

### Message from Deborah Lightfoot, LSCB Chair

Welcome to the May LSCB newsletter. This month we focus on Child Safety as Child Safety Week takes place from 1<sup>st</sup> June. Child Safety is an area that covers a wide range of issues in relation to safeguarding children. Set out below are examples from the work of the LSCB across the safeguarding communities of Kingston and Richmond for you to use in your organisation.

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### Child Safety Week 2015

This year Child Safety week will take place from Monday 1<sup>st</sup> June to Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> June 2015. This is an annual campaign to raise awareness of the risks of child accidents and promote safety messages. The priorities for Kingston and Richmond Safeguarding Children Boards are Road Safety, Child Sexual Exploitation and Safe Sleeping for Babies.

#### @ Road Safety

According to [think.direct.gov.uk](http://think.direct.gov.uk) approximately 1400 children from the ages of 0-11 are killed or seriously injured on the roads of Britain every year. A third of children and young people admitted that they were not stopping at the kerb or not looking before stepping out. **Locally last year, 44 children and young people in Kingston and 49 in Richmond received injuries as a result of road traffic accidents.**

#### ➤ Walking

All children under 9 need help from an adult when crossing the road; primary school children cannot accurately judge the speed of vehicles travelling faster than 20mph. In Kingston and Richmond children are educated the Junior Travel Ambassador schemes and Junior Safety Officer Scheme.

To find out more information:

Kingston – [www.kingston.gov.uk/info/200197/transport/218/road\\_safety/5](http://www.kingston.gov.uk/info/200197/transport/218/road_safety/5)

Richmond - [www.richmond.gov.uk/home/services/roads\\_and\\_transport/road\\_safety.htm](http://www.richmond.gov.uk/home/services/roads_and_transport/road_safety.htm)

#### ➤ In the car

Using a car seat that is suitable for a child's weight and size and is correctly fitted into a car is the safest way for children to travel in a car. A properly fitted child car seat will help to absorb some impact and prevent children from being thrown about if there is a crash. A seat belt on its own will not properly fit a child until they are at least 135 cm (4'6") tall. Remember! Only child care seats that are EU-approved can be used in the UK.

To find out more information please visit:

- [www.gov.uk/child-car-seats-the-rules](http://www.gov.uk/child-car-seats-the-rules)

- [think.direct.gov.uk/education/early-years-and-primary/parents/7-to-11s/car-seats-boosters-and-seat-belts/](http://think.direct.gov.uk/education/early-years-and-primary/parents/7-to-11s/car-seats-boosters-and-seat-belts/)

#### ➤ By Bike

With the right supervision older children can learn how to ride on the roads safely. The Kingston Sustainable Transport team teach Bikeability Levels 1-3 to children from year 5 all the way up to adults. 1 to 1 training can also be booked through the Council web pages.

### Useful resources and information

The Children's Traffic Club is a free resource for use with nursery aged children. Registration can be completed at [www.childrenstrafficclub.com](http://www.childrenstrafficclub.com)

#### Information on booking cycling courses is available for Kingston and Richmond:

• [www.kingston.gov.uk/info/200316/cycling/946/cycling\\_training](http://www.kingston.gov.uk/info/200316/cycling/946/cycling_training)

• [www.richmond.gov.uk/home/services/roads\\_and\\_transport/road\\_safety/cycling\\_courses](http://www.richmond.gov.uk/home/services/roads_and_transport/road_safety/cycling_courses)

## © Child Sexual Exploitation

CHILD SEXUAL EXPLOITATION (CSE) can occur through use of technology without the young person realising what is happening; for example being persuaded to post sexual images on the internet. People who exploit children and young people have power over them because of their age, gender, intellect, physical strength or economic or other resources. Violence, coercion and intimidation are common, with the young persons' choices limited by their vulnerability. For further information about Child Sexual Exploitation and other safeguarding issues please see the Kingston and Richmond LSCB website at [www.kingstonandrichmondscb.org.uk](http://www.kingstonandrichmondscb.org.uk)

If you know of a young person who is being harmed or neglected contact the children's safeguarding Single Point of Access (SPA) Team:

Kingston Single Point of Access : 020 8547 5008

Richmond Single Point of Access 020 8891 7969

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Sudden infant death syndrome (SIDS) is the sudden and unexplained death of a baby that remains unexplained after a detailed post mortem. The joint Child Death Overview Panel for the boroughs of Hounslow, Kingston and Richmond have produced a newsletter on SIDs which includes a helpful advice sheet for parents and professionals on safe sleeping. Please download at [www.kingstonandrichmondscb.org.uk](http://www.kingstonandrichmondscb.org.uk).

## Multi-Agency Audits in Kingston and Richmond

We have completed LSCB multi agency audits in Kingston and Richmond looking at ten children in each borough. Thank you to all practitioners involved. Learning is being reported to both LSCBs and Richmond is considering the learning on 28th May. A good practice guide can be found at [here](#).

## SafeFrom Campaign

A group of young people from the SafeFrom Campaign team met the Richmond Mayor, Councillor Jane Boulton to talk about their work in raising awareness about teenage relationship abuse. The Mayor congratulated the SafeFrom Campaign team for their hard work and enthusiasm in raising awareness. To read more about the SafeFrom campaign please visit [www.safefrom.info](http://www.safefrom.info).



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**Annual**  
**Conference**  
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**2015**

Keeping Children  
safe from Neglect  
in Kingston and  
Richmond

## Unaccompanied Asylum Seeking Children

In the last 6 years of working in Kingston, there has been an increase of incidences of sexual concerns involving Unaccompanied Asylum Seeking Children (UASC) and care leavers. Between July – November 2014, the Kingston Leaving Care/UASC Team Manager reviewed the services offered to these young people with Barnardos, the Looked after Children (LAC) Nurse, LAC Designated Doctor and Your Healthcare (Health Promotion Nurse for Young People). This resulted in Barnardos and Your Healthcare providing free workshops for UASC, twice every half term and these commenced from February 2015. The topics covered are age of consent, sexual exploitation, grooming, trafficking, Female Genital Mutilation, honour based violence, sexual health, positive relationships and consequences. At each workshop, all UASC have access to an interpreter and all the certificates and evaluation forms are translated into their first language. To date, a total of 56 UASC have accessed the workshops and found them useful. The sessions are separated between the genders and the allocated workers continue the discussions at home visits with the PowerPoint presentations. In summer 2015, the aim is to target British care leavers, hopefully focusing on age of consent, domestic abuse, grooming, sexting, online safety, sexual exploitation, trafficking, sexual health, appropriate relationships and sexuality. For more information please contact **Shaira Makorie, Kingston Leaving Care/UASC Team Manager -** [shaira.makorie@achievingforchildren](mailto:shaira.makorie@achievingforchildren)