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1. Introduction (incl. NSCP Executive Partnership Update)

It is great to be able to share with you some highlights and information from the Newham Safeguarding Children Executive and the wider partnership and I hope that this newsletter provides you with some useful information.

The NSCP Executive continues to meet monthly to discuss the risks and challenges, which are presented by COVID-19, and we also meet every two months to review the business plan priorities, risk register etc. as well as hearing about new ideas and approving strategies. We have approved, alongside the Newham Safeguarding Adults Board, the adolescent strategy, which is referenced later on in the newsletter. This is a vital piece of work, which will provide a focus on prevention and early intervention, as well as ensuring a joined up response for those individuals caught up in all different types of exploitation. We also signed off the multi-agency screening tool for exploitation being piloted early next year. With others we are keen to ensure that the partnership has a strong communications plan and in particular we are identifying how best to engage and hear the voices of children and young people.

As part of our ambition to be an outstanding partnership we have embarked on a series of collaborative workshops with each of the Executive members asking a couple of colleagues to participate alongside them to explore how we can, using the model of appreciative enquiry identify how we can develop and do things differently.

Communication and consistency in leadership were identified as examples of areas where things are going well and the importance of building on these. The strength of partnership working was commented on within the recent Ofsted focused visit.

The NSCP Executive signed off the [NSCP annual report](#), which provides a summary of the work of the partnership until March 2020.

The last year has brought with it many professional challenges and for some of you personal challenges and sadness too. I am acutely aware of the hard work and dedication, which has taken place to ensure that children and young people and their families are provided with the support and focus needed to help them tackle the challenges that they are facing. This time of year is also difficult for many different reasons and I know that many of you will be working hard, however I hope that you will get some well deserved time off at some point. So on behalf of the Newham Safeguarding Children Partnership Executive - Tim Aldridge LBN Corporate Director Children and Young People; Richard Tucker Met Police Borough Commander Newham and Waltham Forest; Chetan Vyas WEL CCG Director of Quality; Sandy Davies representing secondary heads; and Ben Levinson representing Primary Heads; we want to thank you for all that you do and take this opportunity to wish you all well for a happy, healthy and safe holiday period.

Julia Stephens-Row

Independent Chair Newham Safeguarding Children Partnership

2. Ofsted Children's Services Focus Visit

Between the 20th and 22nd of October Newham Children's Services had its most recent visit from Ofsted. Acting akin to a reduced ILACS inspection, the visit focused on the quality of decision making for children. The inspection was a mixture of onsite and virtual in response to COVID-19. Despite the difficulties presented by this, inspectors felt that that Newham had managed to make improvements since the last visit in March 2020. Feedback for the inspectors highlighted a number of areas that were getting better, but it was also made clear the areas that still need work. The full letter from the focus visit was published on the 4th December and can be found on the [Ofsted website](#).

Newham Children's and Young people services will now continue to implement the changes to on the improvement journey in the coming months.

3. Adolescent Strategy

The Newham Council, the Newham Safeguarding Children Partnership (NSCP) and Newham Safeguarding Adults Board (NSAB) are committed to understanding adolescent risk factors, learning from serious incidents and case reviews, and to

improving our collective oversight and grip of safeguarding and support for adolescents. NSCP has responded to the YSB recommendation to develop a strategy that tackles adolescent exploitation, drives improvement across the partnership, and oversees the delivery of a work programme to:

- provide an overarching response to adolescent exploitation in Newham;
- develop trauma-informed, restorative approaches in response to adolescent risk and vulnerability, including sexual and criminal exploitation, modern slavery; missing from education, home and care; extremism and radicalisation; and serious group violence;
- take a data-led, evidence-informed and systemic approach so that we can improve the consistency and effectiveness of our shared systems and practice for adolescent safeguarding;
- keep young people in Newham safe from harm, exploitation and violence, through effective prevention and early intervention, so that they can achieve brighter futures.

The scope includes all partners with responsibility for safeguarding and support for young people and therefore extends beyond the council and statutory safeguarding partners to include Voluntary, Community and Faith Services (VCFS), universal services and businesses. The Newham Adolescent Exploitation Strategy is about how we join up efforts across the partnership to prevent and tackle:

- children missing from home, care or education;
- child sexual exploitation;
- children and young people exposed to different forms of criminal exploitation, county lines, serious group violence, trafficking and modern slavery; and
- extremism and radicalisation

The strategic vision, principles, priorities and work programme have been co-designed between May and July 2020 in collaboration with partners, young people, and families.

