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1. Introduction and NSCP Executive Partnership Update

Welcome to the NSCP newsletter which we aim to produce every eight weeks. If you have any Safeguarding items that you wish to include please contact LSCB.administrator@newham.gov.uk. Our earlier newsletters can be found on the NSCP website www.newhamscp.org.uk/

The Executive has continued to meet bi monthly to review the business plan priority areas of All age exploitation and transitions which are shared with the Adult Safeguarding Partnership, and also improving assessments. At our last meeting we received Safeguarding assurance information on Children missing education; and the trigger trios of mental health, substance misuse and Domestic Violence and

abuse. We also received an annual report on Prevent cases and agreed to have an enhanced focus on communications and assuring ourselves with regard to engagement and how the voice of children and young people are heard in the Safeguarding experience.

The Executive also meets monthly to review the Covid risks and challenges and we are, as you must be, extremely concerned as to the impact on our most vulnerable children and young people and their families. It is highly likely, as pupils return to schools in the next couple of weeks that the number of concerns and referrals increase, as youngsters are able to share their worries and experiences.

We are sadly still receiving details of Children and young people where abuse or neglect of a child is known or suspected **and** the child has died or has been seriously harmed. Later in this newsletter are details of a Safeguarding forum which is now established to share the learning from such events.

Julia Stephens-Row

Independent Chair Newham Safeguarding Children Partnership

2. Welcomes and Goodbyes

We are sad to say that Sandy Davies from the NSCP executive has decided to step down. We thank Sandy for her commitment to the work of the Executive and Safeguarding in general. In her place the Executive will be joined by Johanna Thompson, Principal of Oasis Silvertown Academy, who will be representing secondary head teachers on the NSCP.

We would also like to welcome Geeta Subramaniam-Mooney to the NSCP Executive. Geeta is Newham's Children and Young Peoples Commissioner and is key in taking forward Newham Year of the Young Person. More information about Geeta and her role in Newham can be viewed in this video.

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=u_00kKj0q7M&feature=youtu.be

3. Newham Year of the Young Person

2021 has been designated the year of the young person in Newham. It will focus on the exploring on new ways of involving young people in the Council and community. There already a number of opportunities and initiatives that have begun that can be found by following the below link.

<https://www.newham.gov.uk/yoyop>

4. Impact of the first lockdown

King's College London has released some research around the impact of COVID-19 in relation to children's safeguarding from the first lockdown in London. The report covers numerous aspects of the challenges faced by local authorities and their partners, including examination of the impact of schools closures, early help, referral and assessment, child protection and looked after children. It also takes into account the impact on the workforce and wider issues such as domestic abuse and mental health. Conclusions from the report demonstrate many of the conversations that have happened in Newham over the last year including:

- Impact on attainment
- Delayed disclosure of abuse and maltreatment
- Digital exclusion and growing inequalities

For more details, please follow the link below for the full report.

https://kcliop.eu.qualtrics.com/CP/File.php?F=F_8jlbIrXuJt3Pvq6

5. Newham Adolescent Exploitation Strategy

As mentioned in our previous newsletter, Newham launched its Adolescent Exploitation Strategy in December. Since then we have had two event on different aspects of exploitation and plan to continue this over the coming months, starting with a conference in March.

Newham Child Exploitation Conference: Managing risk and interventions in the age of COVID-19

Date: 18 March 2021, 9:30am-4:30pm

To coincide with the launch of Newham's Adolescent Safeguarding Strategy, the Newham Child Exploitation 2021 conference will:

- Share current practice, interventions and recommendations to tackle child exploitation;
- Provide an opportunity for shared learning and discussion around county lines activity;
- Feature key presentations from colleagues across the partnership such as: Newham's Youth Offending team and Youth Empowerment team, leading voluntary sector partners and the MET Police.

Register here: <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/newham-child-exploitation-conference-2021-tickets-139934286217>

So you can save the day, below is the schedule for monthly adolescent exploitation strategy events.

