



## July 2018

### Message from Chris Robson, LSCB Chair

Welcome to our July newsletter. Our feature is the work of the LADO (Local Authority Designated Officer) who oversees allegations made against staff and volunteers in Richmond and Kingston. The AfC LADO service recently presented key themes at our Quality Assurance Subgroup. This is a really vital role and we can learn how to strengthen our staffing and volunteering systems. More information here: <http://kingstonandrichmondlsqb.org.uk/practitioners/managing-allegations-against-adults-29.php>

I especially want to wish our education colleagues a restful and well-earned summer break.

### LADO Referrals

In 2016-17 in Kingston, there was a decrease in LADO referrals, but the 2017-18 figures show 171 – an increase – a rise in particular from 2013-14 of 61 referrals.

One theme which is on the increase is referrals made to the LADO where there are concerns raised in relation to someone's private life, rather than allegations as a direct result of their position within the children's workforce. In Kingston there were 78 such referrals and in Richmond there were 65.

Of referrals to the LADO, 6% had an IT element in the last quarter.

The 6% mainly related to the use of social media of professionals who work with children, in their private lives. Some organisations had clear policies – others less so. This is mainly relating to downloading child abuse at home, this is expected to continue to increase.

### Havering LSCB's Child F Report

Havering LSCB has published a Serious Case Review into Child F, which concerns the death of a 17-year-old boy from injuries sustained after he threw himself in front of a vehicle, in 2011. Child F's mother had died after a suicide attempt in 2006, prior to which she had had extensive involvement with children's services, police, health and mental health services, following a number of incidents of domestic abuse committed by Child F's father and mother's previous suicide attempts. Child F had a history of anti-social behaviour, contact with police and periods of school exclusion. Find out more here:

[https://www.havering.gov.uk/downloads/file/786/dissemination\\_of\\_learning\\_child\\_f\\_workshop\\_report\\_january\\_2013pdf](https://www.havering.gov.uk/downloads/file/786/dissemination_of_learning_child_f_workshop_report_january_2013pdf)

### FGM

Please follow [this link](#) to the FGM audit and quiz for front line professionals developed by the Kingston and Richmond FGM Prevention subgroup. It would be appreciated if colleagues could take 15 minutes to complete this exercise which includes questions about the statutory duty to report known cases (known as Mandatory Reporting) and potential risk factors. The quiz reveals the correct answers after completion so it's a good knowledge refresher, and the responses will help to develop FGM training.

## Upcoming LSCB Conference - Neglect

Our autumn LSCB Conference will be on **13th November 2018** in central Kingston. We will be launching our Neglect Strategy so **HOLD THE DATE**. We have secured excellent speakers including an adult survivor of neglect. Registration will begin soon.



## Working Together 2018

Working Together 2018 was published earlier this month and outlines our basic duties to share information and work together as voluntary sector, and statutory agencies, community and faith groups. This new guidance has big implications for the LSCB

Find our more here: [www.gov.uk/government/publications/working-together-to-safeguard-children--2?utm\\_source=1a6063c3-b0a1-4d64-8f00-05c6fb7470e2&utm\\_medium=email&utm\\_campaign=govuk-notifications&utm\\_content=immediate#history](http://www.gov.uk/government/publications/working-together-to-safeguard-children--2?utm_source=1a6063c3-b0a1-4d64-8f00-05c6fb7470e2&utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=govuk-notifications&utm_content=immediate#history)

## Working Together Guidance

Revised guidance published: Working together to safeguard children 2018

This guidance replaces Working Together to Safeguard Children (2015). Please ensure you **read, share and amend** your Policies and Procedures. The NSPCC have produced a Briefing highlighting the key changes in the new 2018 edition – please click [here](#).



## Good Bye Alex

We said goodbye to Alex Colclough in July, who leaves us as LSCB Coordinator for education. Alex is also stepping down as Deputy Head at Meadlands School in Ham. We wish Alex success in her new role as Deputy Head of the Virtual School in Richmond and Kingston.