

Message from Deborah Lightfoot LSCB Chair

Welcome to our newsletter for October. Please do pass this information on to your colleagues. When we think of how we can work together to keep children and young people safe, we don't always stop to think what we have done well. The NSPCC have advised that following the DfE Campaign to encourage the public to report concerns about children, there has been a 36% rise in reports by members of the public in Richmond to their national helpline. This has been a great partner initiative, supported by local schools and children's centres, Richmond CCG, AfC, voluntary and community groups, health providers and other statutory bodies. Agencies targeted our local community, especially the more deprived areas. Thank you all! Louise Exton, Team Manager at the NSPCC's helpline said: "These figures reveal a nation that is more alive to the issues of child abuse following recent high profile scandals and the ongoing investigation into non-recent child abuse. "They have become increasingly concerned and aware of the tell-tale signs of abuse and neglect in children and our helpline is an invaluable service for people worried about the safety of a young person.

"It's a big decision to involve local authorities or police and our counsellors will only act when there is genuine concern for the welfare of a child.

"But people who are worried, and feel they need to speak to someone, can be reassured they will be listened to and taken seriously."

The free helpline provides adults with a place they can get advice and support, share their concerns about a child or get general information about child protection.

Adults can contact the helpline 24 hours a day, 365 days a year on 0808 800 5000, by texting 88858 or visiting www.nspcc.org.uk.



Vacancies in Kingston & Richmond LSCB

We are looking to recruit a new lay member and a new school Governor member in Richmond. Maggie Coleman, lay member, stepped down over the summer after some years of support, particularly around our learning and development. Jodie Sharma, Chair of Governors at Bishop Perrin was representing local Governors for nearly two years. Thank you both for your service! If you or someone you know, are interested and live in Richmond look [here](#) for more information.

New team members in in Kingston & Richmond LSCB

We are now a new Team: Sarah Bennett, Lorraine Campbell, Justine Dalton, Alex Colclough, Daksha Mistry and Glenna DeBosco. Welcome everyone.

Police CSE Awareness Briefings

We are hosting with the Police CSE awareness briefing on 16th Nov for Richmond and Kingston Businesses, hotels, B&Bs, taxis, licensed premises. Find out more [here](#).



Building Resilience

- Public Health Richmond held a listening event in September with local leaders and young people. Across our local partnerships, our key priority is building resilience for young people as early as possible to help them care for themselves when life grows stressful at times, as they grow older. A student delegate we spoke with told us about the need for each child to have a passion, found and fostered in primary years, which would raise their esteem as they grew to adulthood.

- We heard a great speaker from Boing Boing, based in Brighton, <http://www.boingboing.org.uk/> tell us about resilience raising projects for schools.

- Find out more from Young Minds here

http://www.youngminds.org.uk/training_services/academic_resilience

- This is what BoingBoing says, "**Our work on resilience got underway in 2005**

"With just three of us involved in the beginning (Professor Angie Hart, Dr Derek Blincow and Helen Thomas), we started out by completing a scholarly literature review of the resilience research base. We were curious to know why some children facing similar difficulties and ongoing social disadvantage did better than others. Inspired by what we found, we pulled out the key findings, tied them with our own practice and parenting experience, and created Resilient Therapy (RT). Because, we wanted to address the gap we noticed in the research and translate the messages from resilience research and practice based evidence for parents, practitioners and young people to use themselves. " Why not check it out for yourself". Find their resilience framework

here: <http://www.boingboing.org.uk/index.php/component/phocadownload/category/9-resilience-framework>

October Top Tips from our LSCB Local Learning for everyone:

Remember safe sleeping advice: using sleep equipment for disabled children and especially when away from home or children are unwell - [More here](#)

See the Adult, See the Child:

Remember whoever you are when you visit a family home, think of everyone there, including names of partners. Ask yourself, is there anything unusual? Should that child be in school? Is there neglect of pets? What is the condition of the home? Any injuries to adults?

Whether you are working with Housing, Utilities, Adults or Children remember anyone who could be vulnerable - [More here](#)

Translation and Interpreting Policy

As part of our local learning we have just published a Translation and Interpreting Policy for agencies to adopt [here](#).

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