

Tri-borough Local Safeguarding Children Board Newsletter

13th March 2014

INTRODUCTION

Welcome to this March edition of the LSCB Newsletter.

It is important that this is read in conjunction with the LSCB training newsletter and the updates you will find on the LSCB website. This past two months has been busy with lots of partnership working across the three boroughs to promote improved outcomes for children. This newsletter will highlight some of the work of the LSCB as it seeks to make a difference to local safeguarding practice.

STAFFING

We welcome significant changes in the membership of the LSCB:

Kate Singleton, Head of Bi-borough Safeguarding who left in January, has been replaced by Debbie Raymond and Simon Slater (interim) as Head of Safeguarding for Tri borough Children's Services. Liz Royle (CLCH) will take on the new chair of the L&D subgroup.

We welcome a number of Head Teachers including Sally Whyte, Head of Lady Margaret School, Peter Harwood, Head of Woodlane School and Wayne Leeming, Head of Melcombe School.

Other recent changes:

Senga Steele, Deputy Director of Imperial Healthcare NHS Trust
Mark Emmett, Wormwood Scrubs
Gill Vickers, Executive Director Tri Borough Adults Services
Adam Taylor, Community Safety representative

Within the LSCB team Emma Biskupski will commence as the new LSCB Trainer from April 1st. We are particularly grateful for the work of Carline Benoit, in developing an LSCB E-learning training package for 2014-2015.

Victoria Harris is our new LSCB BSO, Darren Williams Training BSO

LSCB CONTINUOUS IMPROVEMENT STRATEGY

The LSCB has plans for a peer LSCB review in April. A neighbouring LSCB and an independent person will assist us with this opportunity to review our effectiveness and the difference that is being made through coordinated safeguarding activity. This will build on similar work that was carried out within Tri Borough Children's Services in early January.

LSCB WEBSITE DEVELOPMENT

There has been agreement for the three boroughs to support a single Tri Borough LSCB website, rather than each borough having its own separate LSCB website. This work is being led by Samantha Fanning of RBKC and is well supported by the contribution of Lay Members. It is expected that this will lead to a considerable improvement in the communication of LSCB activities.

LONDON PROTECTION PROCEDURES

All agencies are invited to contribute to the ongoing development of our London CP procedures. Please contact www.londoncp.co.uk for details.

CHILDREN MISSING FROM HOME, CARE AND SCHOOL

Since its establishment in April 2012 the Tri Borough has had significant concerns for children who go missing from Education, Home or Care. A short life working group chaired by Ian Heggs Director of Tri Borough Education produced a report for the January LSCB. The recommendations from the report are being taken forward by a multi-agency project group and updates will be made in future newsletters.

UPDATE FROM WORK WITH VOLUNTARY SECTOR

Each borough within the Tri-borough has a local 'Partnership Group', which informs the wider LSCB of local safeguarding issues. The Partnership Groups are made up of representatives of different agencies (Police, Social Care, Health, Education, Voluntary sector, etc) and meet on a quarterly basis to discuss safeguarding issues that affect children in the local borough. The Partnership Groups are looking to broaden the voluntary sector representation. In the Royal Borough of Kensington and Chelsea, Rosemary Keenan of the Catholic Children's Society has been a long standing member of the Group. We are pleased to announce that Yusuf Ibrahim from Bakara Youth Association has now been nominated to join the Partnership Group as an additional voluntary sector representative. Ms Keenan and Mr Ibrahim play an important role in communicating messages and information between the voluntary sector and the Partnership Group.

We are also in discussions with umbrella organisations in Hammersmith and Fulham and in Westminster to look at how representation of the voluntary sector can be widened. We welcome any ideas that you might have regarding this. Please contact Shruti Clayton on shruti.clayton@rbkc.gov.uk if you wish to join in these discussions.

SAVE THE DATE - 15 May 2014

In our commitment to engage with the voluntary and faith sector, the LSCB will be hosting an event on 15 May 2014. We hope this will strengthen the safeguarding dialogue with the sector. More information to follow in the next newsletter.

UPDATE FROM LSCB ENGAGEMENT OF CHILDREN AND YOUNG PEOPLE

Excellent progress has been made in engaging more young people with the work of the LSCB.

In November 2013, the LSCB set a challenge based on the feedback from a piece of work concerning cyber bullying. The challenge involved creating a resource that could be used in schools to promote e-safety. This was achieved and there is now a 3 minute clip available to view via YouTube addressing the issue of 'sexting' and cyber bullying.

In December 2013, the LSCB were asked to hold workshop as part of an enrichment day for the year 7 group at Westminster City Boys School. As a result of that day, the LSCB have been able to collect at least 50 pieces of feedback regarding how better to engage with children and young people. This feedback will support the surveys which are scheduled for distribution in the coming months. The hope is to collect and collate as many individual comments from children and young people across the Tri-Borough.

Additional updates include the publication of young person friendly version of the LSCB annual report and a pamphlet for young people which lists the contact information of tri-borough services relating to safeguarding.

The LSCB is now focusing on engaging young people in a photography project which will complement the e-learning projects.



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

Emma Biskupski has been appointed as a new LSCB Multi-agency training officer and will build on the work of Carline Benoit, interim LSCB training officer, who will be leaving at end of March 2014. Carline has been working on updating the training programme, finalising 7 e-learning courses on a range of safeguarding issues including FGM; these are currently in the last phase of development and will be accessible as on-line training courses from April 2014.

New courses are being introduced in response to the 5 key themes from the Case Review subgroup. Key Messages such as Multi Agency Training on working with difficult, dangerous and evasive families, inclusive working with men; the introduction of Multi Agency (collegiate) development days reviewing the programme (this is to ensure its responsiveness to participant and facilitator feedback and analysis); For operational manager and supervisors - the Introduction of Multi-Agency Advanced Skills Training workshop in subject areas such as Risk Assessment and Analysis in Domestic Violence and Abuse. The LSCB trainer has been co working on a number of exciting projects such as the photography project with young people with a longer term goal of young people co-facilitating training delivery. Co working on the development of a safeguarding project for and with interpreters and a 4 day modular Joint Investigation training programme which will begin in April 2014.

For more details on these training events and to access the full programme for 2014 to 2015 please follow the link here <http://lms.rbkc.gov.uk/login/index.php>

MASH

MASH is holding regular open days. These are for all partner agencies who are interested in finding out more about MASH and will give staff the opportunity to meet MASH staff and find out how MASH will impact on families that they are working with. The first part of the session consists of a brief summary about MASH followed by a Q&A and then you will be able to meet with staff and follow a case.

If you would like to attend please contact Sarah Moran, MASH Team Manager on 0207 641 5428 smoran1@westminster.gov.uk to ensure we book you in.

LSCB Annual reports

LSCB Annual reports are available to download from our website – click on the link to access:

http://www.rbkc.gov.uk/pdf/lscb_annual_report_2013.pdf

LSCB Annual report for Young People is also now available – click on the link to access:

http://www.rbkc.gov.uk/pdf/lscb_young_people_annual_report_2012-13.pdf

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For any more information on the key messages, please contact Iwona Puszczewicz-Moreno@lbhf.gov.uk