



Safeguarding children and young people: Sept 2020

Message from the KRSCP Chair, Ian Thomas

Welcome back - an especially warm welcome to our education friends. Please find information in our newsletter regarding the role of School Nursing in our boroughs and regarding Early Help and the Partnership launch of our new Early Help Strategy.

The July Strategic Leadership Group (SLG) minutes are here: <https://kingstonandrichmond.safeguardingchildrenpartnership.org.uk/about-kingston-lscb/structure-37.php>

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 at this time 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](#).

Getting in Earlier....Neglect and Early Help

Our Partnership Neglect Strategy is built to ensure that early signs of neglect and hidden harm are identified, so that supportive interventions can be provided at the earliest opportunity, preventing needs escalating.

[Neglect Strategy 2018-2021.pdf](#)

Find out more here:

<https://kingstonandrichmondsafeguardingchildrenpartnership.org.uk/practitioners/what-is-child-abuse-and-neglect-113/neglect-128.php>

**HOLD the date for our
Partnership Early Help
Strategy virtual launch on
10th November 3-5pm**

One of our Partnership Priorities for the next two years is supporting parental vulnerabilities through Early Help together. Providing timely support is vital, whether you are working with adults or children in the family. Addressing a child or family's needs early on can reduce risk factors and increase protective factors in a child's life (Early Intervention Foundation (EIF), 2018). It's important that early help services are holistic, looking at the wider needs of the family and how to provide appropriate support. With the right support at the right time, children and young people have more chances of their basic needs being met, their parents' and carers' receiving the support they need, with their strengths and abilities growing in community where they live, so they can thrive even when facing difficult circumstances.

Children, young people and parents and carers can access help through a variety of ways and places; evidence tells us support will be reached primarily through someone families trust. Children, young people and families will choose who their key worker is from the existing network of professionals that support them. Whoever a person first reaches out to, behind them is a co-ordinated, helping early approach that connects our Partnership. Our Partnership Early Help Strategy is out for consultation now with Partners- get involved to shape our future working in Kingston and Richmond.

Spotlight on School Nursing: our on the ground experts in more ways than one!

School Nurses work with families and young people from when they start school at 4 up to 19 years of age and are usually linked to a school or group of schools, providing a link between school, home and the community. Their aim is to improve the health and wellbeing of children and young people. School Nurses work in partnership with linked schools and other professionals, this may include signposting or referring to other services. Recent local learning has suggested uptake of School Nursing services could be improved and would be helpful in promoting children's well-being. If a child or young person in school has an emotional or physical health need, let your School Nurse know! Good local practice shows us how effective half termly meetings are to share information around vulnerable students.

The commissioned services vary across Kingston and Richmond. Below are a list of some of their activities in common, and those within each of the boroughs and details of how to refer to them:

- Medical conditions or complex needs requiring additional support with care plan or teaching in school;
- Nocturnal Enuresis (Bedwetting) support;
- Supporting those school aged-children who are living in the borough and who are out of education
- Health assessment and intervention when needs identified for children, including those who are safeguarded Emotional and mental health wellbeing advice and support e.g. low mood, impact of bullying, parental separation and bereavement;
- Individual work following accepted referrals – up to 6 goal based 1:1 sessions or group sessions - school health interventions and/or referral on to other agencies;
- Drop-ins in secondary school & parent drop-ins in primary school;
- Staff training, including Anaphylaxis and Asthma awareness;
- Supporting schools with health related policies;
- Support with whole school approaches to promoting health & wellbeing;
- Support with healthcare plans for children with medical conditions & complex health needs;
- PSHE in schools from a directory that covers a range of health topics including healthy lifestyles, relationship sex education, puberty and emotional health, drugs, alcohol and tobacco;
- Sleep Advice;
- Weight and activity management.

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- Supporting mental health ambassadors in schools and delivering annual mental health conferences primary and secondary;
- Provision of an email/text/telephone service for children, young people and their parents.

KU19 for parents, children, young people and professionals.

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Richmond

You can make a referral into Richmond school Nursing directly through schools who will each have an allocated school nurse or by contacting our School Nursing admin on 0330 058 1679, email clcht.0-19wandsworthandrichmondadmin@nhs.net