



Safeguarding children and young people: July 2020

Message from the KRSCP Chair, Ian Thomas

Welcome to our July Safeguarding Partnership newsletter. One of our local priorities is Contextual Safeguarding in Kingston and Richmond. Read overleaf for more information and a local case study on Harmful Sexual Behaviour. Please find the minutes from our last Strategic Leadership Group [here](#).



Overheard Private Fostering

Many people think Private Fostering means paying for a foster carer yourself. In fact, it means something else. Private Fostering is a really wise choice for parents and carers who can't care for their children, maybe because of illness- it isn't illegal but the SPA (Single Point of Access in Kingston & Richmond) needs to be informed of any possible arrangements.

Why? We want to ensure children are well cared for when they are not cared for by well known family members or when legal arrangements haven't been made.

What is Private Fostering?

- A child under the age of 16 years (under 18 if they are disabled) is cared for by someone who is not their parent or a close relative, for 28 days or more.
- Children under 16 who spend more than 2 weeks in residence during holiday time in a school.

Find out more [here](#).

Learning and Development

The KRSCP only offers online safeguarding training at this time, please click [here](#) to create an Account for our free eLearning courses

Please note that we also provide interactive webinars for people to book onto please look at our training calendar [here](#)

If you work within education and are interested in going on any of these courses and you can apply [here](#), Otherwise you can apply for any [here](#)

Signs of Safety

Working with worries around domestic abuse and neglect can often be focussed on the negatives and what has not worked well. Particularly when this is over prolonged periods of time. This month Harpreet Dhanjal, Principal Social Worker, AfC wants to share information on Appreciative Inquiry. This is an approach used to explore the what has gone well and brings about an understanding of how this has been achieved through reflective questioning and supports with future learning and development.

Practice leads held a session this month on Appreciative Inquiry and learned about what a social worker was proud of and explored how and why this had worked well. Please see further information [here](#) and give it a try!

Contextual Safeguarding & Exploitation (CS&E)

Meet Andre Vlok, AfC Safeguarding Manager.



André joined AfC in January 2020 into the newly created post to develop, implement and embed how Contextual Safeguarding and Exploitation (CS&E) is understood and responded to within AfC. André obtained a Masters of Social Work degree in the USA in 2008 and since 2005 has continued advocating to ensure appropriate support can be provided to victims/survivors of modern day slavery (exploitation) and how this is also reflected within policy and procedures. André also has over 9 years' experience working in Children's Services in the UK and supported colleagues in developing their understanding of extra-familial harm throughout this time.

Extra-Familial Harm is a way of explaining the Contextual Safeguarding & Exploitation (CS&E) and encapsulates the "spaces and places" and types of harm which can occur to young people outside of the family network; whereas, **Intra Familial** harm occurs by someone within the family network.

The CS&E work being completed is aimed at supporting 'good practice' as we continue the journey of understanding, assessing, and intervening for young people who are at risk of and vulnerable to exploitation, and everyone, including community partners are clear about the priorities within Richmond and Kingston boroughs.

Be on the lookout for training regarding Contextual Safeguarding & Exploitation which will be available to partner agencies.

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KRSCP Refreshed Missing Strategy is [here](#).

Partners may be interested in this report regarding Contextual Safeguarding and Criminal Exploitation published in March 2020, which involved some of our local partnership work [here](#).

We are planning a multi-agency challenge conversation to evaluate our own local responses to CS&E soon. See our local case study on HSB (Harmful Sexual Behaviour) [here](#), and lastly, find out more about Contextual Safeguarding [here](#).

Bereavement support

If practitioners need advice about supporting families around bereavement, please look [here](#) at our refreshed pages.

Advice for parents:

<https://kingstonandrichmondsafeguardingchildrenpartnership.org.uk/parents-carers/covid-19-271.php>

Newsletters

Please see below some other newsletters we have produced;

- KRSCP Faith Newsletter Summer 2020 - [here](#)
- KRSCP Voluntary Newsletter Summer 2020 - [here](#)
- KRSCP Early Years Newsletter Summer 2020 - [here](#)
- KRSCP Schools Newsletter Summer 2020 - [here](#)