Newham Adolescent Strategy Group will be responsible for overseeing operations. The group will report in to the Newham Safeguarding Children's partnerships Executives. Progress and impact on the strategy will be provided regularly from 2021. The full adolescent strategy can be found [here](#).

If you are interested to hear more about the Adolescent strategy and exchange you thoughts about it, please join us for the launch on Monday 21st December (3-4pm). Tickets are available [here](#).



NEWHAM ADOLESCENT STRATEGY LAUNCH

**Monday 21st DECEMBER
3-4pm via Zoom**

Join us to hear more about the implementation of the new
Adolescent Strategy to promote Youth Safety and tackle
Exploitation in Newham.

To register visit Eventbrite:

[https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/adolescent-strategy-launch-tickets-](https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/adolescent-strategy-launch-tickets-131057698103)

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4. Multi-agency assessment tool

As part of on-going work around the adolescent strategy, Newham Children's and young people services has created a new multi-agency assessment tool for those at risk of exploitation. To be used across the partnership by all professionals working with children and young people the tool will help a decipher risks including CSE, modern slavery, human trafficking, violence, radicalisation and extremism and exploitation through County-Lines activity. It will also take into account those who may be vulnerable to exploitation via the internet as well as in person.

The tool will help to contribute to referring to children's service as part of a single integrated pathway for children and young adults vulnerable to exploitation. The final touches are currently being applied from a range of children's services practitioners. The assessment tools will be piloted by professionals in January 2021.

5. Information for schools around exploitation

As a part of Newham's commitment to prioritising the safety of our children and young people work has been underway to develop resources to ensure children and young people, parents/carers, schools and professionals can access information on the important issue of Child Exploitation.

The Keeping Children and Young People Safe communications materials aim to raise awareness amongst children and young people, parents/carers with information on how to recognise the signs and where to access help and support. This will be coupled with social media communications.

Alongside this is a toolkit for schools and professionals working with children and young people to support delivering interventions to raise awareness and provide support to Children and Young People who may be experiencing exploitation. The toolkit aims to provide:

- Information on how to recognise the signs.
- How to report a concern.
- Local resources available to deliver awareness raising interventions and targeted work.
- Training and professional development opportunities on Keeping Children Safe.
- A safety planning resource to support work with children and young people on developing strategies to help to keep them safe.

The [Keeping safe toolkit](#) and information around resources, recognising the potential signs and contact details related to child exploitation can be found at this [website](#).

6. Rapid review learning event

A recent rapid review learning event took place online, looking over those serious incident involving children and young people in Newham from the past year.

On the NSCP website, there is also information around [7 minute briefings](#). This is for designated safeguarding leads and designed for helping to present details from learning reviews in a concise and informative manner. Below there are also 2 examples of the 7 minute reviews for neglect and social media and mental health.

<https://www.newhamscp.org.uk/wp-content/uploads/2020/09/7-minute-briefing-Neglect.pdf>

<https://www.newhamscp.org.uk/wp-content/uploads/2020/09/7-minute-briefing-Social-Media-.pdf>

7. Congratulations

We would like to congratulate Kensington Primary school for their recent award from Tes (formerly the Times Education Supplement), for well-being and mental health 2020. Head teacher, Ben Levinson, has been at the forefront of the work to improve well-being in schools, sitting on a Department for Education taskforce. Ben is a member of the NSCP executive and chairs the PQA group. For more information about the award, please visit this [website](#).

In addition to this, Kensington Primary has also received a Gold award from Pearson National Teaching Awards. This was awarded Making a Difference: Primary School of the year. For more information, please visit the [teaching awards website](#).

It is a testament to all the hard work done at Kensington Primary in the last 5 years. We hope you will join us in saying a huge well done to Ben and his staff.

8. Mental Health Support Teams (MHST)

Newham have been successful with their bid for Mental Health Support Teams (MHST), this means an extra ten mental health working in and around schools.

The focus of this work is to support Newham's ambition to reduce the number of exclusions through direct work with pupils, education staff and families/carers. The model will be co-developed over the next nine months ready for academic year 2021. The practitioners are being allocated to the schools for their student placements from January to July.

The MHST will work alongside CAMHS, HeadStart and Place2Be to ensure we reach further than have managed to do so previously.

