



Safeguarding children and young people: Voluntary Sector Spring 2021

Early Help is everybody's business

Resilience networks are now taking place each month for any organisation, agency or partner to attend with any low level concern regarding a child or young person they are working with or aware of. Meeting offer support and guidance in a holistic way. Please do watch and share the film with your organisation.

[Film about what Resilience Networks are in Kingston & Richmond](#)

What is Private Fostering?

Private fostering is when a child or young person under the age of 16 (or 18 if they have a disability) is being cared for by someone who is not their parent or close relative for 28 days or more. Close relatives include parents, grandparents, aunts, uncles and step-parents.

HELP needed to identify please - KRSCP Private Fostering PowToon - please can you share with partners, teams to raise awareness.

[KRSCP Private Fostering film](#)

NSPCC - updates

Following recent updates to government guidance, NSPCC Learning has updated the following safeguarding content on its website.

[Safeguarding during coronavirus: voluntary and community groups | NSPCC Learning](#)

[Coronavirus: 5 steps to update your safeguarding policies and procedures](#)

[Supporting children and young people's mental health](#)

[Recruiting safely during coronavirus | NSPCC Learning](#)

[Reporting serious incidents to the Charity Commission during the coronavirus pandemic - GOV.UK \(www.gov.uk\)](#)

NSPCC Learning

St John Ambulance Safeguarding Briefings

The National Child and Vulnerable adult officer, Linda Dominguez MBE, from St John Ambulance got in touch this week to tell me about the safeguarding briefings they produced to support their volunteers, especially during the COVID pandemic.

An enormous amount of work has gone into them. [St Johns Ambulance Safeguarding and COVID-19 briefings](#)

Rise in number of Domestic Abuse cases locally and Nationally

Many are calling it the silent pandemic – the steep rise in safeguarding cases now emerging as a result of the long months of COVID-19. Whether it is the number of missing vulnerable children, a rise in reports of abuse, neglect and harm, or staggering statistics relating to vulnerable adults, unfortunately however hard you look at the data for 2020.



Which is why, despite the growing pressures, it is more important than ever to prioritise how we equip our workforce with the skills and the knowledge they will need for the challenges of the year ahead. **National Domestic Abuse Helpline (England) 0808 2000 247.**

The NSPCC said it was now receiving more than 30 calls a day from grown-ups worried that a child is living with domestic abuse, up 53% from pre-pandemic levels. [Reports of fears for children living with domestic abuse rise](#)

[National da helpline.org.uk](http://Nationalda.org.uk)

Refuge Freephone 24-Hour National Domestic Abuse Helpline: **0808 2000 247**

Kingston Domestic Violence Hub: 0208 547 6046

Richmond Outreach and IDVA Service: 020 8943 8188

The Domestic Abuse Bill is in its final stages in the House of Lords.

This will offer many new protections for Domestic Abuse victims and their families. It will also create new obligations for Local Authorities. Interestingly, at the moment, most of those responsibilities fall on upper tier authorities, so in London the Greater London Authority rather than the 32 boroughs will have much of the new responsibility arising from the Bill.

Support for people who experience Domestic Abuse

Domestic abuse: code word scheme and other help during COVID-19.

The new Ask for **ANI** (Action Needed Immediately) codeword scheme has been developed to [allow victims of domestic abuse to access support from the safety of their local pharmacy.](#)

Anyone experiencing Domestic Abuse and in need of help can ask for 'ANI' (pronounced like the name Annie) in participating pharmacies. The pharmacy will offer a private space, provide a phone and ask if the person requires support from the police or other Domestic Abuse services.

#YouAreNotAlone

Think child, think parent, think family:

Think Family means securing better outcomes for adults, children and **families** by coordinating the support and delivery of services from all organisations. Neither adults nor children exist in isolation and **Think Family** aims to promote the importance of a whole-family approach.

The Think Family initiative was first introduced by the Department for Children, Schools and Families (DCSF) in 2008 following the Cabinet Office's 'Families at Risk' Review. 'At risk' is a term used to describe families who are experiencing multiple and complex problems, which frequently lead to poor outcomes for children within those families.

The basis of a Think Family approach is to co-ordinate the response to families in order to:

- Identify families at risk of poor outcomes to provide support at the earliest opportunity
- Meet the full range of needs within each family they are supporting or working with
- Develop services which can respond effectively to the most challenging families
- Strengthen the ability of family members to provide care and support to each other
- Develop a corporate responsibility for families incorporating a culture shift at all levels.

In order to help families, we want to **Think Family**. Our superb new Think Family webcast is [here](#), produced by local practitioners: we are encouraging everyone to watch this together as part of putting Safeguarding on the Agenda. Find out more with our 7 minute briefing [here](#). We want to encourage everyone to see the adult and the child [here](#).

Further help & support from
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