



Message from Deborah Lightfoot, LSCB Chair

In this newsletter we address the very sensitive issue of children who exhibit sexually harmful behaviour. It is important for all partners who provide or commission services to understand this particularly complex safeguarding matter and provide a coordinated response. Set out below is a short summary of issues and resources.

Harmful Sexual Behaviour

Our issue this month is looking at the difficult subject of harmful sexual behaviour. The vast majority of children who exhibit harmful sexual behaviour at any age will themselves have experienced, sexual, emotional or physical abuse. A significant minority of victims of Child Sexual Exploitation (CSE) are also perpetrators. About 30% of sexual abuse is perpetrated by children and young people. Over 4,200 young people were reported as perpetrators of sexual abuse in the UK in 2013/14.

Harmful sexual behaviour includes:

- using sexually explicit words and phrases
- inappropriate touching
- using sexual violence or threats
- full penetrative sex with other children or adults.

Children and young people who develop harmful sexual behaviour harm themselves and others. There are four stages of usual sexual development in childhood and more details can be found on the [NSPCC Website – Harmful Sexual Behaviour: Signs and Symptoms](#)

Some children may develop earlier or later than others. Families, carers and professionals should ask for advice if they are concerned about a child's behaviour, or if the child or young person exhibits changes in behaviour or displays some of these symptoms:

Withdrawal	Missing school	Aggression	Anxiety	Soiling clothes
Nightmares	Self harm or thoughts of suicide	Taking risks	Wetting the bed	
	Changes in eating habits	Obsessive behaviour		

Our LSCB's most important message is prevention - teaching children how to keep themselves safe.

To find out more information please visit:

- [NSPCC – Harmful Sexual Behaviour at a glance](#)
- [How to talk Pants in the Classroom : the Underwear Rule](#) - This is great NSPCC guidance for primary aged children on how to keep safe. Leaflets are free, in a variety of languages and can be obtained from the NSPCC website. We'd encourage schools to involve parents and maybe use this as an assembly or PSHE resource.
- [NSPCC: Healthy Sexual Behaviour](#) - guide to keeping children safe, spotting warning signs and what to do if you're worried

Do you have a reception or waiting room area? Or a staff or pupil website?

If so, why not show our short film about safeguarding and the LSCBs. The film is just over a minute long and is suitable for parents, children, young people, professionals and carers. [Watch the Kingston and Richmond LSCB Short Film.](#)

Welcome to the new Kingston and Richmond LSCB Members!

The LSCB will like to welcome our new members to the LSCB. Cara Ventham (Jack and Jill School) and Richard Girvan (St Paul's School) will be representing the Independent Schools in Richmond. Alex Colclough (Meadlands Primary & Nursery School), Zoë Griffiths (Trafalgar Junior School), Katie Bentham (The Queen's C of E Primary School).

The LSCB is looking forward to working with you all!

The next Safe From Campaign – Safe From Extremism

This year a group of young people from Kingston and Richmond ran a project about raising awareness on teenage relationship abuse. Due to the success of the project, the LSCB are funding the next stage of the campaign focusing on issues around extremism. The project will involve recruiting and training a core group of young people (aged 14-17 years old) from Richmond and Kingston schools and colleges. This core group will be capacity built with appropriate training on the subject matter as well as peer research training skills. Once trained, students will undertake research in their respective schools or colleges to identify young people's views on extremism and knowledge of local support services.

CONGRATULATIONS – the project has won additional funding from the Richmond Community Safety Partnership and Kingston Safer Partnership which will be utilised to spread the messages of the campaign further.

If your school or college would like to be part of the project please email Michael Connors (Youth Engagement Lead, Achieving for Children) - michael.connor@achievingforchildren.org.uk

Resolution and Escalation process

Our local learning from our case reviews and audit work leads us to remind everyone that professional escalation and resolution of issues for children and families between all agencies is a feature of good practice and makes a difference. Please remember our procedure here: <http://kingstonandrichmondscb.org.uk/news-resources/policies-and-procedures-87/resolution-and-escalation-protocol-151.php>

Private Fostering

We have published more guidance around Private Fostering in November which can be found at - <http://kingstonandrichmondscb.org.uk/news-resources/policies-and-procedures-87/private-fostering-147.php>
The LSCB is visiting local schools to highlight this issue.

Multi Agency Risk Assessment Conference (MARAC) Audits

Kingston LSCB has recently audited cases involving young babies presented to MARAC (Multi Agency Risk Assessment Conference) around domestic abuse. Our message is to encourage referrals at a timely stage for any agency. Richmond will be reviewing MARAC in February 2016. Find out more about how to refer:

Kingston MARAC -

http://www.kingston.gov.uk/info/200201/working_within_adult_safeguarding/241/domestic_violence_risk_assessment_and_marac

Richmond MARAC =

http://www.richmond.gov.uk/domestic_abuse_multi-agency_risk_assessment_conference

Royal National Lifeboat Institution (RNLI) and Schools

Since the LSCB informed schools about the free support around keeping safe in and around the water, 14 Primary Schools have responded to the RNLI – well done!

Schools that have signed up - Alexandra Infant School; Bishop Perrin CE Primary School; Heathfield Junior School; Green Lane Primary School; Darell Primary School; Orleans Primary School; Thomson House School; Barnes Primary School; St Elizabeth's Catholic Primary; Hampton Junior School; St Stephen's Primary; Grand Avenue Primary; Burlington Junior School; Hampton Hill Junior School. For more information please visit www.rnli.org/education