



Safeguarding children and young people: Faith Spring 2020

COVID-19 updates

Kingston

Kingston voluntary Action (KVA) are working in partnership with Kingston Council and Volunteering Kingston to create a network called Kingston Stronger Together. We want to support and coordinate the volunteering efforts across the borough, delivering effective support to those who need it.

<https://kva.org.uk/about-kva/stories/coronavirus-info/volunteering/>

Richmond Council has set-up a Community Hub to co-ordinate the support being offered by the Council and Richmond's many voluntary organisations.

If you or someone you know needs this support, please call 020 8871 6555 or email

covid19support@richmondandwandsworth.gov.uk. This helpline can also be used for other enquiries related to COVID-19, for anyone in need of support.

Guidance to help with running your charity during the Coronavirus (COVID-19) outbreak.

Charities' Commission

<https://www.gov.uk/government/news/coronavirus-covid-19-guidance-for-the-charity-sector>

<https://www.ncvo.org.uk/practical-support/information/coronavirus>

<https://knowhow.ncvo.org.uk/>

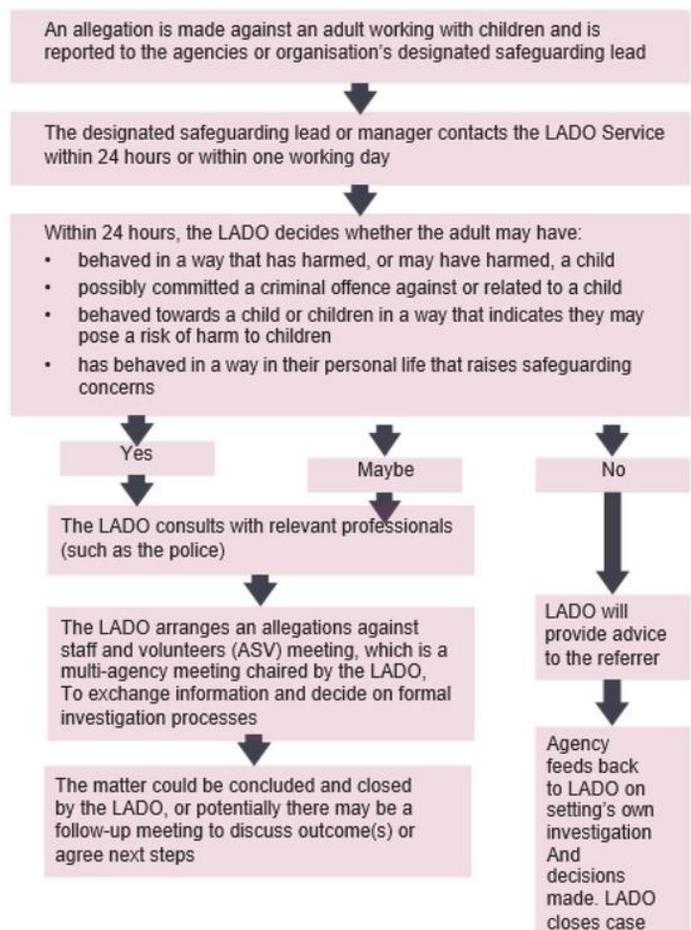
LADO update

Our Local Authority Designated Officer (LADO) can assist you with concerns regarding allegations, the link opens with lots of useful information. Achieving for Children (AfC) have a hyperlink to all the information you need to make contact with them should you have a concern, allegation or need advice.

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

Contact the LADO

- Email: LADO@achievingforchildren.org.uk
- Phone: 020 8891 7370
- Kingston and Richmond SPA: 020 8547 5008



Voluntary groups and safeguarding

It's important to remember that safeguarding applies to both adults and children, and that while the focus in the media has largely been on sexual abuse, there are many different types of abuse which all communities have a huge potential to identify and prevent. These include:

- Physical abuse
- Domestic violence or abuse
- Sexual abuse
- Psychological or emotional abuse
- Financial or material abuse
- Modern slavery
- Discriminatory abuse
- Organisational or institutional abuse
- Neglect or acts of omission
- Self-neglect
- Exploitive use of technology
- Spiritual abuse

Children's safeguarding is shaped by the Children Act 1989, but the key statutory guidance for faith groups is 'Working Together to Safeguard Children', which states:

"The safeguarding culture really does come down to leadership and values"

Every VCSE (Voluntary, Community and Social Enterprise), faith-based organisation and private sector organisation or agency should have policies in place to safeguard and protect children from harm. These should be followed and systems should be in place to ensure compliance in this.

- ✓ Getting the foundations right – having good and well understood policies and procedures in place
- ✓ Creating clear leadership and governance structures, so that everyone connected to your communities knows who to go to for help
- ✓ Ensuring staff and volunteers are trained and confident, so that they understand what to be aware of and how to respond to concerns or issues.

As a baseline all must recognise and believe that 'it could happen here' this is why the policies & safeguarding culture is so important to embed.

Report launched on Positions of Trust in Faith Settings 28 January 2020

"Positions of Trust: It's time to change the law"

Thirtyone:eight and the All-Party Parliamentary Group on Safeguarding in Faith Settings launched a report which unites churches and faith groups in calling for a change in the law to help better protect 16 and 17-year-olds from sexual abuse in faith settings.

More information regarding the Report and recommendations here: <https://thirtyoneeight.org/get-help/resources/appg-report-pot/>



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