



## Safeguarding children and young people: June 2020

### Message from the KRSCP Chair, Ian Thomas

Welcome to our June newsletter. Please share this widely with colleagues. On behalf of the Strategic Leadership Group, I would like to thank you all for the volunteering and work you are undertaking in very difficult and stressful circumstances. Domestic Abuse is one of our priorities this year in working with family vulnerabilities, please read on for further information.

Thank you for being our eyes and ears in Richmond and Kingston looking out for vulnerable children. As a Partnership we have been saddened by George Floyd's tragic death: here is our statement <https://kingstonandrichmondsafeguardingchildrenpartnership.org.uk/media/upload/fck/file/Black%20Lives%20Matter.pdf>



### Neglect

We have just completed a multi-agency neglect deep dive looking at ten children in Kingston and Richmond, who have been subject to several child protection plans during their lives for neglect. Do you think about Neglect and the link between Adverse Childhood Experiences (ACE)?

The majority of the Multi agency cases audited in the Neglect deep dive have learning around Adverse Childhood Experiences (ACE).

#### What are Adverse Childhood Experiences (ACE)?

Adverse Childhood Experiences (ACEs) is the term used to describe traumatic experiences before age of 18 that can lead to negative, lifelong emotional and physical outcomes

ACEs are highly stressful events or situations that happen during childhood and/or adolescence. It can be a single event, or prolonged threats to, and/or breaches of a young person's safety, security, trust or bodily integrity.

Evidence consistently demonstrates a strong association between ACEs and a

wide range of health and social problems across the lifespan – impacting the children and young people who experience them in lifelong ways. Watch here:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=W-8jTTIsJ7Q>

What is most important about an adverse childhood experience is whether each incident creates "toxic stress". "Toxic stress" is where a person experiences natural stress responses (fight, flight or freeze), but in a manner which is more prolonged, severe or unpredictable than usual.

Children growing up with toxic stress may have difficulty forming healthy and stable relationships. Watch for further information <https://developingchild.harvard.edu/science/key-concepts/toxic-stress/>

#### CHILD MALTREATMENT



Verbal abuse



Physical abuse



Sexual abuse

#### CHILDHOOD HOUSEHOLD INCLUDED



Parental separation



Domestic violence



Mental illness



Alcohol abuse



Drug use  
4%



Incarceration  
3%

## Domestic Abuse

Domestic Violence and Abuse are significant issues at any time, let alone when people are locked in together with little means of outlet. We know this is a significant issue in London today. The main message is business is as usual in Richmond and Kingston. The MARACs (Multi-Agency Risk Assessment Conferences) are working virtually:

Kingston: Kingston DV Hub-Support and advocacy for male and female victims/survivors of domestic abuse-0208 547 6046 [kingstondvhub@refuge.org.uk](mailto:kingstondvhub@refuge.org.uk) (Mon – Fri 9:30am – 5pm)

Richmond: [RichmondMARAC@richmondandwandsworth.gov.uk](mailto:RichmondMARAC@richmondandwandsworth.gov.uk)

Richmond borough - Refuge Independent Domestic Violence Advisor (IDVA) and Outreach Service 020 8943 8188 Monday – Friday 9am-5pm

Domestic Abuse survivors and their families can leave home and be rehoused or go into a refuge, even if they are self-isolating. There is also provision for pets. Referrals are still through the SPA (Single Point of Access) into Children's Social Care when there are concerns for families or pregnant women.

SPA Kingston & Richmond: 0208 547 5008. Out of hours: 0208 770 5000. Call 999 in an emergency.

## Overheard Domestic Violence

Whilst domestic abuse and domestic violence are terms that are often used interchangeably we wanted to highlight that Domestic Abuse is a more helpful term to use as it incorporates all the different aspects by which someone can be abused.

Women's Aid explains that domestic abuse can include, but is not limited to:

- Coercive control (a pattern of intimidation, degradation, isolation & control with the use or threat of physical or sexual violence)
- Psychological and/or emotional abuse
- Physical or sexual abuse
- Financial or economic abuse
- Harassment and stalking
- Online or digital abuse

The National Domestic Abuse Helpline website offers helpful advice on spotting the signs as well as a range of supportive contact options for those affected. They can be contacted 24 hours a day on Freephone 0208 2000 247

KRSCP is offering half day webinars in Domestic Violence & Abuse. Please visit [here](#).

## Learning and Development

The KRSCP only offers online safeguarding training at this time, please use this link to create an Account for our free eLearning courses: [https://richmondscb.melearning.university/user/self\\_register](https://richmondscb.melearning.university/user/self_register). Please note that we also provide interactive webinars for people to book onto please look at our training calendar here: <https://kingstonandrichmondsafeguardingchildrenpartnership.org.uk/training.php>

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](#)