

## Tri-borough Local Safeguarding Children Board Newsletter

15<sup>th</sup> June 2014

### INTRODUCTION

Welcome to this June edition of the LSCB Newsletter.

### Mock inspection

The Independent Chair of the LSCB requested a mock inspection of the multi-agency LSCB by a peer group led by another Independent Chair who had been through an inspection of an LSCB she chairs and who had already conducted another mock inspection. This took place in May 2014 and was carried out over four days. A 'real review' of a LSCB would be integrated into a four week inspection of children's services so this mock event was obviously constrained in its reach whilst still delivering some important messages to focus on for better outcomes by the multi-agency LSCB. Areas of strength were identified. The areas for development can be grouped into those covering communication, governance, documentation, management, practice and training. The LSCB Business Manager is preparing an action plan for discussion at the meeting of all the Chairs of the sub-groups of the LSCB later this month before it is presented formally to an Extraordinary Meeting of the LSCB on 1st July. The plan will then be adopted and shared.

### Feedback from the April LSCB Meeting

#### **Areas of concern:**

Reps from all the key agencies shared the issues that concern them.

For social care these covered the application of thresholds and consistency of practice; ensuring feedback is provided to referrers; risks for care leavers who lose the most qualified staff to support them.

The Police - there is a concern about communication and spreading knowledge as well as resources.

For Probation - their new organisational arrangements mean they require information quickly before Hearings and they have to keep staff child-centred.

Community Safety Teams are keeping an eye on gang and serious youth violence.

Mental Health Services are concerned about an increase in self-harm from students at private schools; new commissioning arrangements which are still learning what services need commissioning; and the fact that most people with mental health issues are seen by primary care and GPs who need more support. Other Health colleagues were concerned about areas that are no longer in their direct control - school nursing and health visiting.

## **Female Genital Mutilation**

Debbie Raymond is to chair a Standing Group of the LSCB on FGM, initially to develop a clear joint understanding between Health and Social Care about when cases should be referred that is communicated to front-line staff and, from September onwards, to focus on embedding best practice.

Alongside this, work is already being undertaken by Hilary Shaw to improve recognition and referrals. Gourita Murdeshwar is working with Forward and community representatives whilst Shruti Clayton is looking at engagement with the voluntary sector. These strands are being overseen by Debbie Raymond, which will provide continuity but will not be the focus for the group in the first phase.

### **Short life working groups:**

## **Domestic violence**

This month Nicky Brownjohn (Associate Director for Safeguarding CWHHE) is to chair a group that will be focusing on domestic violence and improving multi-agency practice with outcomes for children.

## **E-Safety**

Hilary Shaw (Education Safeguarding Lead) will be chairing a group on E-Safety.

This will look to improve how agencies work together to keep children safe in this challenging area.

## **Update from the Community Development Worker (Safeguarding Across Faith and Culture)**

Thank you to all who participated in the 'Safeguarding is everybody's responsibility' event hosted by the LSCB in partnership with the Voluntary and Faith Sector on 15 May 2015. Over a 150 people from across the voluntary & faith sector as well as the statutory sector attended the event. This resulted in rich discussions about safeguarding and has generated ideas for further effective partnership working across the sectors.

We are currently collating feedback from the event and will shortly be circulating an email to all the delegates with a summary of the day, along with

slide presentations and a delegate list for networking purposes.

## Children and Young People

In order to identify areas for further work, the LSCB has designed an online survey to seek feedback regarding the main safeguarding issues faced by children and young people and the ways in which professionals, agencies and services communicate with them. We would greatly appreciate your participation. If you would like to participate in this survey, please click on the link below. It will only take a few minutes to complete!

[http://www.rbkc.gov.uk/survey/safeguarding/safeguarding\\_professionals\\_survey.htm](http://www.rbkc.gov.uk/survey/safeguarding/safeguarding_professionals_survey.htm)

## New Developments for the LSCB Multi-agency Safeguarding Children Training in 2014/15

**The LSCB training programme is now available to download and book.**

<http://www.lbhf.gov.uk/LSCBtraining>

We would like to draw your attention to the Joint Investigation Training Modules, which have been developed to ensure all professionals involved in safeguarding have the knowledge and skills they need to investigate a child protection allegation or concern and consult with other professionals when there is a possibility of criminal or civil legal proceedings. The brochure will highlight which modules are suitable for different practitioners, with priority being given to Social Workers, Police and Doctors.

## CDOP notifications

Clinical Commissioning Groups Collaborative (CCGs) have taken over responsibility for reviewing child deaths.

The secure email inbox for notifications for the Child Deaths is CLCCG.tri-bCDOP@nhs.net and the phone number is 0203 350 4330. Sian Thomas, Designated Nurse is a new Tri-borough Single point of contact for child death notifications. Arrangements for rapid response meetings remain the same.

## Links with Health and Wellbeing Boards

Both LSCB and Adult Safeguarding Board are actively strengthening the links with Health and Wellbeing Boards to ensure effective focus on wider range of safeguarding issues across Tri-borough.

## **Local Assessment Protocol**

All agencies are reminded of importance of threshold document. See the link [http://www.lbhf.gov.uk/Images/Local%20Assessment%20Protocol\\_tcm21-188216.pdf](http://www.lbhf.gov.uk/Images/Local%20Assessment%20Protocol_tcm21-188216.pdf)

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