



### Message from Deborah Lightfoot – LSCB Chair

Welcome to the December edition of the LSCB newsletter. I would be grateful if you could distribute this newsletter widely to individuals and to individual organisations within Richmond and Kingston. Recently I heard that sometimes the newsletter was just appended to other documents which increases the possibility that it is not read. I try to make this communication short and easy for busy people to read. This December newsletter contains an important link to the revised threshold document for Richmond and for Kingston.

The aim of this document and guidance is to enable every agency, including statutory, voluntary, private and independent, that works directly or indirectly with children and young people, including the families of these children and young people to assess and identify a child's level of need. The guidance does not remove the need for workers to make a professional judgement when considering the identified needs of children but if you are working with children in any capacity or you are working with adults who may care for a child you must be aware of this threshold guidance.

Every child's individual need should be understood in their own particular context. Situations will be unique and specific to that child. This threshold document is not a rigid list of procedures and levels of intervention, and should be used as a guidance to consider, and ultimately, meet the needs of each child. Also remember that children can, and may, move from one level in the threshold to another. An assessment is an ongoing, living process, and because a child has met certain criteria within the threshold, this does not necessarily mean that they will always be at this level.



### Multi Agency Threshold Document

The Boards are launching a revised threshold for all agencies in Kingston and Richmond to help people respond to children and their family's needs from early help to safeguarding. You will find the threshold document here on the Richmond LSCB website:  
[www.richmondscb.org.uk/practitioners/](http://www.richmondscb.org.uk/practitioners/)

### Take Over Day!

On Friday 21st November Kingston and Richmond LSCB took part in the Children's Commissioner's Take Over Day. A young person from Richmond joined the LSCB team for the day. It was a fantastic opportunity for our young person to get involved with decision making. This fundamentally reiterated how important it is to hear children and young peoples' voices about safeguarding children. We as a LSCB learnt a lot on the day and look forward to the next Take Over Day!

### Independent School Safeguarding Meeting

The LSCB and the Independent Schools within Kingston and Richmond met in November where key safeguarding responsibilities and issues were discussed in order to protect and safeguard children within the independent school sector. The morning began with a focus on the key priorities for the LSCB in safeguarding children followed by presentations and discussion on:

- **Private Fostering** – presented by Alison Twynam (Director of Children Social Care Richmond, Achieving for Children)
- **Child Sexual Exploitation (CSE)** – presented by Sylvia Chew (Director of Children Social Care Kingston, Achieving for Children)
- **Local Authority Designated Officer (LADO) Services** – presented by Viv Rimmer (LADO Officer)
- **Safeguarding Children Online** – presented by Peter Cowley (ICT and E-Safety Advisor, Achieving for Children)

The LSCB would like to thank St Paul's and Lady Eleanor Holles Schools for hosting and helping to organise the meeting. The LSCB will be sending out guidance to the independent schools very soon.

## New Governor Member for Kingston

The LSCB would like to welcome Jennifer Ward, the new Kingston Governor member to the Board. The LSCB are looking forward to working with Jennifer. Jennifer is the Chair of Governors at St Mary's CE Primary School.

Richmond LSCB are seeking governor member representation alongside Kingston LSCB wanting lay member representation on the Board. The recruitment process for both members have commenced.

## Child Death Overview Panel (CDOP) Newsletter

Please see link to access the CDOP Newsletter: [www.richmondlscb.org.uk/wp-content/uploads/2014/02/Richmond-Kingston-Hounslow-LSCB-CDOP-News-Dec-2014.pdf](http://www.richmondlscb.org.uk/wp-content/uploads/2014/02/Richmond-Kingston-Hounslow-LSCB-CDOP-News-Dec-2014.pdf). This shares learning arising from the reviews of child deaths in order to promote the safety and well being of children. The local learning in focus for this edition is **water safety**.

## London Safeguarding Children Board Conference 2014

- **Carlene Firmin MBE (Head of the MsUnderstood Partnership and senior research fellow at the University of Bedfordshire)** provided the conference a presentation on **Safeguarding in Adolescence: the case for a different approach to working with older children**. Carlene spoke about building 'upon knowledge of local profile of contexts and young people of concern and Identifies, assesses and intervenes with reference to environments as well as individuals'. She provided examples of understanding what bus routes young people use and particular understanding the young people's environment. For further information please visit: [www.londonscb.gov.uk/diary/2014\\_safeguarding\\_londons\\_children\\_conference/](http://www.londonscb.gov.uk/diary/2014_safeguarding_londons_children_conference/)
- **Debbie Jones Regional Director London, and, National Director Social Care** presented on key messages from Ofsted about safeguarding children. For more information please visit [www.londonscb.gov.uk/diary/2014\\_safeguarding\\_londons\\_children\\_conference/](http://www.londonscb.gov.uk/diary/2014_safeguarding_londons_children_conference/)

### RAISED Voices – Arc Theatre

A moving and powerful film was presented to the conference by Arc Theatre's RAISED Voices produced by young people. The film concentrated on raising awareness about issues which effect young people such as domestic and sexual violence, female genital mutilation, body image, self harm, child sexual exploitation and many other issues. To find out more information about the RAISED Voices project please contact **Natalie Smith, Education Director at Arc Theatre** - [nat@arctheatre.com](mailto:nat@arctheatre.com).

## Latest LSCB Training!

We are now coming to a quiet time in the training calendar as we reach the holiday period. As January approaches we continue to have regular core training sessions of Level 2 and 3 available in both Kingston and Twickenham. We also have additional courses during the month of January, two of which focus on the impact of drugs and behaviour. They are titled Drugs Refresher, a half day session and Sex, Drugs and Risky Behaviour, a full day session. All the details can be found on CPD online along with all of our training opportunities. Please click on the links below to access the list of up and coming LSCB safeguarding training:

- [LSCB Core Safeguarding Training 2014/2015](#)
- [LSCB Additional Safeguarding Training 2014/2015](#)

To access LSCB Safeguarding training please book online at [www.afccpdonline.co.uk](http://www.afccpdonline.co.uk). If you would like more information on LSCB training please contact **Lorraine Campbell** - [Lorraine.Campbell@richmond.gov.uk](mailto:Lorraine.Campbell@richmond.gov.uk) / 0208 487 5125

