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Message from Chris Robson, LSCB Chair

Welcome to the September newsletter. I wanted to continue from the last edition about the role of the LADO (Local Authority Designated Officer) in managing allegations made against staff and volunteers in Kingston and Richmond. I also wanted to give a heads up for the new Keeping Children Safe in Education 2018 guidance from the DfE for all our education colleagues. Please share this newsletter widely with your networks.

Managing Allegations against Staff or Volunteers

It is vital that any concerns or allegations of abuse made about a professional working with children, whether paid, unpaid, volunteers, casual, agency or anyone self-employed, is reported to the LADO within 24 hours. This will mean that any allegation is dealt with fairly and quickly ensuring that the child is protected effectively.

The Local Authority Designated Officer (LADO) has the responsibility to help safeguard children in accordance with the statutory guidance set out in Working Together to Safeguard Children 2018. The LADO has management and oversight of cases where an allegation or concern is made against an individual working with children.

The LADO can be contacted via the SPA (Single Point of Access) in Richmond and Kingston: 020 8547 5008, 8am to 6pm, Monday to Friday, or 020 8770 5000 out of hours.

Guidance for professionals is here: <http://kingstonandrichmondscb.org.uk/media/upload/fck/file/LADO%20Leaflet%202017.pdf>

Keeping Children Safe in Education 2018

Guidance to all schools and colleges has been updated from 3rd September 2018.

Please find more information here:

<https://protect-eu.mimecast.com/s/qh1VCRgYsLm15tEtgGg?domain=gov.ukpublications/keeping-children-safe-in-education--2>

In summary, the updated guidance includes a new section (Part 5) on child on child sexual violence and sexual harassment, guidance on the management of safeguarding in a school and information on the criminal exploitation of children, homelessness, domestic abuse, child sexual exploitation and children missing education. All staff should read at least part one of the guidance.

The NSPCC has published a helpful briefing for schools and colleges which is available on their website.

Film in Twickenham

Wave Trust are coordinating a project to create trauma-informed communities across the UK. This documentary film will be screened at The Exchange in Twickenham on 19 September.

You can buy tickets here: <http://exchangetwickenham.co.uk/event/resilience-the-biology-of-stress-the-science-of-hope/>

The film tells the story of the Adverse Childhood Experiences Study, known as the ACE study, which is one of the largest investigations ever to explore the association between childhood adversity and later health and wellbeing. Children who have endured trauma, through abuse or neglect or from being in a home environment with substance misuse, mental illness or violence or who may have lost a parent, may suffer from 'toxic stress' which affects both body and brain. Their behaviour is often anti-social and out of control or they might be withdrawn and prone to being bullied. Their mental and physical health is likely to be compromised.

'Resilience' informs and educates about trauma and toxic stress. It provides the underpinning science, the biology and the neuroscience, that explains the trajectory from childhood adversity to mental health disorders, low academic achievement, addictions, aggression, violence, unemployability, physical illness and, ultimately, early death. It highlights the importance of relationships to health and wellbeing. Responding to behaviour as communication is at the heart of trauma-informed practice.

You can view a short trailer of the film at <https://vimeo.com/137282528>.

This film ties in very well with our LSCB work around risky behaviour and mental health. Kingston and Richmond Public Health teams both presented good reports on risky behaviour and their needs analysis to our Board in April. Richmond and Kingston are both boroughs with high risk taking behaviour for young people in London.

Upcoming LSCB Training & Conference

The LSCB offers training courses to all working with children. Here is a list of available courses in September;

- Level 2 Safeguarding: A Shared Responsibility (Richmond) – 11/09/2018
- Level 3 Safeguarding: Child Protection Process (Richmond) – 18/09/2018
- Level 3 Safeguarding: Child Protection Process (Richmond) (Refresher) – 20/09/2018

If you work within education and are interested in going on any of these courses and you can apply

here: <https://www.afccpdonline.co.uk/earlyyears/courses/bookings/default.asp?curpage=2>

Otherwise you can apply for any here: <http://kingstonandrichmondscb.org.uk/training.php>

Our upcoming Neglect conference is to be held on 13 November 2018. You can book onto this conference from this link: <http://kingstonandrichmondscb.org.uk/training.php>