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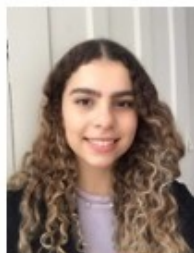
KINGSTON AND RICHMOND SAFEGUARDING CHILDREN PARTNERSHIP
(KRSCP) ANNUAL REPORT FOR YOUNG PEOPLE



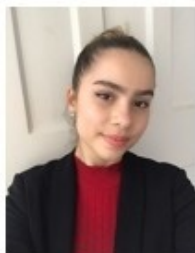
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THE TEAM WHO PROVIDED THE REPORT FOR YOU!



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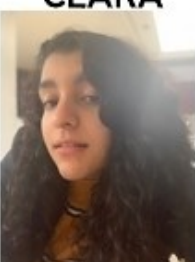
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WHAT IS THE SAFEGUARDING CHILDREN PARTNERSHIP?

The Kingston and Richmond Safeguarding children partnership (KRSCP) is a team built up of ten people who work in Kingston and Richmond. They make sure that things are in place to ensure that young people and children are safe. This team is chosen by three different safeguarding partners: The Local Authority, The Police and Health. They team up to help safeguard children and young people. Every borough has a safeguarding partnership to ensure that the youth are kept safe. This partnership looks over Richmond and Kingston.

WOAH!

Did you know? There are over 84,281 children aged 18 and under living in the Kingston and Richmond borough!
337 children were subject to a Child Protection Plan. 13 children died last year and we think that's too many.



MEET THE TEAM

THE LOCAL AUTHORITIES:



IAN DODDS

Ian Dodds is the Director of Children services for the two councils.

THE POLICE:



OWAIN RICHARDS

Owain Richards is a Detective Superintendent from the MET police.

HEALTH:



FERGUS KEEGAN

Fergus Keegan is the Director of Quality (Kingston, Richmond, Croydon) NHS South West London CCG.

WHAT HAS KRSCP NOTICED?



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MENTAL HEALTH:

We are committed to increase our support to all partners to understand the impact of covid-19 on mental health and work with young people early by training professionals in spotting signs and having the skills and resources to support young people and knowing where local help can be accessed.



CHRIS ROBSON

Chris Robson is the Independent Scrutineer and a former policeman.

CONTEXTUAL SAFEGUARDING:

We recognise that places outside the family home can pose threats to children and introduce risks of grooming into criminal and/or sexual exploitation. We had a conference on contextual safeguarding for 155 partners in January 2020 to raise awareness of this and build on local knowledge to target areas we know to be contextual safeguarding danger zones as well as keeping partners informed of emerging practices.



ELISABETH MAJOR

Elisabeth Major is a Professional Advisor. She is a social worker and knows a lot about keeping children and young people safe.

PARENTAL VULNERABILITIES:

Nearly 5000 of our children are affected by domestic abuse. Parents' mental health, drug and alcohol misuse also contribute to safeguarding risks and neglect of children and young people in the boroughs.

DIVERSITY:

Diversity is the Golden Thread running through all our local work. The Black Lives Matter movement has brought to the fore the systemic racism that exists across the Partnership as a result of unconscious and conscious racial bias. We are working hard to record and understand the heritage of all the children who use our services- and train our professionals in diversity and inclusion - in a bid to stamp out racism and develop an actively anti-racist culture.



TRACEY WELDING

Tracey Welding is a Safeguarding Co-ordinator and works with voluntary and faith groups.



WHAT KRSCP HAS BEEN CONCERNED ABOUT:



We can see that children from BAME (Black and Minority Ethnic) background are more likely to be involved with Child Protection Services. MARAC (Multi-Agency Risk Assessment Conference) to be looked after, involved with Youth Resilience and/or Offending Services or face fixed term school exclusions.



Some of our chief vulnerabilities have been around risky behaviour, mental health and neglect. We have worked hard to include neglect in affluent families in all of our training so that practitioners can recognise this in its many guises. One example is Kingston and Richmond have some liberal thinking families where parents show misguided pride in allowing their homes to be used by young people engaging in risky behaviours. We have seen a rise in young people accessing substance misuse support and attending A&E with concerns for self-harm and alcohol use.

