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Local Safeguarding Children Board Newsletter June 2016

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Ofsted Review of the LSCB

Welcome to the LSCB newsletter. Since I last wrote to you the LSCB received the judgement of 'Good' from Ofsted following the review of our arrangements for safeguarding children in the three boroughs. Thanks to the staff across the various agencies who met with inspectors and all those who worked behind the scenes to make sure inspectors had the right information. This judgment places our LSCB in the top one third of those inspected to date in England.

Update from April's LSCB Meeting

We had a good turnout for our Board meeting in April – 31 of us in total. We received assurance on the safeguarding arrangements in the commissioning of the new school health model. We had a long discussion about police attendance at child protection conferences and agreed that the CAIT DCI would meet with senior managers from children's social care to reach a written memorandum of understanding about police presence at conferences and other methods of contact. As well as discussing the outcome of the Ofsted review, we agreed the update on the Safeguarding (business) Plan for 2015/16 and our shared priorities for 2016/17.

LSCB Priorities and Outcomes for 2016/17

In the forthcoming year, we have decided that the LSCB's broad priorities and outcomes will be:

- To build on partnerships to improve safeguarding practice with a particular focus on increasing the capacity of vulnerable parents to safeguard the children effectively so that more children are effectively safeguarded in families where parents have complex problems.
- To improve communication and engagement so that those who benefit from the work of the LSCB are aware of and have an influence on what the Board is seeking to improve.

- To demonstrate our impact and know where more effective practice is required so the Board is clear where improvements are required and can demonstrate actions which have made a positive difference to practice and children's lives.
- To improve the effectiveness of the Board so all partners are consistently aware of and engage with the priorities of the Board.

All About The New Community Rehabilitation Company (CRC)

Since December 2015, London CRC's offender managers have adopted a new approach which works with groups of offenders who have similar rehabilitation needs. The aim of this new way of working is for CRC to deliver tailored services that tackle the underlying causes of offending. Service users are now assigned to one of six cohort groups including 18 to 25 year old males, mental health and learning disabilities (as the primary presenting need) and women. Through this model, operational staff can spend more time working face-to-face with offenders. The CRC also continues to fulfil its Community Safety (Integrated Offender Management) and Safeguarding (Multi- Agency Safeguarding Hubs) responsibilities.

Meanwhile staff in the separate Rehabilitation, Partnerships and Stakeholders directorate can focus on developing partnership relationships. This work is led by a Head of Stakeholders and Partnerships. The three boroughs covered by our LSCB are within the South West sector of the CRC and the relevant Head of Stakeholders is Cassie Newman, who is also a member of the LSCB. Cassie can be contacted through cassie.newman@london.probaton.gsi.gov.uk

LSCB Neglect Campaign, In Partnership With The NSPCC



It is not always easy to identify if a child is being neglected, or know what to do and raise concerns if you think that a child is at risk. The LSCB is working in partnership with the NSPCC on a campaign focused on neglect that aims to raise awareness and change behaviour among parents, children and practitioners who work with or look after children across Hammersmith & Fulham, Kensington and Chelsea and Westminster. To launch the campaign, we hosted a one day conference on 24th May 2016 for multi-agency practitioners across the partnership. Over 250 delegates attended and helped give us feedback about the best way to take the campaign forward this year.

Full details about the conference and the presentations from guest speakers such as Dr Ruth Garner and Shirley Maginley from the NSPCC, Professor Jan Horwath from the University of Sheffield and Professor Mike Stein from York University can be found online here: www.rbkc.gov.uk/lscbneglectcampaign You'll also find the neglect video the LSCB created called Michelle's story.



Download your Neglect Matters leaflet [here](#)

Young Carers

Support for young carers is available from the Family Services teams in the relevant borough. The Family Services teams will provide:

all young carers with a whole family assessment of need

one to one support for young carers with a high level of need

advice to support young carers in their caring role, and

information about other support services available to children and young people in the boroughs

More information can be found online [here](#).

Community Development Work

Colleagues from the LSCB and Children's Services met with UVAP [United Voices and Partners] to celebrate all the good work they have done with us over the past 18 months in sharing and promoting key safeguarding messages, and updating the local community in Hammersmith and Fulham on the FGM mandatory reporting guidelines.

