



Message from Deborah Lightfoot, LSCB Chair

Welcome to the LSCB newsletter for September, in which we set out the key priorities for both LSCBs based upon our safeguarding assessments. Our shared local priorities are placed under the themes of Improving Practice, Workforce Development, Communication and Engagement and Governance and Accountability. Below, we also highlight key resources in respect of young parents, radicalisation and extremism and awareness of carbon monoxide poisoning. Please share widely.

LSCB Priorities for 2017-18

This month we have completed our safeguarding assessments in Kingston and Richmond for our LSCB annual reports. We find stable performance in child protection work across the multi-agency group and examples of good practice, which we will highlight as the autumn goes on. Congratulations to all our frontline workers in Kingston and Richmond and keep up the good, steady work! For 2017-18 our LSCB priorities are:

❖ **Transition of children between agencies, teams and sectors, including those of children to adults' services**

More information is available in our transitions' huddle:

<http://kingstonandrichmondscb.org.uk/news-resources/policies-and-procedures-87/growing-up-transitions-228.php>

And we have been talking about transitions recently in our Quality Assurance Subgroups in relation to CAMHS and Probation.

❖ **Continued learning and development around ethnicity and diversity**

The LSCB offer training on cultural awareness. Visit our training portal for further information on this course: kingstonandrichmondscb.org.uk/training.php

❖ **Outreach to voluntary sector, community and faith groups**

We're launching our Green Book of Safeguarding guidance on 22nd November. Event details [here](#). Find out more here re free DBS support for volunteers here: www.gov.uk/guidance/dbs-check-requests-guidance-for-employers#volunteer-applications

❖ **Communication and information sharing to be strengthened between professional interfaces**

Safeguarding relies on good communication between everyone involved with a family - those who work with adults, members of the voluntary sector, faith & community groups, health partners, Children's Social Care, Police and education. Remember our Section 47 investigation crib sheet: kingstonandrichmondscb.org.uk/media/upload/fck/file/Section%2047%20Child%20Protection%20strategy%20meeting%20reminder.pdf, and our resolution and escalation policy: kingstonandrichmondscb.org.uk/media/upload/fck/file/Policies%20and%20Procedures/LSCB%20Resolution%20and%20Escalation%20Protocol%20Feb%202015.pdf

❖ **A focus on the mental health and emotional wellbeing to run through all our work to ensure stronger prevention and timely help**

Our Mental Health First Aid training is free to everyone in Kingston and Richmond book for 14th December here: kingstonandrichmondscb.org.uk/training.php
Remember the SPA is the front door to Tier 2 emotional wellbeing support.

Young Parents

Young Parents are sometimes more vulnerable in our community and often miss out on support and resources. We now have a new **young parents'** area on our website with information, local and national learning and resources: <http://kingstonandrichmondscb.org.uk/practitioners/young-parents-237.php>

Radicalisation & Extremism

We hope practitioners will remember the work carried out by local young people last year regarding radicalisation and extremism. To recap visit: <http://kingstonandrichmondscb.org.uk/children-young-people/safe-from-campaign-84.php>

We also have a page for practitioners which includes learning from the Serious Case Review published by Brighton and Hove LSCB in July 2017: <http://kingstonandrichmondscb.org.uk/practitioners/radicalisation-and-extremism-172.php>

Carbon Monoxide Awareness

Carbon Monoxide (CO) awareness is important all year round. Poorly maintained appliances and boilers can cause carbon monoxide poisoning, which can be fatal. Gas central heating may be turned off in the summer, but your boiler is still being used for hot water and, perhaps, you use a gas cooker or gas barbeque. More than 40% of us own a gas barbeque and 30% of us use it weekly to produce simple meals to enjoy outdoors. For further information around BBQ safety and the use of gas camping equipment in the summer please see the advice given on the Gas Safe Register website.

Carbon Monoxide poisoning is also a significant risk to health after a flood, and Public Health England warns to never use petrol or diesel generators indoors when pumping out water or drying homes. Using temporary heaters or generators to pump water out in enclosed spaces increases the risk of carbon monoxide poisoning. Petrol- or diesel-powered generators, dehumidifiers and pressure washers should never be used indoors without adequate ventilation as their exhaust gases can build up and kill. For further information and advice around Carbon Monoxide Alarms and what to do if you think you have a Carbon Monoxide leak please visit Fire Service.co.uk

The early symptoms of carbon monoxide poisoning can mimic many common ailments and may easily be confused with food poisoning, viral infections, flu or simple tiredness. Symptoms to look out for include: · headaches or dizziness · breathlessness · nausea · loss of consciousness · tiredness · pains in the chest or stomach · erratic behaviour · visual problems

For more information visit <http://www.nhs.uk/conditions/carbon-monoxide-poisoning/pages/introduction.aspx> or telephone NHS Direct on 0845 4647

Public Health England have developed a useful leaflet [Floods - How to clean up your home safely](#) which provides further information. Latest alerts and general advice on flooding is provided the Environment Agency

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Kingston LSCB School Governor Member Needed

Kingston LSCB is looking to recruit a Governor Member for the Board. You can access the job description and application form on our home page under latest news: <http://kingstonandrichmondscb.org.uk/>