



### Message from Deborah Lightfoot, LSCB Chair

Dear Colleagues. This will be my final newsletter to you as chair of the LSCB as I will have left Richmond and Kingston on 5th December. I am delighted that Chris Robson has been appointed to take over from me. He starts as the board chair on the 6th December. I know he will continue sending out these monthly newsletters. Since I started in both boroughs as the independent LSCB chair I have met so many children, young people and families as well as frontline practitioners, managers, volunteers and strategic leaders.



Everyone has always been willing to share their views about safeguarding children and I wanted to take this opportunity to thank you all for your help and support over the years.

We recently went through an Ofsted inspection in Richmond and just like the 2015 Kingston inspection, inspectors commented upon the strength and commitment of board partners to safeguarding children. The Richmond LSCB like the Kingston one has been judged as good and set out below are the key inspection findings. I have also added in the Kingston findings to remind us all of our collective achievements. I am very proud of all of these and thank you..

### Learning – Melissa

This Serious Case Review was published in October 2017 by Bristol Safeguarding Adults' Board. It is about the tragic murder of a young woman called Melissa. It has learning about transitions between children's and adults' services, especially for children who were looked after.

This is our LSCB summary: [/media/upload/fck/file/BSAB Melissa October 2017 Learning Summary.pdf](#)

You can find the full report here:

[/media/upload/fck/file/BSAB Melissa October 2017 Case Review.pdf](#)

Find out more about safeguarding adults in Kingston here:

[www.kingston.gov.uk/info/200368/help\\_to\\_stay\\_safe/232/adult\\_safeguarding\\_-\\_helping\\_adults\\_at\\_risk](http://www.kingston.gov.uk/info/200368/help_to_stay_safe/232/adult_safeguarding_-_helping_adults_at_risk)

and in Richmond here: <http://www.richmond.gov.uk/sab>

### Ofsted Richmond LSCB

Richmond LSCB was reviewed by Ofsted in September 2017 and found to be good. Inspectors found that the Board is meeting its statutory responsibilities. Members of the LSCB were praised for creating a collaborative and effective partnership with a culture of continuous learning and improvement.

Inspectors particularly praised the work of the LSCB in raising awareness of the risks of children who run away and those at risk of child sexual exploitation. Their work has resulted improved coordination of services delivered by local organisations. Thank you to everyone who supported our inspection!

This follows an inspection in 2015, finding Kingston LSCB to be good. Ofsted wrote " separate quality assurance and serious case review subgroups provide a sharp focus on practice and performance specific to Kingston". Both inspections highlighted the LSCB Chair's strategic leadership and vision. As Boards, there have been several learning and improvement case reviews for each borough, which Deborah has steered us through as partners. On a London wide basis, Deborah has attended London Councils' meeting, and a Met Police steering group.

## Modern Day Slavery

Slavery did not end with abolition in the 19th century. Slavery continues today and harms people in every country in the world.

Women forced into prostitution. People forced to work in agriculture, domestic work and factories. Children in sweatshops producing goods sold globally. Entire families forced to work for nothing to pay off generational debts. Girls forced to marry older men.

There are estimated [40.3 million people in modern slavery](#) around the world, including:

- 10 million children
- 24.9 million people in forced labour
- 15.4 million people in forced marriage
- 4.8 million people in forced sexual exploitation



Someone is in slavery if they are:

- forced to work – through coercion, or mental or physical threat;
- owned or controlled by an 'employer', through mental or physical abuse or the threat of abuse;
- dehumanized, treated as a commodity or bought and sold as 'property';
- physically constrained or have restrictions placed on their freedom of movement.

Going back to November's newsletter article on county lines we talked about what county lines are and this month we're going to talk about what you can do to help safeguard any victims affected by county lines. So...? What can you do?

One of the most important things in aiding young people is early identification. Some of the early factors identifying a victim – especially in young people are;

- Going missing and travelling to seaside or market towns
- Money, clothes or accessories which they are unable to account for
- An increase in possession of weapons and substances with intent to supply offences outside your area

Find out more here: [https://www.freedomunited.org/freedom-university/what-is-modern-slavery/?gclid=EAlaIqobChMImeispLw1wIVRpUbCh01bwoWEAAYASAAEgKz2fD\\_BwE](https://www.freedomunited.org/freedom-university/what-is-modern-slavery/?gclid=EAlaIqobChMImeispLw1wIVRpUbCh01bwoWEAAYASAAEgKz2fD_BwE)

## Chris Robson – Short Biography

Chris has 30 years policing experience. He brings extensive operational and strategic knowledge in safeguarding. He served on Child Protection units across 4 London boroughs, including Haringey post the tragic death of Victoria Climbié. He has led a number of high profile enquiries and was the police lead on the Stephen Lawrence Independent Review. His most recent role was as police lead for delivery of all statutory and homicide reviews, managing risk and improving safeguarding for victims.



## Learning and Development

The LSCB has also said a fond farewell to Lorraine Campbell, our LSCB Learning and Development Manager, who has worked with us for the past three years. We are now recruiting here:

[https://jobs.richmondandwandsworth.gov.uk/tlive\\_webrecruitment/wrd/run/ETREC107GF.open?VACANCY\\_ID%3d45692780TC&WVID=935881009A](https://jobs.richmondandwandsworth.gov.uk/tlive_webrecruitment/wrd/run/ETREC107GF.open?VACANCY_ID%3d45692780TC&WVID=935881009A)

Find our LSCB Training here: <http://kingstonandrichmondscb.org.uk/training.php>