

# NEWSLETTER



Kingston and Richmond  
Safeguarding Children  
Partnership



## Safeguarding children and young people: Voluntary sector Winter 2021

*Welcome to the Autumn Voluntary sector newsletter, as we continue with uncertain times, I would like to thank you all for the hard work you have all been doing with your organisations. Safeguarding continues to be high on all our agendas.*

*Wishing you all Happy Christmas & New Year*

**Help us to keep all our children safe – please do share this information widely.**

### **Festive season fun and party pitfalls (things to avoid)**

Harm minimisation. Please share [this](#) information with families and young people about avoiding the pitfalls during the festive season

Our local festive season campaign messaging for young people aged 13 to 19 includes a focus on safer drinking, substance misuse, looking out for yourself and your friends when you're out, consent, and what to do if things don't quite go to plan. Kingston Public Health and Community Safety have worked with Project X and Richmond Public Health to produce key harm minimisation information on the SW London Getting it On (GIO) [Website](#)

### **FUEL information - support over Christmas break**

The FUEL (Feed Ur Everyday Lives) programme, supporting children on benefits-related Free School Meals, will once again be running over the Christmas break. Please promote the programme and support your families who are entitled to free holiday activities and food to sign up this Christmas

programme. <https://kr.afcinfo.org.uk/pages/community-information/information-and-advice/fuel-holiday-activities-and-food->

### **Support for your families**

#### **With Citizen Advice Bureaux**

For free debt support in any language, the CABs (Citizen Advice Bureaux) are the place to start: There are also lots of other matters they can help with too: housing, legal advice, immigration.

Kingston

CAB: <https://www.citizensadvicekingston.org.uk/>

Richmond

CAB: <https://www.citizensadvice-richmond.org/>

#### **With families who may have an adult in prison**

<https://www.barnardos.org.uk/what-we-do/helping-families/children-with-a-parent-in-prison>

<https://www.prisonadvice.org.uk/>

#### **Domestic Help :**

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

**Richmond Outreach and IDVA Service : 0208 943 8188**

## Review: your safeguarding practices

Every voluntary sector organisation must have key documents that help it manage safeguarding well. **You must have them if your organisation is a charity** or if you work regularly with children or adults at risk. These documents set out what your organisation will do to keep people safe

‘A child protection policy is the basic foundation on which organisations working with children should build their practices to keep children safe.’

‘Safer recruitment practices are central to keeping children safe in any organisation.’

### Are you confident you have the correct safeguarding culture to support everyone?

Charity Trustees in the UK are required to take steps to protect everyone who comes into contact with their organisation from harm (Charity Commission for England and Wales, 2019; Charity Commission for Northern Ireland, 2019; Scottish Charity Regulator, 2018).

<https://learning.nspcc.org.uk/safeguarding-child-protection/charity-trustees>

<https://knowhow.ncvo.org.uk/safeguarding>

[KRSCP Green book support with policies and procedures](#)

### 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 with their emotional health and wellbeing from a professional team of qualified counsellors. [www.kooth.com](http://www.kooth.com)

### Early Help Strategy- Early Help must be ‘everyone’s business’

The Partnerships Early Help Strategy was launched last year in November 2020

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, reduce the need for referrals to targeted services which can be disempowering and unsustainable. **Please share** the [Early Help Strategy](#) with your staff teams and volunteers,

**Read** and book in to one of the monthly Resilience Networks.

<https://kingstonandrichmondsafeguardingchildrenpartnership.org.uk/early-help/resilience-networks-283.php>





### **The Forced Marriage Unit (FMU)**

leads on the government's forced marriage policy, outreach and casework, operating inside and outside the UK.

The FMU operates a public helpline to provide advice and support to victims and potential victims of forced marriage, and to professionals dealing with cases: 020 7008 0151 or [fmufco.gov.uk](mailto:fmufco.gov.uk).

### **Would you like to help to make a difference to keeping children safe in Kingston & Richmond children?**

KRSCP are looking for enthusiastic volunteers to join the Kingston & Richmond Safeguarding Children Partnership as lay members from the Kingston community. If you are interested, please email or call

Email: [lscb-support@kingrichlscb.org.uk](mailto:lscb-support@kingrichlscb.org.uk)

Phone: 07834 386459

#### **Concerns around a child or young person**

If you have any safeguarding concerns please make a referral to our Single Point of Access through using the following link [SPA referral form](#)

or contact **SPA on 020 8547 5008 or 020 8770 5000 (out of hours)**

**In an emergency, you should always call 999**



#### **Your help is needed**

In setting our Partnership priorities **2022-24**

Please use this is the link

<https://t.co/U0rdEvc8uq>

#### **Partnership Conference 25th February 2022 *Morning session***

'Impact of parental mental health on children' Booking details in January



For support with any of the above please contact Tracey Welding

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