



## Safeguarding children and young people Spring 2018 update

This Spring information share / update is for all Voluntary & Faith organisations that have contact with children and young people up to the age of 18.

Every child and young person should be kept safe, and **everyone is responsible for protecting children and young people from harm.**

When your group or organisation is working with or has contact with any children and young people up to the age of 18, your organisation should make sure it takes steps to keep them safe.

The main areas to consider are:

- Child protection – know what to do if you are worried about a child
- Safer staff and volunteers – during recruitment, induction, supervision, training, responding to allegations
- Avoiding accidents and running safe activities and events
- Preventing and responding to bullying
- Safe use of social media

### LSCB Training



Are your team trained in safeguarding?  
How can I access LSCB Training?

Please visit:

[www.kingstonandrichmondscb.org.uk/training](http://www.kingstonandrichmondscb.org.uk/training)

**Free for Voluntary and Faith Organisations.**



**If you are worried about a child or young person:**

**Call -Single Point of Access (SPA)  
020 8547 5008 for advice or to make a referral.  
Or Out of hours number 020 8770 5000**

**Police: 999**

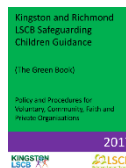
**or NSPCC (National Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Children) 24 hour helpline,  
Call : 0808 800 5000**



**Check you have the correct numbers in your safeguarding policy & all workers have the number.**

### Resources

**LSCB Safeguarding Children Guidance (The Green Book) refreshed now – please go to our [website](#) to download**



**Free support to safeguard children and young people NSPCC guidance on writing policies**

Useful free resources written especially for smaller voluntary organisations and clubs, to help make activities safe for children and help you write your policy and procedures.

[www.nspcc.org.uk/preventing-abuse/safeguarding/](http://www.nspcc.org.uk/preventing-abuse/safeguarding/)

**Multi-faith safeguarding hub Guidance on safeguarding** within the beliefs, teachings and cultural context of Buddhism, Christianity, Hinduism, Islam, Judaism, Sikhism, and interfaith.

[www.nspcc.org.uk/preventing-abuse/safeguarding/safeguarding-faithcommunities/](http://www.nspcc.org.uk/preventing-abuse/safeguarding/safeguarding-faithcommunities/)

## Safeguarding a key governance priority for all charities

**“Trustees should take steps to ensure no one who comes into contact with their charity suffers distress or harm, as well as safeguarding children and adults at risk”, says regulator of charities.**

The [Charity Commission’s new safeguarding strategy](#) says that safeguarding is a key governance priority for **all charities**, not just those working with groups traditionally considered at risk.

The strategy explains that trustees should ensure their charity provides a safe environment for staff, volunteers, and anyone who comes into contact with it. It also makes clear that safeguarding goes beyond preventing physical abuse, and includes protecting people from harm generally, including neglect, emotional abuse, exploitation, radicalisation, and the consequences of the misuse of personal data.

Where a charity funds other organisations, such as overseas partners, that work with children or adults at risk, its trustees should carry out appropriate due diligence so that they can be confident that their partner has in place appropriate safeguarding policies and procedures.

**Safeguarding** is one of the three areas of risk facing charities that the Commission priorities in its work, alongside fraud and financial abuse and mismanagement, and the extremist and terrorist abuse of charities. It says trustees always remain responsible for safeguarding, even if some aspects of it are delegated to staff”.

## Data Protection Act

The General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR) replaces the Data Protection Act and applies from **25 May 2018**. All organisations **MUST** start planning to implement the changes to the law on data protection.

The GDPR boosts the protection of children’s data.



For an overview visit <https://www.itgovernance.eu/blog/en/the-gdpr-and-child-consent/>

## Welcome to Chris Robson – New LSCB Chair

Chris has 30 years policing experience. He brings extensive operational and strategic knowledge in safeguarding. He served on Child Protection units across 4 London boroughs, including Haringey post the tragic death of Victoria Climbié. He has led a number of high profile enquiries and was the police lead on the Stephen Lawrence Independent Review. His most recent role was as police lead for delivery of all statutory and homicide reviews, managing risk and improving safeguarding for victims.



## Signs of Safety

Achieving for Children is rolling out Signs of Safety as its **primary operating model**. The Signs of Safety model was created by Andrew Turnell and Steve Edwards, in collaboration with over 150 child protection workers throughout the 1990s in Western Australia. The model promotes **strong relationship building and enables practitioners across different disciplines to work in partnership with children and families** to maintain a focus on building safety within the family.

### Key Principles

- ensuring children and families are at the centre of practice and strengthening professional judgement
  - collaborative working - listening to, informing, and involving the children through the whole process.
  - focused and effective risk assessment that maximises engagement of family and partner agencies and involves the child, family and wider network in assessment and safety planning.



Find out more about **Signs of Safety** :

- Sign up to Achieving for Children's formal Signs of Safety training here: <https://www.afccpdonline.co.uk/cpd/portal.asp>
- Signs of Safety website [www.signsofsafety.net](http://www.signsofsafety.net)
- 'You Can't Grow Roses in Concrete' Action Research Final Report on Signs of Safety English Innovations Project, Eileen Munro, Andrew Turnell and Terry Murphy
- Signs of Safety in England: An NSPCC commissioned report on the Signs of Safety model in child protection, Amanda Bunn, Freelance Research Consultant

## Transforming children and young people's mental health provision: a green paper

The government is asking people for their **views** on a green paper setting out measures to improve mental health support for children and young people.

This green paper on children and young people's mental health sets out this government's ambition to go even further in ensuring that those who need it are able to access the right help for their mental health, in the right place and at the right time. The green paper focuses on **earlier intervention** and prevention particularly in or linked to schools and colleges.

The proposals include:

- creating a new mental health workforce of community-based mental health support teams
- every school and college will be encouraged to appoint a designated lead for mental health
- a new 4-week waiting time for NHS children and young people's mental health services to be piloted in some areas.



[Click here](#) to view the green paper. Consultation closes on **18<sup>th</sup> March 2018**

## Awareness over the coming months



### FGM Awareness 6th February 2018

#### International Day of Zero Tolerance for Female Genital Mutilation -

*The International Day of Zero Tolerance for Female Genital Mutilation is a United Nations (UN) campaign held on **February 6 -2018** to stop genital mutilation to girls and women*

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

<http://nationalfgmcentre.org.uk/about-us/>

### Internet Safety Day – 6 February 2018

Safer Internet Day 2018 will be celebrated globally on **Tuesday 6th February 2018** with the slogan “**Create, Connect and Share Respect: A better internet starts with you**”.

Find out more and get involved!

[www.saferinternetday.org.uk](http://www.saferinternetday.org.uk) #SID2018

<https://www.saferinternet.org.uk/safer-internet-day/2018>



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### Sexual Abuse and Sexual Violence Week - #ITSNOTOK

**5-11th February 2018** is Sexual Abuse and Sexual Violence Awareness Week. To find out more visit <http://sexualabuseandsexualviolenceawarenessweek.org/> or follow on twitter #ITSNOTOK

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**AWARENESS DAY 18TH MARCH**



### National Child Sexual Exploitation Awareness Day March -18<sup>th</sup> 2018

Child Sexual Exploitation (CSE) is a form of sexual abuse that involves the manipulation and/or coercion of young people under the age of 18 into sexual activity.

### Further support & Guidance

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