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Message from Chris Robson, LSCB Chair

This is our February newsletter for all practitioners working and volunteering in Kingston and Richmond. Please share this widely with your colleagues. Our main agenda item is CSE (Child Sexual Exploitation) Awareness this month, leading to National CSE Awareness Day on 18th March. Please think how you can mark this with local parents, children and practitioners in your sector. Preventing and eradicating neglect is another firm LSCB priority. One strand of that is the launch of our new WNB (Was Not Brought) Guidance helping us to see that missed appointments can also be indicators of child neglect. Please share this widely.

Child Sexual Exploitation

Child Sexual Exploitation (CSE) is defined as follows:

Child sexual exploitation is a form of child sexual abuse. It occurs where an individual or group takes advantage of an imbalance of power to coerce, manipulate or deceive a child or young person under the age of 18 into sexual activity (a) in exchange for something the victim needs or wants, and/or (b) for the financial advantage or increased status of the perpetrator or facilitator. The victim may have been sexually exploited even if the sexual activity appears consensual. Child sexual exploitation does not always involve physical contact; it can also occur through the use of technology.

Kingston and Richmond LSCB have been working to Raise awareness about CSE and the links between CSE and the online world to ensure that all professionals

working with children and young people are aware of the indicators of CSE and know what to do if they suspect that someone maybe a victim of CSE. The LSCB run multi agency training courses on CSE, have had conferences for professionals and local businesses on CSE and have held awareness raising sessions with sports clubs, park keepers, local businesses and hotels and schools and health staff to increase awareness about is important issue.

Boys are underrepresented in referrals about CSE and so the LSCB have been highlighting the fact that boys can also be victims of CSE and are just as vulnerable as girls and that all services should be sensitive to this.

The LSCB have also been promoting awareness about the links between gangs, drugs and CSE following the County Lines Gang Violence, Exploitation & Drugs Supply Report published by The National Crime Agency. To see the full report click here

<http://www.nationalcrimeagency.gov.uk/publications/832-county-lines-violence.../file>

National CSE awareness day is on 18/3/2018 and the aim of the day is to encourage everyone to **think, spot and speak out against abuse** and adopt a zero tolerance to adults developing inappropriate relationships with children or children developing inappropriate relationships with other children.

There are many ways for agencies to support National CSE Day including writing a personal pledge and displaying on social media and displaying banners and posters for information and resources go to [displaying our banners and posters](#) .

To find out more go to <http://www.stop-cse.org/national-child-exploitation-awareness-day/>

To find out more about the LSCB training on CSE and Online Safety and to book a place go to: <http://kingstonandrichmondscb.org.uk/training.php>



Upcoming LSCB Training

The LSCB are offering training courses to all who work with children. Here is a list of training courses happening in March;

- LSCB Impact of Culture, Faith & Belief Systems on Safeguarding Children (Level 3) – 05/03/18
- LSCB Safeguarding Children: Child Protection Process (Level 3) (Kingston) – 05/03/18
- LSCB Sexual Violence Awareness (Level 3) – 06/03/18
- LSCB Understanding and Managing Childhood Neglect (Level 3) – 12/03/18
- LSCB Lone Worker Safety & Assessing Risk (Level 3) – 20/03/18
- LSCB Impact of Domestic Abuse – 21/03/18
- LSCB Safeguarding Children: Child Protection Process (Level 3) (Kingston) – 23/03/18

If you are interested in going on any of these courses and you work within education you can

apply here: <https://www.afccpdonline.co.uk/earlyyears/courses/bookings/default.asp?curpage=2>

Otherwise you can apply for any of these training courses here:

<http://kingstonandrichmondscb.org.uk/training.php>

LSCB email change

In February, most LSCB emails will be changing to our own domain name, such as this one:

lscb-support@kingrich.lscb.org.uk

You can still use our old email addresses for a few months longer before they're switched off.

Everyone can be more intelligent about gender.

Gendered Intelligence is a not-for-profit Community Interest Company, established in 2008. They work with the trans community and those who impact on trans lives. They particularly specialise in supporting young trans people under the age of 21, and deliver trans youth programmes, support for parents and carers, professional development and trans awareness training for all sectors and educational workshops for schools, colleges, Universities and other educational settings. Their mission is to increase understandings of gender diversity.

Find out more here:

<http://genderedintelligence.co.uk/>

Was Not Brought Launch February

Much of our LSCB local learning has been around neglect in Kingston and Richmond and this has led to the development of guidance around children missing medical appointments - from Dentist to therapists. This can often be an indication of the child's needs not being met. Traditional terms DNA (Did Not Attend) don't reflect that for children, a parent or carer did not bring them. We are asking agencies to consider using the term WNB (Was Not Brought) instead of DNA and being alert to the implications of missed appointments. Please disseminate this guidance here:

[http://kingstonandrichmondscb.org.uk/media/upload/fck/file/Was%20Not%20Brought%20Feb%202018%20Final%20\(2\).pdf](http://kingstonandrichmondscb.org.uk/media/upload/fck/file/Was%20Not%20Brought%20Feb%202018%20Final%20(2).pdf)

and this helpful film:

<https://youtu.be/dAdNL6d4lpk>

Together, we can tackle child abuse

The Government is launching phase 3 of its campaign 'Together, we can tackle child abuse'. Radio advertising will air from the 20th February through to the end of March. Free to use for all, the content has been tried and tested with parent groups and experts in the sector. This new range of digital content includes animations, animated gifs and infographics, which will:

- **Inform** people about the different types of child abuse and neglect
- **Educate** people on how to spot the signs
- **Reassure** people about the reporting process, and support them through it

You will also find core campaign content on the partner site including; logo, campaign key messages, campaign overview copy, and suggested social media posts.

Access the materials, and guidance on how to use them, now at: www.dfechildprotection-munroforster.com.