

Tri-borough Local Safeguarding Children Board Newsletter

15th July 2014

INTRODUCTION

Welcome to this July edition of the LSCB Newsletter.

The LSCB met in July and the highlights are:

- A focus on Neglect will be a priority theme that will build on the Ofsted Thematic Report published earlier this year, with a commitment to improve the recognition and identification of Neglect, the responses that we make to referrals of Neglect, and the effectiveness of our interventions.

- Developments on Child Sexual Exploitation – with the MASE (Multi-Agency Sexual Exploitation) Panel now well established, we have produced our first Problem Profile on the issue for tri-borough:

This highlights that there is no evidence of any major geographical hotspots, networks of exploitation or exploitation through trafficking and prostitution. Since January the Panel has 14 children confirmed as having suffered some form of sexual exploitation. There are higher numbers where there are risk factors for CSE, and it's likely that a proportion of these have been sexually exploited though the evidence for this unclear; there are low numbers of confirmed exploitation in relation to gangs – thought to be under-estimating the prevalence and reflecting the reluctance of victims to make disclosures; there is little evidence of grooming through the internet; there are two examples of children being filmed.

- Sharing learning with the Frontline, in particular from Case Reviews – some sessions for all staff are being planned for September to cover key lessons from our recent case reviews.

Children and Young People

LSCB Community Development Worker Update July 2014

Children's Choice Conference

The LSCB recently held an internet safety workshop at the bi-borough Children's Choice Conference. Children were given the opportunity to tell us what they knew about the internet in addition to learning and revising ways in which to keep themselves safe. We hope to hold more workshops like this, covering a variety of topics in the future.

Epic Children's Forum Celebration

On Thursday 17th July at the Old Chelsea Town Hall the LSCB co-hosted a celebration event to congratulate and thank the Epic Children's Forum for their efforts and achievement during the safety tips project. The video clip made by the group can be found at: <http://www.epiccic.org.uk/children-and-youth-voice>

Logo

A potential logo for the LSCB was presented to the Board at the upcoming LSCB Board meeting.

LSCB Safeguarding Plan

The Draft report of the LSCB was presented to the Board in July and will be available from the beginning of September when it is sent to all agencies, local authority Leaders and scrutiny committees, and the police commissioner.

CDOP annual report

Report linked from web page
http://transact.westminster.gov.uk/docstores/publications_store/local-safeguarding-children-board/CDOP-annual-report-2013-14.pdf

Events

22 July to discuss FGM and Forced and Early Marriage?

In July the UK hosted the first Girl Summit, aimed at mobilising domestic and international efforts to end

female genital mutilation (FGM) and child, early and forced marriage (CEFM) within a generation. UNICEF will co-host the event. The Home Secretary Theresa May and Secretary of State for International Development Justine Greening will host the event, alongside heads of state, practitioners, survivors, charities and community groups.

<https://www.gov.uk/government/topical-events/girl-summit-2014>

Could you pledge your support and follow the summit on Twitter and Facebook using GirlSummit
<http://www.girlsummitpledge.com/>

CDOP reviews

Department for Education published the Statistical First Release *Child Death Reviews: Year Ending March 2014* on Thursday at
<https://www.gov.uk/government/collections/statistics-child-death-reviews>.

Staffing Changes

Welcome to our new LSCB members:

Gideon Springer
Coretta Hine (replacing Paul Monk)
Cllr Sue Macmillan
Caroline Maclean

Many thanks to:
Adrian Roberts has retired
Andrea Andreou
Paul Monk and Peter Suggett have temporary been leading on other work

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