

## Haringey Safeguarding Children Board Quarterly January 2018

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### Messages from the HSCB meeting: December 13<sup>th</sup> 2018

- Reflection on the Joint Targeted Area Inspection regarding the response to Child Neglect in Haringey.** The meeting took some time to consider the amount of hard work that had gone in to making the very thorough inspection run as smoothly as possible. The final report regarding the findings of the inspection in Haringey will be published on 31<sup>st</sup> January 2018 after an initial draft is shared earlier on during January. It was agreed that there is a need for some rapid improvement in multi-agency safeguarding around neglect and that the inspection's findings provided the basis for driving this progress forward. Within and across partnership agencies there are improvement initiatives taking place, the progress of which will be shared by the relevant agencies with the partnership.
- Cafcass – Learning from Serious Case Reviews.** The meeting heard from the CAFCASS representative to HSCB regarding this overview report, based on the learning from 15 more recent cases where the children were known to CAFCASS and from all SCRs where CAFCASS had been involved from the Biennial/ Triennial overviews of SCRs. The report profiles the types of cases; the profile of perpetrators and partially of the victims. Domestic abuse features in 71% of the cases reviewed, but in 48% of these cases was the alleged perpetrator of abuse was NOT the source of harm to the child that subject of the review
- Safeguarding Partnership Development Session.** The remaining part of the Board meeting was taken up with considering the future of the partnership. The Board spent time exploring some of the challenges and

benefits in robustly connecting the strategic direction of the partnership to the world of operational delivery. The Board reflected upon some of the changes that will arise from Working Together (2018) and considered what the partnership might do in terms of these themes. Future plans will be informed by these discussions:

1. Governance; partnership structures; strategic direction and independent scrutiny
  2. Achieving an outstanding multi-agency safeguarding response across the continuum of need and risk
  3. Ensuring performance oversight and learning evidenced our outstanding impact
- **The HSCB/ Safeguarding partnership will prioritise the following going forward in to 2018:**
    1. Plan for and implement the new local safeguarding partnership arrangements.
    2. Focus on improving the multi-agency response to the neglect of children and young people
    3. Ensuring an effective response to children and young people living with the impact of domestic abuse
    4. Ensuring the prevention of sexually harmful behaviour and the effective response to all children and young people affected

**Watch this space or the HSCB website [lscb@haringey.gov.uk](mailto:lscb@haringey.gov.uk) for further information about plans for the future**

## Local events

**The following will be advertised on Fuse in the New Year, with full details of dates and locations. Please join the LSCB Fuse community by following this link <http://www.haringeyscb.org/learning-and-development>. The dates below are provisional currently:**

- One Day workshop: Using Child Development and Attachment to understand Harm (20<sup>th</sup> Feb)
- Learning from Practice sessions: 5<sup>th</sup> Feb 12.00-2.00 and 13<sup>th</sup> March 2018 15.30-17.30
- Signs of Safety for the Partnership 28<sup>th</sup> Feb 9.00-12.00

## External Training offers and events

### **NSPCC: Safeguarding children in faith communities and minority ethnic communities: harmful sexual behaviour**

This free learning event, organised by the NSPCC 16 January 2018 in London. To benefit from this learning event you need to attend both days.

For more information and to reserve a place please email [NS.AdminSupport@nspcc.org.uk](mailto:NS.AdminSupport@nspcc.org.uk)

## National recent publications / research

NB – Don't forget that the NSPCC has information and links to research around child abuse and neglect, including on topics that are priorities for the partnership this year – Neglect; living with domestic abuse; harmful sexual behaviour.

<https://www.nspcc.org.uk/>

### **The Murder of Bhijan Ebrahimi:**

Although focussed on the death of a vulnerable adult, this (revised and re-issued) multi-agency Learning Review has learning for all agencies working with children and adults. The review found, amongst other factors that the failure to adequately understand and assess the risk to Mr Ebrahimi; the way in which the pattern of responses to Mr Ebrahimi; and the evidence of discriminatory behaviour and institutional racism found in the practice of the authorities that were there to protect Mr Ebrahimi:

<https://www.bristol.gov.uk/documents/20182/35136/Multi-agency+learning+review+following+the+murder+of+Bijan+Ebrahimi/c2b17b97-c9ec-a5f4-70e4-fc82d1ccb119>

## Practice resources

### Sexually Harmful Behaviour

The DfE have published the following guidance on sexually harmful behaviour in schools:

[Sexual violence and sexual harassment between children in schools and colleges \(PDF\)](#)

In terms of understanding sexually harmful behaviour there are a range of resources that can be found on the following websites and the partnership will be developing its approach to working with young people that display sexually harmful behaviour. Please follow these links:

<https://www.brook.org.uk/our-work/category/sexual-behaviours-traffic-light-tool>

<http://www.stopitnow.org.uk/>

<http://aimproject.org.uk/>

### Safer Internet Day 2018: resources

The last bulletin outlined recent findings around the impact of social media on the emotional well-being of girls. The UK Safer Internet Centre has launched six education packs with age appropriate content to help teachers across the UK educate children and young people aged 3-18 about online safety issues. The packs and other resources have been created for Safer Internet Day 2018 which will be celebrated globally on Tuesday 6th February 2018.

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

## National/ Government/ parliamentary activity

**There are three important government consultations regarding children and young people out at the moment:**

### **1. Working Together to Safeguard Children 2018**

The consultation in to the proposed changes to this document ends on 31<sup>st</sup> December 2017. The expected timetable for response and implementation of the changes is April 2018.

<https://consult.education.gov.uk/child-protection-safeguarding-and-family-law/working-together-to-safeguard-children-revisions-t/>

### **2. Keeping children safe in education: proposed revisions**

The Department for Education (DfE) is consulting on proposed changes to its statutory guidance for schools. These will reflect the changes being made to Working Together 2018. The consultation also seeks views on a new non-statutory advice document on responding to sexual violence and sexual harassment between children in schools and colleges. Deadline is 22 February 2018. [DfE consultation hub: Keeping children safe in education](#)

### **3. Transforming children and young people's mental health provision.**

In a joint initiative to improve responses to children and young people's mental health and emotional well-being, the Department of Health (DH) and the Department for Education (DfE) are seeking views on views on the green paper setting out measures to improve mental health support for children and young people in England. The green paper focuses on earlier intervention and prevention, especially in and linked to schools and colleges – with suggestions for how to work jointly across agencies. The consultation closes on 2 March 2018. <https://www.gov.uk/government/consultations/transforming-children-and-young-peoples-mental-health-provision-a-green-paper>

Elsewhere **The Independent Inquiry in to Child Sexual Abuse** continues. Details can be found here – as the inquiry progresses research, learning and events are added to the site: Closely related to the issues arising from the UK inquiry, the Royal Commission in to Institutional Responses to Child Sexual Abuse in Australia has published its final report after 5 years' work – both websites hold valuable research and information for practice

<https://www.iicsa.org.uk/>

<https://www.childabuseroyalcommission.gov.au/>

The Ministry of Justice is reviewing its authorisation of pain-inducing restraint by escort custody officers taking children to and from secure children's homes and secure training centres. This follows some significant campaigning by Willow39

<https://article39.org.uk/2017/12/14/review-of-pain-inducing-restraint/>