Date	Time	Event/Item
30/04/2021	11:00-12:00pm	Adolescent Exploitation Strategy Event 3
20/05/2021	4:00-5:00pm	Adolescent Exploitation Strategy Event 4
22/06/2021	4:00-5:00pm	Adolescent Exploitation Strategy Event 5
15/07/2021	4:00-5:00pm	Adolescent Exploitation Strategy Event 6

These events in the past have included many great speakers including:

- Oluseun Sowole, Team Leader at St. Giles Trust (<https://www.stgilestrust.org.uk/>)
- Meghan Wilmett, London Co-ordinator for Street Doctors (<https://streetdoctors.org/>)
- Joel Dunn, Founder and CEO Paradigm Project (<https://paradigmproject.co.uk/>)
- Ben Bryne, Strategic Lead at London Innovation and Improvement Alliance (<https://liia.london/>)
- Joceyln Yeboah-Newton, Senior Practitioner - Rescue & Response Gender Consultant at Abianda (www.abianda.com)

With many more to come in future events.

The full adolescent exploitation strategy can be found [here](#).

6. Looked After Children Health Assessments

The initial health assessment and subsequent review health assessments are a statutory requirement for all children in care. The assessment includes a holistic evaluation of health using a detailed questionnaire and resulting in the production of a standardised health report and plan. The health assessment covers multiple aspects including current and past physical health, emotional health, lifestyle and behaviour, development and education. The report also seeks to include the voice of the child. As well as identifying health needs, the health assessment is an opportunity for health promotion. A visual aid has been adopted by neighbouring authority during the health assessment, which lists all the aspects of the assessment, in a colourful visual schematic diagram (see below). Following successful feedback Newham will be creating a similar tool for future use unique to the borough. Further details on this will be made available in the coming months.



7. Rapid Review Process and Escalation Policy

The NSCP have recently revised the rapid review process and the escalation policy. These can be found by following the links below.

[Rapid Review process](#)

[Escalation Policy](#)

In addition to this the learning from rapid reviews in the “First Friday” Safeguarding Partnership Forum for named and designated safeguarding leads or equivalent in Education, Health, Police, Children's Services, Adults and other organisations who are members of the NSCP. The next session is taking place on Friday 5th March (10:00-11:30am). For more information, please contact LSCB.Administrator@newham.gov.uk.

8. Congratulations

In the New Year Honours 2021 Detective Chief Superintendent Richard Tucker was awarded the Queen’s Police Medal for distinguished service. He has served in a variety of roles throughout his career, primarily in East London. He has led public

protection, robbery and burglary teams. He set up a gangs unit and proactive licensing team, both of which contributed to a reduction in levels of violent crime in Newham borough.

In 2018, he became the BCU Commander of North East BCU, which comprises of Waltham Forest and Newham boroughs, working to reduce violent crime and in particular, gang related violence.

Richard is a key member of the NSCP executive and we would like to take this opportunity to congratulate him on this distinguished achievement.

9. Safer Internet Day

Safer internet day took place on the 9th February and the UK Safer Internet Centre have released a range of videos speaking with young people about the subject. Follow this link for the videos and more information.

<https://www.saferinternet.org.uk/sid-films>

10. Upcoming Training

NSCP Learning and Development February 2021 – March 2021

Cultural Competence and Safeguarding This course aims to enhance practitioners' knowledge, skills and understanding of how race, culture and/or faith and belief systems can impact on our safeguarding children practice. The course will also focus on the roles and responsibilities of practitioners, the legal framework and how to identify risk factors.	02/03/2021
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.	11/03/2021

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<p>Extremism: Understanding the Impact on Young People</p> <p>Building professional confidence in effectively addressing the exposure to extremism within context of safeguarding</p>	16/03/2021
<p>Safeguarding and disabled children</p> <p>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>	22/03/2021
<p>GCP2 Surgery - Beyond the Training(AM+PM)</p> <p>This half day surgery is offered to participants who have attended the Child Neglect: Assessing the Quality of Parental Care training and either have not used the tool and need to refresh Or have used the tool and want to develop their expertise in using the findings to move a case forward, by presenting a live open case where GCP2 has been used.</p>	23/03/2021
<p>Trauma Informed Practice (AM+PM)</p> <p>Module One - Impact of fear on functioning, traumatic memory and dissociation Module Two - ACES: misuse and critique</p>	28/04/2021
<p>Trauma Informed Practice (AM+PM)</p> <p>Module Three - Trauma bonds vs secure attachments, traumagenic dynamics Module Four - Trauma-informed practice, formulations</p>	29/04/2021

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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