



NEWHAM  
**SAFEGUARDING CHILDREN**  
PARTNERSHIP



# **NSCP Newsletter**

## **March 2020 Edition**

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## **1: Planning Ahead for 2020 – 2021; Joint Adults and Children’s Priority Setting Event:**

Newham Safeguarding Children’s Partnership is joining Newham Adults Safeguarding Board for the first time to host a priority setting event February 28<sup>th</sup> 2020 at Unex Tower.

Safeguarding leads from across the partnership have been invited to share information, reflect on progress and examine the data across the two partnerships. This event is a great opportunity to reinforce Think Family and identify areas for joint working.

Survey Monkey: Young Peoples Voices - To help plan and prepare for the priority setting event at the end of February we are keen to hear the views of children and young people about the things that are of a concern to them.

We have previously asked you to share the survey monkey link with as many young people or young people participation groups as possible and we are happy to accept hard copies of the survey. All information will be used in an anonymized.

## **2. Outstanding partnership principles**

*The standard for ‘outstanding’ partnership working*

1. A culture of early identification and referral to partner agencies when there are concerns about children and young people;
2. Open and transparent dialogue between partner agencies even if this means exposing areas of weakness to be addressed in the agency’s own systems and processes;
3. Respect means responding to the concerns of partners, even if one agency feels the concern has insufficient eligibility for a service or response. Respect means at least having a mature conversation about a child’s needs and the best way forward every time;
4. Disagreements should always be handled through conversations which seek to arrive at a joint understanding. A lack of communication, confrontational positioning or aggressive e mailing are all signs of dysfunctional partnership working likely to rebound badly on vulnerable children and young people.
5. Partner agencies should have high mutual expectations of one another, based upon prioritising child safeguarding over other priorities, especially when a case is at Level 3 or 4. Outstanding partnership working means there is no weak link in the ‘professional supply’ chain to a child.

### 3. Escalation Policy 2020

Newham Safeguarding Children Partnership has refreshed the Escalation Policy following feedback from the partnership that the process was too long. The Executive partnership agreed the new process in December 2019. It is now set out in 6 steps, with the aim to undertake the any escalations submitted in a timely manner.

Multi-agency working to keep a child safe is often complex. This means that from time to time the judgement of staff from different professional backgrounds may differ, causing potential conflict. Child safeguarding work can also be emotionally overwhelming and this can affect judgment and can lead to conflicts arising over relatively minor issues. Normally the professionals in conflict both want to protect a child but disagree on how best to do this. It is rare for one party to a dispute to care less than the other. This policy sets out clear routes to escalate professional concerns where there are fears that a difference of opinion may be getting in the way of keeping a child safe.

Follow the link below and please share across your service area.

<https://www.newhamscp.org.uk/wp-content/uploads/2020/02/NSCP-Escalation-Policy.docx>

### 4. Newham's Pathways to Help and Support:

Newham Safeguarding Children Partnership agencies have recently reviewed our guidance on Pathways to Help and Support, and Levels and Indicators of Need. This was completed in collaboration with agencies and disciplines including Children and Young People's Services (CYPS), schools, children's centres, community and primary health through a number of focus groups and networks.

This guidance is for everyone who works with children and young people and their families in Newham. It is about the way we continue to build relationships, work together, share information and put the child and their family at the heart of everything we do. By having the right conversations, we can navigate the right pathways to help and support to enable families to solve their own problems, find solutions at an early stage and prevent problems from escalating. There may be times when the needs of the family are such that **targeted, intensive** or **specialist/statutory** intervention is the pathway required to support and protect the child or young person.

All children and young people will receive **Universal Services**, such as maternity services at birth; health visiting, school nursing and family support delivered from the Early Help Hub and Families First; school and youth services for older children. Universal Services seek, together with parents and families, to meet all the needs of children and young people so that they are healthy, resilient and able to learn and

develop securely. Universal Services are provided as of right to all children, including those with additional and intensive needs. However there are times when families and children will need a greater level of help than universal and this document seeks to advise where families can receive help and also acknowledge that at times universal services will need to support families into other services and that this should be done with care and consultation.

On 27<sup>th</sup> February at the Early Help Network event and at DSL network/training this document will be launched

To view the full document follow the link below

<https://www.newhamscp.org.uk/wp-content/uploads/2020/02/Pathways-to-help-and-support-2020-21.pdf>

## 5. Training: Available until March 2020

Please note the below training sessions have spaces available **to book online** following the link:

<http://www.newhamscb.org.uk/events>

<b>Radicalisation Awareness Training</b>	<b>12th March 2020 10am – 12:30 Newham Dockside</b>
<b>Child Neglect Beyond the Training Surgeries</b>	<b>19<sup>th</sup> March 2020 10am – 12:30 Tunmarsh Centre</b>
<b>Criminal Exploitation Workshop</b>	<b>19<sup>th</sup> March 2020 2pm- 4.30pm Cumberland Road</b>

The multi-agency partnership has undertaken a training needs analysis to re-fresh the training programme for 2020-21, this will be presented to the NSCP Executive partnership when they meet at the end of February. The commissioning process will begin in March, we are looking at exciting new ways to ensure training is available to all so please look out for the new programme.

## 6. Learning from Rapid Reviews:

NSCP has undertaken 8 rapid reviews since October 2019 the reviews have highlighted a variety of themes,;

- Youth Violence – knife crime - murder
- Child Sexual Abuse
- Child Abuse – murder
- Parental Mental Health
- Domestic Abuse

Training is being delivered across partners agencies. The purpose of the training is in 2 parts, first to update the workforce on the changes from LSCB to NSCP and the changes of language from Serious Case Reviews to Safeguarding Child Practice Reviews and Rapid Reviews. Secondly to share the learning and changes since the last Serious Case Review then how to disseminate the learning from Rapid Reviews in 7 minute briefings. The NSCP will have each Rapid Review on a 7 minute briefing template and then each agency will disseminate within their organisations.

Learning Outcomes: By the end of the training, participants will be able to:

- Understand and apply the learning from the Child L Serious Case Review, Rapid reviews and relevant National Learning
- Know how to deliver rapid reviews within your agency to your workforce
- Know where to go for further training and resources

Look out for an invite from your agencies designated safeguarding lead to attend this training.

### **April Newsletter:**

Please contact us if you have any information that you would like to promote to your safeguarding colleagues across the partnership by 31<sup>st</sup> March 2020.

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