NEWSLETTER

Safeguarding children and young people. Summer 2019 - Update

This summer information is to Support & help all voluntary groups to keep children and improve how they respond to safeguarding concerns.

BARNARDO'S HAS RECENTLY published a report

Barnardo's Young People, Social Media & Mental Health
https://www.barnardos.org.uk/sites/default/files/uploads/Executive%20Summary.pdf

The Report is about the impact of social media on mental health and wellbeing. Approximately 80 Barnardo's practitioners were interviewed as part of this process, with nearly four in five saying that the mental health and well-being of the 11-15 year olds they work with have been negatively impacted by cyber bullying via social media.

Refreshed LSCB FGM Policy guidance for all - please read

FGM is an illegal in the UK since the Prohibition of Female Circumcision Act 1985 the Female Genital Mutilation Act 2003 replaced the 1985 Act.
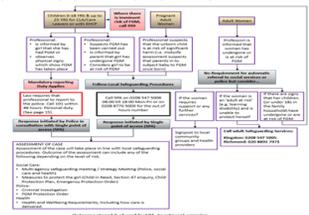It is extremely harmful practice and a form of child abuse and violence against women and girls, and therefore should be dealt with as part of existing child and adult safeguarding / protection structures, policies and procedures.
The safety and welfare of the child is paramount;
Making it an offence for UK nationals or permanent UK residents to carry out FGM abroad, or to aid, abet, counsel or procure the carrying out of FGM abroad, even in countries where the practice is legal.

The law imposes a penalty of up to 14 years in prison and, or, a fine.
https://kingstonandrichmondlscb.org.uk/news-resources/policies-and-procedures-87/female-genital-mutilation-policy-203.php

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LSCB provide FREE training for all communities.

The LSCB offers training on a variety of safeguarding topics to all working with children and families.
Click here to view a Training calendar of available courses in the next year
https://kingstonandrichmondlscb.org.uk/training.php

Cyber Security - Free Online Training

Free online training is available from the National Cyber Security Centre (NCSC). Stay Safe Online: Top Tips for Staff takes less than 30 minutes to complete and covers the importance of cyber security, how attacks happen and four key areas of phishing, passwords, securing devices and reporting incidents. See the training and more.

FGM Training (Free)

Home office eLearning module, excellent for all practitioners:
https://fgmelearning.co.uk/

Safe in Sport Conference

Hold the date for the 14th of October 2019, 19:00-21:00

Charities: how to protect children and adults at risk": https://www.gov.uk/guidance/charities-how-to-protect-vulnerable-groups including-children

How to Creating a safeguarding culture within your faith community.

- Awareness raising & prompting safeguarding culture.
- Clear understanding of what is a safeguarding incident
- Safeguarding training for all.
- Robust recruitment
- Foster a culture of openness
- Think the unthinkable
- Information sharing
- Evaluate Risks
- Training is different to embedding a safeguarding culture change.

The Charity Commission have created **a new serious incident reporting form.**
On 14 June 2019, the Charity Commission updated its detailed guidance for charity trustees on how to spot and report serious incidents.

Charities should **report an incident** if it results in, or risks, significant:
- harm to people who come into contact with your charity through its work
- loss of your charity's money or assets
- damage to your charity's property
- harm to your charity's work or reputation

The guidance now includes (in the section on "How to report") a link to a new online form that charities can use to report serious incidents to the regulator, rather than emailing it https://www.gov.uk/guidance/how-to-report-a-serious-incident-in-your-charity

For any of the above please contact Tracey Welding on
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How can I access LSCB Training? Please visit: www.kingstonandrichmondlscb.org.uk/training

The **Wood Review** recommended refreshing local safeguarding partnerships across the country. Our local Safeguarding Children Board has responded to the statutory changes & have published our new Safeguarding Children Partnership arrangements here.
These arrangements were published on 29 June 2019 & we will be known as the Kingston & Richmond Safeguarding Children Partnership from September2019.

"The safeguarding culture really does come down to leadership and values"

"Every VCSE (voluntary, community and social enterprise), based organisation and private sector organisation or agency **should have policies in place** to safeguard and protect children from harm. These should be followed and systems should be in place to ensure compliance in this." *(Working Together 2018- requirements)*
As a baseline the community must recognise and believe that **'it could happen here'** this is why the policies & safeguarding culture is so important to embed.

Recognising and referring abuse
1. Be alert
2. Question behaviours
3. Ask for help
4. Refer

Helpful guide regarding robust recruitment.
Are you confident to recruit the right people? The **Safer Recruitment Consortium** have produced an updated version of **Guidance for Safer Working Practices** (last version 2015).

The Guidance for Safer Working Practices covers all the required aspects of the staff behaviour policy as outlined in KCSIE and is useful in that it gives examples of what the behaviours might mean in practice. Link to Guidance for Safer Working Practices (May 2019) https://www.saferrecruitmentconsortium.org/GSWP%20May%202019%20final.pdf