Following further consultation with the local community, work is also under way to set up some parenting courses to be held in Somali.

If you have any queries, please contact our LSCB Community Development Officer at hooda.sabbah@rbkc.gov.uk or tel: 07739 315 079.



#Speaksense Campaign



Did you know that **young people aged 16 to 24** are the most likely to be in an abusive relationship, with young women most at risk?

As most young people would only ever tell a friend about any relationship issues, making sure that they know how to respond to possible signs of abuse is essential to help prevent it.

#SpeakSense is a new, local youth-led campaign raising awareness among young Londoners of the variety of ways a relationship can be unhealthy and what to do if a friend talks to them about issues that could indicate abusive behaviour.

The project counts on the support of relationship vlogger and YouTube sensation [Hannah Witton](#) who is featured in the [#SpeakSense film](#). Inspired by findings of extensive youth consultations on relationships, the film shows young actors interpreting common reactions to real life abuse scenarios, while dispelling myths around young abuse. On the campaign website [speaksense.org](#), friends of young victims and perpetrators of abuse can learn facts about abusive behaviour, how to best support their friend, and details of both local and national support services.

Hannah Witton said: “We all talk to our friends about our intimate relationships in one way or another, so it is really important to be able to recognise abuse and speaking sense when we see someone caught up in it. Providing the right support at the right time can make a huge difference, and ultimately save lives. I am excited and proud to be a part of the #SpeakSense campaign, as better knowledge of abuse is needed to enable more young people to have the happy and healthy relationships they deserve.”

The campaign has been designed by young people with support by Westminster City Council, and there are plans to roll the campaign out across the three boroughs in schools and communities over the course of 2016. We would very much welcome your support in moving this exciting initiative forward, and would like to encourage you to spread the word about [speaksense.org](#) and share the [#SpeakSense film](#) with the young people you are working with where appropriate.

For more details on how to get involved, please email knordstrom@westminster.gov.uk.

FREE Ending Harmful Practices Training



Free Training Available For Practitioners Working in Hammersmith & Fulham, Kensington and Chelsea, and Westminster.

The PEHP project provides a number of multi-agency and specialist training workshops with the aim to raise awareness about harmful practices, including honour based violence (HBV), Forced Marriage, Female Genital Mutilation (FGM) and Faith Based Abuse (FBA).

MULTI-AGENCY TRAINING

(Open to all frontline practitioners, including police, education, early years, youth, children’s services, health, housing, faith & voluntary sectors)

A half-day introductory training that will aim to build competence amongst professionals and practitioners so that they can identify and support women and girls at risk of experiencing harmful practices.

By end of training the learners will be able to

- demonstrate a clear understanding of different harmful practices
- identify the risk factors that can render women and girls vulnerable to harmful practices
- identify the signs that a woman or girl is at risk of, or experiencing, harmful practice/s
- describe the legislative and policy frameworks that exist for the prevention of harmful practices, the safeguarding of women and girls and the prosecution of perpetrators
- outline the roles and responsibilities of different agencies in relation to intervention, safeguarding and enforcement
- explain the role of the PEHP Project's Educator/Advocate
- understand key referral pathways in their own borough/partnership area
- describe the local structures that underpin and drive the HPP Project

Dates

Two sessions are available for each day

9:30am – 1.00pm OR 2:00pm- 5:30pm

Weds 29th June [pm only], Thurs 30th June, Weds 13th July at Pembroke Road Training Centre.

Please use the **Learning Centre**, by searching for All Courses / LSCB Training / Specialist Courses

<http://lms.rbkc.gov.uk/mod/faceofview.php?f=2578>

If you need help booking or creating an account, please call the LSCB training team on 0208 753 5317

Do you want to contribute to the next newsletter?

If you would like to include an article in the next LSCB newsletter, please contact the LSCB team on lscb@rbkc.gov.uk, stating 'newsletter' in the title of your email.

Best wishes for the next phase of our work together.

Jean Daintith

Independent Chair

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