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March 31<sup>st</sup> 2017

Dear DSL,

### **Spring Term Safeguarding Round Up**

I can't believe we're coming to the end of another term – time really does fly! Please find below, some useful information I've been storing up for you. Do let me know if there is anything else I can do to support you. We had a great network meeting for Richmond DSLs last week and another successful In Safe Hands event at St Richard's Primary School, Ham.

Would you like to host the next Richmond DSL Forum Meeting on 7<sup>th</sup> July 2017? Please let me know if you can. I have already booked the return visit of DC Mark Goody from the CAIT, who was such an inspirational speaker!

Have a wonderful Easter Break and see you in the Summer Term!

Warm regards,

Alex

#### **Skilling up schools in mental health**

From Easter 2017 we will be offering secondary school staff the opportunity to attend a one day [Youth MHFA Schools course](#) and at no cost! The courses will be delivered as part of the government funded initiative announced by Prime Minister Theresa May at the start of the year. In the first of this three year programme we aim to train at least one member of staff, in over 1000 secondary schools, to become a [Youth MHFA Champion](#). By the end of 2020 every secondary school in England will have been offered the opportunity to attend this important skills based training. This is an important step forward in our campaign to ensure that every school in England has access to Youth MHFA training and social mission to train 1 in 10 people in Mental Health First Aid. If you work in or with a school who would be willing to host one of the first 100 training courses we would love to hear from you. In return the school will be offered up to four additional places per course. Schools should register their interest by emailing [schools@mhfaengland.org](mailto:schools@mhfaengland.org), stating where in England they are located.

#### **Section 11 Safeguarding Audits**

Thank you so much if you have now submitted your audit to me. The LSCB strongly encourages all agencies that work with children and young people to ensure their arrangements reflect the importance of safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children and young people. Working Together to Safeguard Children requires LSCBs to gather data to assess whether partners are meeting their statutory obligations. In Richmond and Kingston, Schools' compliance with s.11 is monitored annually and we would ask school's Designated Safeguarding Leads to complete a Safeguarding Audit/self-assessment with their Designated Safeguarding Governor. Following completion of the audit, schools should produce an action plan outlining those areas where additional work is needed to ensure full compliance with the requirements of s.11. Please submit your completed audits to me [alex.colclough@achievingforchildren.org.uk](mailto:alex.colclough@achievingforchildren.org.uk)

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### **Private Fostering**

Private Fostering is still desperately underreported across Richmond and Kingston. Please ensure your staff and parents understand the issue by using this one minute film on our website.

<http://www.kingstonandrichmondscb.org.uk/parents-carers/private-fostering-looking-after-somebody-elses-child-18.php>

### **Working Together**

As part of a national project, schools will soon receive 'Merlins' (police reports) from Children's Services in order to ensure a coordinated, multi-agency approach to safeguarding issues. As we receive further information on this we will get it to you.

### **Child Sexual Abuse and Child Sexual Exploitation**

The CSA Hub in South West London will provide medical and emotional support services for all survivors of CSA or CSE in the boroughs of Croydon, Kingston, Merton, Richmond, Sutton and Wandsworth. For more information contact: NSPCC Croydon Service Centre, The Courtyard, 254 High Street Croydon Surrey CR0 1NF Phone us on: 0208 253 1850 Email us at:

[croydon.servicecentre@nspcc.org.uk](mailto:croydon.servicecentre@nspcc.org.uk)

RICHMOND Designated Dr Claire Scott, Telephone 0208 891 8188. Referral will then be made for CSA medical examination at University College Hospital.

KINGSTON Designated Dr Nader Elgharably Telephone the CP Admin Coordinator on 0208 934 3400. The CP Coordinator will take referral forward through SPA. The case will be referred through the SPA to either the CSA clinic at St George's Hospital or University College Hospital.

### **Safeguarding Adolescents Survey**

Carlene Firmin's team at MsUnderstood and the University of Bedfordshire asking for professionals to complete the following survey: [Safeguarding Adolescents in London - survey for professionals](#)

The survey asks whether the current child protection processes and procedures adequately support professionals in their work with vulnerable adolescents. It also asks how confident professionals are in their ability to identify and respond to the needs of 'at risk' teenagers.

The survey will inform the development of a chapter in the London Child Protection Procedures addressing child protection risks affecting adolescents and the appropriate processes/procedures to respond to these risks so your input would be much appreciated.

### **Peer Support Groups**

*Do you know a young person who is feeling stressed, anxious, lonely, or just a little unsettled?*

New peer support groups to help! Spend time with people you can relate to, have a load of fun, and feel free to share experiences around emotional and mental health. We're here so you can be there for each other!

Twickenham (age 18-25): 1<sup>st</sup> Tuesday of the month at St Mary's University, room G1, 7-8pm

Hampton (age 14-16): 2<sup>nd</sup> Thursday of the month at Hampton Youth Project, 5-6pm

Richmond (age 16-18): 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday of the month at Richmond Library Annexe, 5-6pm

Mortlake (age 14-16): last Monday of the month at Mortlake Powerstation Youth Centre, 7-8pm

If you'd like more information, contact Esther Rich (Youth Wellbeing Coordinator) at:

[esther.rich@rbmind.org](mailto:esther.rich@rbmind.org)

07889 705695

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### **FREE Road Safety Seminar**

The presentations and topics will include:

- Using new 'Clevertouch' screens to get safety messages across to young people in Milton Keynes to prevent deaths on grid roads. A chance for delegates to have a go on the day! Jo Green, Director, Safety Centre (Hazard Alley) Ltd
- Bikes, Big Trucks & You' – reducing the risks associated with walking and cycling near large goods vehicles. Cheryl Evans, Traffic & Road Safety Team, Highways & Transport, West Berkshire Council and Steve Ferris, Safer Roads Berkshire

Book a place: [lise.hansen@capt.org.uk](mailto:lise.hansen@capt.org.uk)

### **Online Safety**

Some interesting resources via LGFL on how to encourage critical thinking in children and young people with a particular focus on spotting 'fake news'.

<https://www.common sense media.org/blog/how-to-spot-fake-news-and-teach-kids-to-be-media-savvy#&source=Online%20Safety%20Section>

### **School Trips – Keeping Children Safe**

Here is some useful information from the latest Andrew Hall bulletin in case you missed it:

<https://www.safeguardingschools.co.uk/wp-content/uploads/2017/03/School-Trips-Keeping-Children-Safe-London-Borough-of-Havering-1.pdf>

### **Helping children to understand terrorist attacks**

In the days following the recent Westminster attack, many children had questions about events which they'd seen on the news or heard adults talking about. Here's some advice from the PSHE

Association about how to handle those discussions sensitively: <https://www.pshe-association.org.uk/sites/default/files/Discussion%20framework%20to%20be%20used%20in%20the%20event%20of%20a%20terrorist%20attack%20-%20July%202016.pdf>