



Message from Deborah Lightfoot, LSCB Chair

Dear colleagues welcome to the first newsletter of 2017. I thought that it would be a good opportunity to remind everyone of the local safeguarding children priorities for 2016/2017. Across both boroughs these follow four key themes: improving practice, workforce development, communication and engagement, and governance and accountability. Each year we focus on specific issues identified as part of the annual safeguarding assessment. Our business plans for each borough can be accessed via our website kingstonandrichmondscb.org.uk This year our shared priorities are:

- ❖ Scrutiny of transitions between agencies, teams and sectors including those of children and adults' services;
- ❖ An enhanced focus on matters of diversity, and reinforced outreach to community and faith groups;
- ❖ The strengthening of communication and information sharing between professional interfaces;
- ❖ A focus on the mental health and emotional well-being to run through all of our work to ensure stronger prevention and timely help;
- ❖ Plan for the implementation of the Wood report (this is not published yet and will propose changes to safeguarding arrangements locally).

In the next few months I will be asking all LSCB partners to say how they have delivered against these priorities.

Life Saving in Schools

The LSCB would like to draw all schools' attention to this guidance on defibrillators in schools, including how to obtain these life saving devices for your school at a subsidised price to help reduce the risk of death from cardiac arrest in children and adults across Kingston and Richmond:

https://www.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/519994/AED_guide_for_schools.pdf

A Day in the Life of a Team Manager at the Single Point of Access

No day is the same for me but a typical day involves screening referrals that come into SPA and prioritising urgent ones. I deal with escalations from other teams and professionals where discussions have been challenged. I offer professional judgement on referrals where assistant team managers need advice and guidance on how to progress. This also includes professional consultations with Early Help teams around safeguarding threshold.

Currently I spend much of my day managing the SPA restructure, recruitment for new posts and liaising with partner agencies such as police, health to ensure there is smooth integration for both SPAs. This involves meetings with organisations such as health, adults and CAMHS.

Single Point of Access Update

As of 1st March 2017, Richmond and Kingston Single Point of Access (SPA) teams will be integrated and based at Kingston Guildhall 2.

Aliya Nota will be the Joint Head of SPA. There will be a Deputy Head post which is being recruited to, and two Team Leaders.

Female Genital Mutilation

Female Genital Mutilation (FGM) is a violation of the human rights of girls and women, it is also child abuse. Globally, it is estimated that at least 200 million girls and women alive today have undergone some form of FGM. If current trends continue, 15 million additional girls between the ages of 15 and 19 years may be subjected to it by 2030. FGM is mostly carried out on young girls sometime between infancy and age 15 years. FGM causes severe bleeding and health issues including cysts, infections, infertility as well as complications in childbirth and an increased risk of newborn deaths. It is no over-statement to assert that this is a global crisis.

February 6 2017 is the International Day of Zero Tolerance for FGM.

The UN Sustainable Development Goals contain a specific target calling for an end to FGM, stating that, 'When this practice is fully abandoned, positive effects will reverberate across societies as girls and women reclaim their health, human rights and vast potential'.

What can you do to raise awareness of this issue in your organisation?

- ❖ Tweet! Using the hashtag #EndFGM
- ❖ Celebrate women and girls through assemblies and lessons
- ❖ Show <https://www.girlguiding.org.uk/get-involved/forthegirl/> to start a discussion about gender equality
- ❖ Hold a Cultural Awareness workshop
- ❖ Organise an assembly or lesson on healthy relationships



The following organisations provide further information and support so we can all work together to end FGM:

<http://forwarduk.org.uk/>

<http://tender.org.uk/>

<https://plan-uk.org/about/our-work/fgm?gclid=COThlobNrdECFUMq0wodFwwFoA>

<https://www.nspcc.org.uk/preventing-abuse/child-abuse-and-neglect/female-genital-mutilation-fgm/>

https://www.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/573782/FGM_Mandatory_Reporting_-_procedural_information_nov16_FINAL.pdf

Safer Internet Day

Safer Internet Day will take place on Tuesday 7th February with the theme 'Be the change: Unite for a better internet'.

Celebrated globally and coordinated in the UK by the UK Safer Internet Centre, the campaign sees hundreds of schools and organisations join together to raise awareness of online safety issues and run events and activities right across the UK.

As a result of this collective action Safer Internet Day 2016 reached 2.8 million UK children and 2.5 million UK parents.

Schools, companies, police services, charities and other organisations across the UK are invited to get involved in the campaign to inspire the safe and positive use of technology.

Find out more and get involved www.saferinternetday.org.uk or on twitter #SID2017

We would also like to draw your attention to the Children Commissioners report on Growing Up Digital available at <http://www.childrenscommissioner.gov.uk/publications/growing-digital>