



Safeguarding children and young people. Summer 2019-update

This summer information is to Support & help all faith groups to keep children and improve **how they respond to safeguarding concerns.**

Safe in Faith Conference – A success



Second conference in the planning now - hold the date for **6th November 2019**

The **Wood Review** recommended refreshing local safeguarding partnerships across the country. Our local Safeguarding Children Board has responded to the statutory changes & have published our new partnership arrangements [here](#) .

These arrangements were published on 29 June 2019 & we will be known as the **Kingston & Richmond Safeguarding Children Partnership** from September 2019.

“The safeguarding culture really does come down to leadership and values”

“Every VCSE (voluntary, community and social enterprise), **Faith** - based organisation and private sector organisation or agency should have policies in place to safeguard and protect children from harm. These should be followed and systems should be in place to ensure compliance in this.”

(Working Together 2018- requirements)

As a baseline the community must recognise and believe that **‘it could happen here’** this is why the policies & safeguarding culture is so important to embed.

Recognising and referring abuse

1. Be alert
2. Question behaviours
3. Ask for help
4. Refer

31 August 2019 – deadline for the places of worship protective security funding scheme. This funding is part of the 2018 Hate Crime Action Plan refresh. To find out more please visit:

<http://www.w4mp.org/2019/07/11/places-of-worship-protective-security-funding-scheme/>

“Charities: how to protect children and adults at risk”:
<https://www.gov.uk/guidance/charities-how-to-protect-vulnerable-groups-including-children>

How to Creating a safeguarding culture within your faith community.

Awareness raising & prompting safeguarding culture.

Clear understanding of what is a safeguarding incident

Safeguarding training for all.

Robust recruitment

Foster a culture of openness

Think the unthinkable

Information sharing

Evaluate Risks

Training is different to embedding a safeguarding culture change.



Did you know - You may be a place of worship /faith & a charity so you need to know about this.

The **Charity Commission** have created a **new serious incident reporting form.**

On 14 June 2019, the Charity Commission updated its detailed guidance for charity trustees on how to spot and report serious incidents.

Charities should **report an incident** if it results in, or risks, significant:

- harm to people who come into contact with your charity through its work
- loss of your charity's money or assets
- damage to your charity's property
- harm to your charity's work or reputation

The guidance now includes (in the section on "How to report") a link to a new online form that charities can use to report serious incidents to the regulator, rather than emailing it

<https://www.gov.uk/guidance/how-to-report-a-serious-incident-in-your-charity>

Helpful guide regarding robust recruitment. Q: Are you confident to recruit the right people?

The **Safer Recruitment Consortium** have produced an updated version of **Guidance for Safer Working Practices** (last version 2015).

The Guidance for Safer Working Practices covers all the required aspects of the staff behaviour policy as outlined in KCSIE and is useful in that it gives examples of what the behaviours might mean in practice.

Link to Guidance for Safer Working Practices (May 2019)

<https://www.saferrecruitmentconsortium.org/GSWP%20May%202019%20final.pdf>

Refreshed LSCB FGM Policy guidance for all-please read

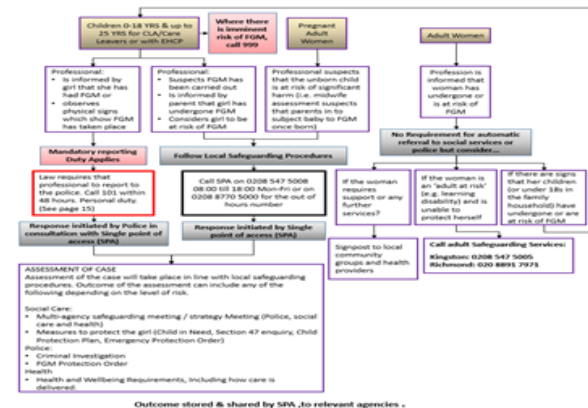
FGM is an illegal in the UK since the **Prohibition of Female Circumcision Act 1985** the **Female Genital Mutilation Act 2003** replaced the 1985 Act.

It is extremely harmful practice and a form of child abuse and violence against women and girls, and therefore should be dealt with as part of existing child and adult safeguarding / protection structures, policies and procedures.

The safety and welfare of the child is paramount; Making it an **offence** for UK nationals or permanent UK residents to carry out FGM abroad, or to aid, abet, counsel or procure the carrying out of FGM abroad, even in countries where the practice is legal.

The law imposes a penalty of up to **14 years** in prison and, or, a fine.

<https://kingstonandrichmondlsqb.org.uk/news-resources/policies-and-procedures-87/female-genital-mutilation-policy-203.php>



FGM Training (Free)

Home office eLearning module, excellent for all practitioners: <https://fgmelearning.co.uk/>

LSCB provide FREE training for all Faith communities.

The LSCB offers training on a variety of **safeguarding topics** to all working with children and families.

Click [here](#) to view a Training calendar of available courses in the next year

<https://kingstonandrichmondlsqb.org.uk/training.php>

Cyber Security - Free Online Training

Free online training is available from the National Cyber Security Centre (NCSC). **Stay Safe Online: Top Tips for Staff** takes less than 30 minutes to complete and covers the importance of cyber security, how attacks happen and four key areas of phishing, passwords, securing devices and reporting incidents. [See the training and more.](#)

BARNARDO'S HAS RECENTLY published a report

Barnardo's Young People, Social Media & Mental Health



<https://www.barnardos.org.uk/sites/default/files/uploads/Executive%20Summary.pdf>

The Report is about the impact of social media on mental health and wellbeing. Approximately 80 Barnardo's practitioners were interviewed as part of this process, with nearly four in five saying that the mental health and well-being of the 11-15 year olds they work with have been negatively impacted by cyber bullying via social media.



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