



Local Safeguarding
Children Board

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Since the last newsletter from the LSCB, our interim **Business Manager**, Belinda Riley, left to have her baby - as planned! Many of you will know Emma Biskupski from our training events, but she has now handed over that work and been appointed to be the Business Manager for the LSCB.

The LSCB met in October and November. The first meeting was a quarterly business meeting while the second received two **serious case review reports**, both of which are due to be published this month. The first of these reviews the case of a young child who reportedly fell downstairs whilst staying outside of our three boroughs and focuses particularly on health liaison. The second is a report that may have some national coverage because it concerns abuse in an international school in Westminster - a matter which was in the press over a year ago. We benefitted enormously from the expert advice of a Panel led by Dame Moira Gibb with significant contributions from our own Safeguarding in Schools and Education Officer, Hilary Shaw, and Jane Foster the Local Authority Designated Officer (LADO) whose expertise in advising and training on allegations against professionals is second to none. You can find out more about Jane's role below. You will be able to read both these reviews on the LSCB website over the next few weeks. Can I also draw your attention to the **LSCB website where we have just published** a serious case review completed in 2014 on "Sofia".

Do you know who the LADO is?

The Local Safeguarding Children Board has responsibility for ensuring there are clear arrangements for dealing with allegations made against people who work or volunteer with children. It is important that practitioners across all agencies know who to contact if they have a concern and need to have a consultation or make a formal referral to the LADO. Our Local Authority Designated Officer and Safer Organisations Manager is Jane Foster who can be contacted at:

TEL: 0207 641 6108

Email: jfoster1@westminster.gov.uk

In addition, if Jane is unavailable, you can contact the Child Protection Advisors in the relevant local authority.

For further information, please see the details on the LSCB website:

<https://www.rbkc.gov.uk/subsites/lscb/professionals/allegationsagainstprofs.aspx>

Two other areas that I would like to highlight from the LSCB meeting are **Prevent** (safeguarding people and communities from the threat of terrorism) and **Early Help**. On Prevent, the Board wanted to know that all staff are taking up training and that the Prevent teams are giving early notification to social care where there might be concerns. Details of how to access the training are in the box below.

Workshops to Raise Awareness of Prevent (WRAP)

The LSCB is working in partnership with the local Prevent Teams to promote the free training that is available to all front line practitioners to help them understand how to respond if children or adults may be at risk of radicalisation.

Please see the link below on the LSCB website to further information about the WRAP workshops and how to book your place.

<https://www.rbkc.gov.uk/subsites/lscb/parents-carers-and-the-public/radicalisation.aspx>

Regarding Early Help, we heard about the Early Help services provided through children's social care in each of the boroughs and some proposals for changes ahead. The reports to the Board were very detailed. What the LSCB was interested in is effectiveness of services, preventing escalation to higher cost services and getting better outcomes for children and their families.

At the LSCB meeting in October, all agencies were asked to account for the progress that they were making in relation to their responsibilities for **tackling child sexual exploitation**. The focus was on good practice within the partnership, with examples of where this is having an impact and where there could be further improvement.

There have been a number of changes to LSCB membership in December. Nicky Brownjohn from the CCG has been on the Board since its inception but has now moved to another part of West London. Her role has been filled by Judy Durrant. Liz Royle from CLCH is also moving to a new post in safeguarding out of our area. The Board would like to thank Nicky and Liz for the substantial contributions they have made. Naomi Leaver, Head Teacher at Robinsfield Infant School has also joined the Board and the other Head Teacher vacancy is about to be filled.

The LSCB meets again this month and we will be focussing on **parental mental health**. We will hear about a quality audit of mental health practice as well as receiving an update from our time-limited working group on parental mental health. The Board will also consider another serious case review report at the meeting about the children of a parent who developed a psychotic illness.

Safer Internet Day - 9th February 2016



Safer Internet Day 2016 will be celebrated globally on Tuesday 9th February with the slogan 'Play your part for a better internet'. Coordinated in the UK by the **UK Safer Internet Centre** the event expects to see **hundreds of organisations** get involved to help promote the safe, responsible and positive use of digital technology for children and young people. The UK Safer Internet Centre, a partnership of three leading charities, provides resources for children, schools and families, and

tools for getting involved at www.saferinternet.org.uk. You will probably be aware that the LSCB has given considerable attention to the issue of e-safety. If your organisation is taking part in Safer Internet Day, the LSCB is now on **Twitter** @LSCBx3 and will be re-tweeting key messages about e-safety on the day using #SID16 and so please do join in the conversation!

London Child Protection Procedures - an update

The London Child Protection Procedures have recently published some updated guidance on:

- **Safeguarding children at risk of sexual exploitation.**
- **Safeguarding children exposed to extremist ideology**

You can access the updated guidance from the London Safeguarding Children Board website here: <http://www.londoncp.co.uk/>

Thank you to everyone who has worked so hard in 2015 to safeguard children. The LSCB's partnership working is improving all the time but the challenges and complexities of life for children are immense. We have some amazing children in the three boroughs and great staff in all the agencies as well - and I look forward to 2016 and our work together.

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