



Message from Deborah Lightfoot, LSCB Chair

Welcome to the November LSCB newsletter, please share this widely. In this edition, we highlight potential legal changes concerning the Deprivation of Liberty of young people, also some helpful local research in to the health needs of young people seeking asylum in this country. We also signpost you to resources that will support understanding in respect of two important areas of criminal activity- hate crimes and 'county lines' that could have a direct impact on the lives of local children and young people.

Deprivation of Liberty

Deprivation of Liberty (DoLs) refers to the procedure when it is necessary to detain someone by law in a care home or hospital, when they are not able to consent and need safeguarding. There has been a recent government review which has made a number of recommendations including the proposal to replace DoLs with Liberty Protection Safeguards (LPS) which will apply to anyone aged over 16 years. The protection would also continue to apply when someone has fluctuating capacity.

Please find out more here: <http://www.communitycare.co.uk/2017/03/13/law-commission-reveals-deprivation-liberty-safeguards-replacement/>

Asylum Seeking Children

In October, the Quality Assurance Subgroups in both boroughs considered the needs of Unaccompanied Asylum Seeking Children and Young People (UASC) following a review of their healthcare needs in Kingston by Dr Ruth Chapman. There are about 50 children and young people in Richmond and Kingston. Please find learning here and local resources in both boroughs for support:

<http://www.kingstonandrichmondscb.org.uk/practitioners/refugees-and-migrants-238.php>

We wish to highlight the refugee and vulnerable migrant strategy in Kingston, produced by Kingston Public Health in 2016: https://data.kingston.gov.uk/jsna/jsna_page_refugees-and-asylum-seekers/

Research highlights the increasing numbers of unaccompanied asylum seeking refugee children, vulnerable refugees or migrants, reaching the shores and borders of host countries.

Unaccompanied asylum seeking children and young people are expected to be given priority and in the UK are usually taken through the system to access healthcare services accompanied by a carer or social worker.

Road safety week

Road safety week is happening this month on the 20th – 26th of November. Back in 2011 over 2,000 children under the age of 16 were killed or seriously injured by motor traffic. This year the LSCB are trying to help reduce the number of casualties by promoting Road Safety Week. This year's theme is speeding. So...? what can you do? Many people decide to take the Brake pledge – pledging to stay Sober, Secure, Sharp, slow, Sustainable, and Silent, and those who want to do more can find out more here:

<http://www.roadsafetyweek.org.uk/about>

Welcome to our new team members

As of November 2017 the LSCB team is welcoming three new members. These are;

Sian Davies is our new Business Support Officer. Prior to this job she worked as a personal assistant for a chief executive in the NHS and as a wedding planner.

Ellie Boorer is an interim LSCB Coordinator for Richmond. Before this job she worked as a Work Related Learning Manager (WRLM), and one of the things she is looking forward to working on is the Job Centre Partnership (JCP).

Jay Wylie-Board is a new Apprentice Administrator. Prior to this job he was still in education and throughout his education Jay has varied between many hobbies such as army cadets and rugby.

Hate Crime Forum - RECOGNISE IT REPORT IT

I recently attended the Richmond Hate Crime forum on 4th October, audiences were from all sectors. We heard from very knowledgeable speakers on the subject Richmond Borough Commander, Ministry of Justice and the Crown Prosecution Service.

We learnt about the difference between a Hate – related incident and a Hate Crime.

Hate crimes are any crimes that are targeted at a person because of hostility or prejudice towards that person's:

- disability
- race or ethnicity
- religion or belief
- sexual orientation
- transgender identity



Hate Incidents can feel like crimes to those who suffer them and often escalate to crimes or tension in a community. For this reason the police are concerned about incidents and you can use the website below to report non-crime hate incidents.

Hate crime in any form is wrong. That is why it is important that if hate crime happens to you or someone you know, that you report it. **Both need to be reported to the police.** <http://www.report-it.org.uk/home>

Tracey Welding, LSCB Coordinator

County Lines

Our work around CSE (Child Sexual Exploitation) in Kingston and Richmond now involves thinking about how children are trafficked between boroughs and counties for exploitation, whether for sex, drugs, or modern day slavery.

County lines is the organised criminal distribution of drugs from the big cities into smaller towns and rural areas using children and vulnerable people. The main county line gangs operate from London and Liverpool, but other groups work out of Birmingham, and Manchester. The influence of county lines is nationwide.

Metropolitan Police have found gang members from Islington in 14 different police areas, for example.

Find out more here: <http://saferlondon.org.uk/2016/09/county-lines-i-need-know/>

<http://www.nationalcrimeagency.gov.uk/publications/753-county-lines-gang-violence-exploitation-and-drug-supply-2016/file>

You can access the video here: <https://www.safeguardingschools.co.uk/county-lines/>