



Local Safeguarding Children Board Newsletter June 2015

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- Violence Against Women and Girls
- Child Sexual Exploitation
- New Safeguarding Plan
- Serious Case Reviews
- Communications and a single LSCB website

It's been some months since the Local Safeguarding Children Board Newsletter was last distributed so this is a quick catch-up from the last LSCB Meeting.

The LSCB continues to meet quarterly. There is also a Partnership Group in each of the three boroughs and a number of sub-groups as well as some topic-based, short-life working groups. The Board has a busy, full agenda! Some key points at the last meeting included:

Agreement to a new short-life working group to understand the impact of services for parents who have mental health problems. This will be joint work with the Safeguarding Adults Board.

We had a full presentation about the new Violence Against Women and Girls Strategy and the intended improvements to commissioning the right range of services to help victims quickly.

The Board spent some time challenging multi-agency practice on child sexual exploitation (CSE). Tackling CSE is a LSCB priority. As a result of the discussion, the action plan linked to the LSCB CSE Strategy will be reviewed and refreshed to ensure that the key challenges are included and

addressed. The revised action plan will be progressed through the Missing, CSE and MASH group.

The Board's own business plan for 2015/16, known as the Safeguarding Plan, was appraised and work-shopped within the meeting so that a final version was distributed shortly after the meeting.

We also acknowledged the significant demands on the Serious Case Review (SCR) process and received updates on three local SCRs that are in progress.

The LSCB is keen to get better at communicating what we do! A new website has been in development for some time now and our Interim Business Manager is pushing for its 'go live' appearance! We really need this so that you can access information about us quickly. In the meantime the LSCB has some pages on the three local authority websites and other representative organisations tend to use these for information. I am hoping we will see the 'one website' soon.

Best wishes

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Independent Chair

