafeguardingchildrenpartnership.org.uk/news-resources/useful-information-and-latest-news-154.php>

## International Day of zero tolerance for female genital mutilation 6th February 2020.

Female genital mutilation (FGM) comprises all procedures that involve altering or injuring the female genitalia for non-medical reasons and is recognised internationally as a violation of the human rights, the health and the integrity of girls and women.

Girls who undergo female genital mutilation face short-term complications such as severe pain, shock, excessive bleeding, infections, and difficulty in passing urine, as well as long-term consequences for their sexual and reproductive health and mental health. 2020 Theme: Unleashing Youth Power, International Day will focus on mobilising youth around the eliminations of harmful practices, including female genital mutilation under the theme: "Unleashing Youth Power: One decade of accelerating actions for zero female genital."

To highlight the importance of eradicating FGM, a FREE FGM Learning Morning will be held in Kingston on Monday, 3 February 2020, 09:30 – 12:30 Link event: <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/fgm-learning-morning-tickets-85224124651>

## eSafety

The 11th of February is Safer Internet Day. Please see this link to find out more: <https://www.saferinternet.org.uk/blog/save-date-safer-internet-day-2020>

Keep children safe on their electronic devices with KRSCP information on how to add parental controls to a child's device. Please download here - [Front of Card / Back of Card with QR codes](#)

## Upcoming KRSCP Training

The KRSCP offer some 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 February:

- Working with Race, Culture and Belief Systems in the Context of Professional Curiosity - 04/02/2020
- Safeguarding Children: A Shared Responsibility Level 2 (Richmond) - 05/02/2020
- Safeguarding Children: Child Protection Process Refresher (Level 3) (Richmond) - 08/02/2020
- Safeguarding Children: A Shared Responsibility Level 2 (Kingston) - 10/02/2020
- Safeguarding Children: Child Protection Process Refresher (Level 3) (Kingston) - 10/02/2020
- Child Sexual Exploitation and Child Exploitation (Level 3) - 12/02/2020
- Working Towards Ending Harmful Practices IKWRO, Women's Rights Organisation - 18/02/2020
- Female Genital Mutilation - 18/02/2020
- Attachment and the impact of trauma - 18/02/2020
- Domestic Abuse Update: A Bite Size Session - 20/02/2020
- Understanding and Managing Childhood Neglect (Level 3) - 25/02/2020
- Young People & Sexual Health - 26/02/2020

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>

