

Message from Deborah Lightfoot – Chair of Kingston & Richmond LSCB

Welcome to the December LSCB newsletter in this we set out advice for agencies to use in response to the Football Association (FA) review into child sexual abuse in football. This is a quick response and we will address the matter again in the future. We also consider key findings from a learning review carried out in Kingston following on from a safeguarding serious incident.

Serious incidents were also the subject of the LSCB development days held for Kingston and Richmond board members during November. Key discussions focused on support to parents when a child may be at risk of CSE (Child Sexual Exploitation) and the reporting of serious incidents. Resources are highlighted below. We also include resources which address another LSCB priority - safeguarding young people in transition from children's to adult's services and also resources to support very young children.

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Safeguarding in Sport

The Football Association (FA) review into child sexual abuse in football will examine what the FA was aware of at the times of the issues which have been raised in the media, what clubs were aware of, and what action was or should have been taken. The Child Protection in Sport Unit (CPSU) will also be carrying out an independent audit into The FA's current practices as part of its regular review of safeguarding. A 24 hour helpline has been set up by The FA and the NSPCC for footballers who have experienced sexual abuse: call 0800 023 2642 for support.

The BBC features advice for parents on how to talk to their children about sexual abuse. Advice for talking to young children includes:

- have simple conversations with them, teaching them that their body belongs to them and that they can say no if anybody tries to touch them. www.nspcc.org.uk/preventing-abuse/keeping-children-safe/underwear-rule/
- Advice for talking to older children includes: keep talking about sex abuse right through to university age; talk about the dangers posed by smartphones and internet use but do not "shame" a child's behavior. If they do something wrong online.

CSE awareness Conference

Daksha Mistry, LSCB CSE Coordinator organised a great conference around CSE awareness in November for local taxis, hotels, businesses and restaurants. Over 60 people attended. We will do this again in May 2017, so please begin to think who you could invite. Find out more by emailing Daksha: Daksha.mistry@achievingforchildren.org.uk

This month we have published our newsletter around child safety here:

<http://kingstonandrichmondscb.org.uk/media/upload/fck/file/Kingston%20and%20Richmond%20CDOP%20Newsletter%20December%202016.pdf> Please circulate.

Key findings from a learning review

The Kingston Board received a learning lessons' report regarding the **L Family** earlier this month. These young children were subject to child in need plans, having previously had child protection plans around neglect.

There were some key lessons for everyone around:

- Ensuring all relevant partner agencies are informed of serious incidents involving local children;
- Vulnerable families are flagged on files, including Housing providers;
- Child in Need plans have contingencies, if concerns rise;
- Strategy meetings involve all relevant agencies – see our strategy meeting child referral process prompt here: kingstonandrichmondscb.org.uk/news-resources/useful-information-and-latest-news-154.php Supervision and appraisal for everyone should involve reflection on our key local learning: find our prompt here:

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At the end of November, our senior leaders met for an action learning event in each borough – including Richmond Fire Brigade, our voluntary sector representatives, school nursing, the CCGs, AfC, local Councillors, London Ambulance Service, health visiting and schools. This looked at hour by hour actions, following concerns being raised regarding Child Sexual Exploitation (CSE) at a local home. This brought to life learning from Torbay.

We have some key points to share with you:

- The day reminded us about ensuring parents and carers have the support they need. There is advice for families here around CSE: www.pace.info
- We need to work together when serious incidents occur and we will prepare an emergency plan in advance: LSCB Serious Incident Notification process: <http://kingstonandrichmondscb.org.uk/news-resources/policies-and-procedures-87/serious-incident-notification-guidance-145.php>; LSCB Organised and Complex abuse guidance: <http://kingstonandrichmondscb.org.uk/news-resources/policies-and-procedures-87/organised-and-complex-abuse-investigations-guidance-146.php>
- We all should consider prevention in our schools, voluntary sector and faith organisations and youth services for those children more vulnerable to CSE – children looked after; those with substance misuse or mental health concerns; those who have had child in need for child protection support in the past; and for example those who have been bereaved or suffered other significant losses.

Our CSE information is here on our website: <http://kingstonandrichmondscb.org.uk/news-resources/policies-and-procedures-87/child-sexual-exploitation-88.php>

The LSCB is continuing its work around **transitions of young people to Adults' Services** – find some resources and protocols here - <http://kingstonandrichmondscb.org.uk/news-resources/policies-and-procedures-87/growing-up-transitions-228.php>