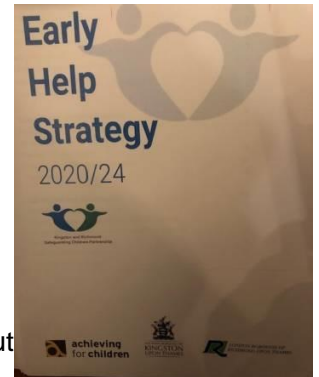




Safeguarding children and young people: Voluntary Winter 2020

Early Help Strategy

The new Early Help strategy was launched on 10 November. Early Help must be seen as 'everyone's business'. Effective Early Help ensures that families are supported early and in a timely way to help them make sustainable changes to their lives. The new strategy intends to have greater focus on partnership working and coordination of universal Early Help. Our approach seeks to empower communities and families, and reduce the need for referrals to targeted services which in itself can be disempowering and unsustainable. Please do take time to share the [Early Help Strategy](#) with your safeguarding teams and volunteers, and read about the new Resilience Networks which will begin in January 2021



Covid 19 and increase in Domestic Abuse

What is Domestic Abuse?

The Home Office definition:

- Any incident or pattern of incidents of controlling, coercive or threatening behaviour, violence or abuse between those aged 16 or over who are or have been intimate partners or family members regardless of gender or sexuality. This can encompass but is not limited to the following types of abuse:
 - psychological
 - physical
 - sexual
 - financial
 - emotional
- Controlling behaviour is: a range of acts designed to make a person subordinate and/or dependent by isolating them from sources of support, exploiting their resources and capacities for personal gain, depriving them of the means needed for independence, resistance and escape and regulating their everyday behaviour.
- Coercive behaviour is: an act or a pattern of acts of assault, threats, humiliation and intimidation or other abuse that is used to harm, punish, or frighten their victim."

Over the recent months of the continuing pandemic domestic abuse has sadly increased

90% increase in referrals to the Kingston DV Hub

36% increase in referrals to Richmond and Complex Needs Service

935% increase in visits to National Domestic Abuse Helpline Website

60% increase in calls to the National Domestic Abuse Helpline

No increase in referrals to Early Help Service

For more information contact:

**Kingston Domestic Violence Hub:
0208 547 6046**

**Richmond Outreach and IDVA
Service: 020 8943 8188**

Free KRSCP Domestic Violence and Abuse Webinar

Free remote training will help you to recognise and respond effectively where Domestic Abuse is present, help you understand what factors increase risk and help you identify ways to reduce these risks and provide support. Courses start from 15 December to 17 March 2021 [book on here](#).

Changes to the Criminal Records disclosure regime

Changes to the Criminal Records disclosure regime are now in force

Under the changes, youth cautions, reprimands and warnings are no longer required to be automatically disclosed on standard and enhanced criminal records checks, and the 'multiple conviction' rule, which previously required the automatic disclosure of all convictions where an individual has more than one conviction (regardless of the nature of the offence or sentence), has been abolished. Please click [here](#) to see more.

The new rules will affect Standard and Enhanced DBS certificates issued on or after 28 November 2020.

**New
filtering
rules**

Online counselling service for young people

Please share with young people you know: Kooth is a free online counselling and emotional wellbeing support service providing Kingston and Richmond young people aged 11-22 years with a free, safe and secure means of accessing support for their emotional health and wellbeing from a professional team of qualified counsellors. www.kooth.com



NCVO Coronavirus Safeguarding in voluntary organisations

Click [here](#) to see what charities and formal voluntary organisations need to consider in meeting their safeguarding duties during the Covid-19 pandemic.

Safeguarding for volunteers

Please go to [Voluntary and community sector safeguarding support area on our website](#) for further information from safeguarding films, PowToon and E- Learning all which are free to the sector .

Further help & support from voluntary organisations

Kingston - Karen Penny,

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Children & Young People Project Officer, Kingston Voluntary Action

Richmond - Heather Mathew,

heatherm@richmond cvs.org.uk,

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Children and Young Peoples Strategic Lead Manager Richmond CVS



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How can I access KRSCP Training? Please

visit: <https://Kingstonandrichmondsafeguardingchil drenpartnership.org.uk/training.php>