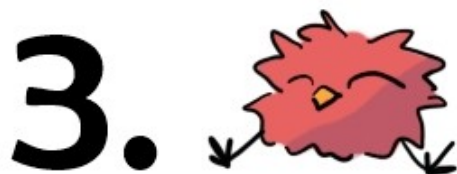


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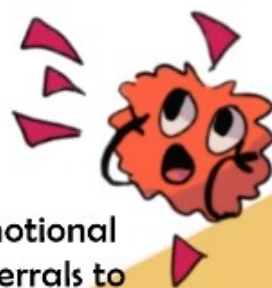


SARAH BENNETT

Sarah Bennett is the Safeguarding Co-ordinator who brings everyone together involved when a child sadly dies.



One of our key areas of focus is emotional well-being and mental health. Referrals to CAMHS (Child and Adolescent Mental Health Services) have risen in both boroughs over the year. In Kingston 20% of referrals to the SPA (Single Point of Access) were for child mental health concerns and we expect this will rise as a result of Covid-19.



DAKSHA MISTRY

Daksha Mistry is the Learning and Development manager. She organises the courses we offer.

During the year, four child safeguarding practice reviews have been completed. These are carried out when a child dies or is seriously harmed. These led to Contextual Safeguarding as a theme for the partnership for the next few years.

WHAT HAS KRSCP DONE?



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SUPPORT:

This year there has been particular emphasis on support for vulnerable adolescents who could be at the risk of exploitation. More children have been identified as privately fostered, there has been a rise in referrals for domestic abuse and more young carers are getting support and there is a rise in the number of children being electively home educated.

We have had a learning focused for all partners on children missing education and the increased contextual safeguarding risks associated with being out of school.

ENDORSED:

We have endorsed signs of safety more formally as the common way of working with families that all partners should adopt across Richmond and Kingston. This is a strength based approach, giving families confidence that they can manage by framing support within that family's strengths. Professionals look at what is going well for the family and build on those strengths to achieve better outcomes. This approach is more positive and families engage better with it.

ENGAGED:

Engaged with schools, nurseries and child minders through the Designated Safeguarding Leads (every setting has a DSL, usually a senior leader, such as a deputy or Headteacher). Our schools co-ordinator organises learning events called DSL Forums; to keep the colleges, schools and nurseries/childminders up to date with local and emerging safeguarding issues. KRSCP recognises the importance of education in safeguarding in children and young people so we have two headteachers on our SLG (Strategic Leadership Group).

MEET THE TEAM:



LUCY MACARTHUR

Lucy MacArthur is the Schools Co-ordinator. She works with schools, updating them with safeguarding news.



JAY WYLIE-BOARD

Jay Wylie-Board is the Business Support Officer who also looks after the website!



NEED HELP? IMMEDIATE HELP IS AVAILABLE:



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1. CHILDLINE: 0800 1111

You can call them or go to the website:
<https://www.childline.org.uk/get-support/>

You can contact them online via the website,
It's free and confidential!

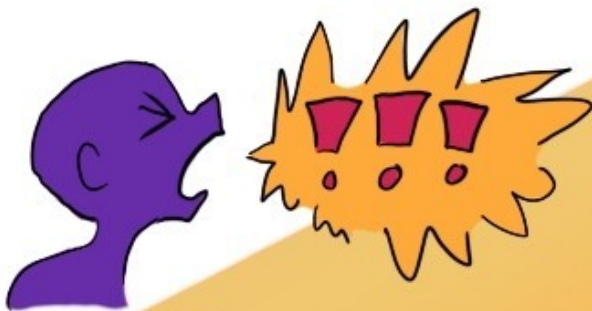


2. OFF THE RECORD: 020 8744 1644

Counselling and equal health.
For more information:
<https://otrtwickenham.com/>
Email: info@otrtwickenham.com

3. KOOTH: ONLINE COUNSELLING

<https://www.kooth.com/>



4. SHOUT FREE 24/7 TEXT SUPPORT:

TEXT: 85258
www.giveusashout.org

SUICIDE:

1. HopelineUK: 0800 068 4141
(Open 10AM-10PM weekdays,
2PM-10PM weekends)
2. Samaritans: call 116 123

HAS A LOVED ONE DIED?

1. Kingston bereavement services:
<https://sayinggoodbye.org.uk>
2. Email Cruse bereavement services:
hopeagain@cruse.org.uk
3. Winston's Wish:
Help line on 08088 020 021
(Monday-Friday, 9AM-5PM)
You can also email:
ask@winstonswish.org

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