



Message from Deborah Lightfoot, LSCB Chair

Dear Colleagues, welcome to the October LSCB newsletter. I met recently with LSCB lay members and school governor representatives and we talked about how best to engage parents and carers in the work of the LSCB. We agreed that asking agencies to follow us on twitter and re-tweet some of our tweets would be a good idea and also sharing some of the issues that we raise in this newsletter. If you wish, I am very happy for you to share all or part of the newsletter with parents and carers.

In this edition we highlight good practice in relation to one of the sporting facilities in Richmond, as an example of how an agency is putting safeguarding children into practice.

Celebrating Local Best Practice

Jo Pond is the Pools in the Park, Richmond, Centre Manager; she has been working with the LSCB since March 2017. Jo has acted upon advice effectively. She demonstrates an understanding of robust safeguarding practices. She is an excellent leader and mentor to the big staff team, demonstrating that Jo not only goes the extra mile for users, but also for her staff team members on many occasions.



Jo leads her team confidently and professionally, challenging pool users in all areas of safeguarding, for example; use of mobile phones whilst watching from the café. She has acted swiftly upon advice from the Counter Terrorist Department, incorporating bag searches prior to entering the Centre during the summer months. Jo has organised all staff to attend further safeguarding training – CSE as advised.



A new **Safety First** noticeboard is now located in the pool café for users to see safeguarding information with regard to getting further advice /support. Posters and notices will soon be located in the Centre toilets and changing rooms, alerting users to the NO video or photographing whilst in the Centre, after a recent incident.

The Safeguarding Policy has been updated and shared amongst her staff team. Jo will be installing a further notice board within the front reception to display team photographs – indicating who is Safeguarding Lead, First Aid trained, with the Safeguarding Policy displayed, demonstrating preventative measures.

The Centre attracts many users, some who may have mental health needs. Jo demonstrates a very caring and 'can do' attitude to helping all, but felt she lacked training in this area. She and her deputy are now booked onto the free LSCB Mental Health First Aid training, so she is better equipped to support or sign post when necessary. Meet Jo at the course on 14th December by booking here: <http://kingstonandrichmondscb.org.uk/training.php>

(Jo has been nominated as an Unsung Hero in Richmond Council Awards' scheme by Tracey Welding, LSCB Coordinator). Why not let us celebrate your safeguarding heroes too?

The Revolving Door Report by the children's charity Action for Children have warned that some of the most vulnerable children in society are not getting the help and support they need. The Charity's research found that, of the total number of children whose case were closed after assessment, only 1 in 4 children can be confirmed as referred to early help services. The Charity estimates that there are 140,000 children who do not meet the threshold for statutory support and are not referred to early help after their case is closed.

Sir Tony Hawkhead, Chief Executive of Action for Children, said: "Our report turns a spotlight on the thousands of families up and down the country who are not getting help, despite concerns having been raised about the welfare of a child. Social care can't just be there for when a family is in meltdown".

Every day, too many children's lives are overshadowed by **drugs, alcoholism, domestic violence** and **neglect** - a toxic recipe for all kinds of problems now and in later life.

Read the Report here:

<https://www.actionforchildren.org.uk/news-and-blogs/policy-updates/2017/august/revolving-door-are-vulnerable-children-overlooked/>

Chris Robson

Chris Robson has been appointed as new LSCB Chair for Kingston and Richmond, following Meadlands School and partner interviews this month. Chris will begin in December 2017. We will let you have more news soon.



Ofsted Inspection

Some colleagues will be aware that the LSCB in Richmond recently underwent a review by Ofsted, as part of the statutory inspection of services for children in need of help and protection, children looked after and care leavers within the borough. The final report will be published on 8th December.

New CSE Strategy Launches on 30th October 2017

The CSE strategy for Kingston & Richmond has recently been updated to reflect The London Child Sexual Exploitation Operating Protocol (June 2017) and now includes the following sections:

Section 1: Local CSE Strategy

Section 2: CSE referral flow chart, referral forms for CSE & MASE and terms of reference for meetings

Section 3 : Practice guidance

For the full strategy click, CSE referral flow chart and Referral Forms click here:

<http://kingstonandrichmondscb.org.uk/news-resources/policies-and-procedures-87/child-sexual-exploitation-88.php>

Green Book Launch

On 22nd November 2017, we will be holding a half-day conference for Voluntary, Community, Faith and private organisations to raise awareness and ensure robust policies and procedures are in place within your organisations. Further details [here](#).