Mental Health in Schools Virtual Conference – 10th December (9.00am – 1.00pm)

ELFT are hosting a MH in schools conference next week to hear from colleagues across North East London, Bedford, Luton and Milton Keynes

This is an opportunity to learn from NHS, Community organisations and national colleagues from DfE, Place2Be, Anna Freud and Centre for Mental Health

These interactions will also feed into the development of an integrated mental health in schools offer to ensure they meet then need of Newham's children and young people



Schools Mental Health Workshop
10 December 2020, 9AM- 1PM

The integrated Schools Mental Health offer
North East London and Bedfordshire, Luton & Milton Keynes STPs

Speakers
Children and Young People, Department of Education, Centre for Mental Health, Anna Freud Centre, ITPS(Trauma Informed Practice) , Place2Be, HeadStart

Tower Hamlets Mental Health Support Teams Trailblazer

Schools Workshops

Education

Live Partnership Discussion

Q&A panel

Innovations Market Place
B&D, WF, EPEC, Empathy Week, Place2Be, States Of Mind

Trauma informed care – Integrating into frontline Practice

<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/schools-mental-health-workshop-tickets-131012414659>



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Programme lead – Mental health in schools

ELFT have recruited to the programme lead position to provide a dedicated resource to improving mental health outcomes for pupils and the workforce

Dale Greenwood, Newham’s current children and young people’s mental health commissioner will be stepping into this role from January.

9. Research

Her Majesties Inspectorate of Probation, Contextual Safeguarding Academic Review - <https://www.justiceinspectors.gov.uk/hmiprobation/wp-content/uploads/sites/5/2020/11/Academic-Insights-Contextual-Safeguarding-CF-Nov-20-for-design.pdf>

Trilateral Research, Interview with Chief Superintendent Jon McAdams on Leading the way in protecting the most vulnerable – <https://www.trilateralresearch.com/leading-the-way-in-protecting-the-most-vulnerable-interview-with-chief-superintendent-jon-mcadam-from-lincolnshire-police/>

Tackling Child Exploitation, various reports - <https://tce.researchinpractice.org.uk/project-learning-reports/>

10. Upcoming Training

NSCP Learning and Development Decemebr 2020 – January 2021

Extremism: Understanding the Impact on Young People Building professional confidence in effectively addressing the exposure to extremism within context of safeguarding	09/12/2020
Child Neglect: Assessing the Quality of Parental Care Using GCP2 Tool The NSPCC Graded Care Profile GCP2 is a standardised tool for assessing the quality of parental care where neglect is a concern. It provides an assessment of the quality of care across the 4 domains of physical; safety, emotional; developmental needs. Newham LSCB have adopted the tool and training key professionals to use this as part of assessment and intervention.	06/01/2021
Trauma Informed Practice (AM+PM) Building professional confidence in effectively addressing the exposure to trauma within context of safeguarding <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Module One - Impact of fear on functioning, traumatic memory and dissociation• Module Two - ACES: misuse and critique	13/01/2021
Trauma Informed Practice (AM+PM) Building professional confidence in effectively addressing the exposure to trauma within context of safeguarding <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Module Three - Trauma bonds vs secure attachments, traumagenic dynamics• Module Four - Trauma-informed practice, formulations	14/01/2021

<p>Complex and Contextual Safeguarding (AM+PM) Building professional confidence in effectively addressing the exposure to extremism within context of safeguarding.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Module One - Definitions and discourse • Module Two - Trauma, traumatic memory, ABE 	20/01/2021
<p>Complex and Contextual Safeguarding (AM+PM) Building professional confidence in effectively addressing the exposure to extremism within context of safeguarding.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Module Three - Impact on professionals, trauma bonds, DTD • Module Four - Victim-blaming and vulnerability 	21/01/2021
<p>Safeguarding and disable children To increase confidence and good practice in working with disabled children and their families in order to assess children's needs, identify risks and take effective and timely action to protect children at risk of harm. This course will explore the challenges of protecting disabled children effectively and will highlight the need to recognise the diverse ways in which children may communicate their needs.</p>	25/01/2021
<p>Complex and Contextual Safeguarding (AM+PM) Building professional confidence in effectively addressing the exposure to extremism within context of safeguarding.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Module Five - Peer-on-peer abuse, culpability, contextual safeguarding • Module Six - Intersectionality, identity and exploitation 	27/01/2021
<p>Complex and Contextual Safeguarding (AM+PM) Building professional confidence in effectively addressing the exposure to extremism within context of safeguarding.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Module Seven - Risk, resilience, reflective function • Module Eight - Adolescent abuse, adol-essence, innovation. 	28/01/2021

Registration: Participants should register online for their course of choice at <http://www.newhamlscb.org.uk/events/>

Following registration, you should receive an automatic confirmation outlining course venue, date and time or to you registered email. If you have any additional queries, or did not receive confirmation, please email LSCB.administrator@newham.gov.uk

Follow this link for more information and contact details of all the Executive Members. There is also further information and links to support the fantastic work you do children, young people and families in Newham

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