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**SAFEGUARDING CHILDREN**  
PARTNERSHIP



NSCP Newsletter  
July 2021 Edition

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## **1. Introduction and NSCP Executive Partnership Update**

Dear Colleagues

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On behalf of the NSCP Executive I wanted to thank you for your commitment and hard work to supporting and safeguarding Children and Young people in Newham. I hope that those of you reading this now have been able to have a break from work or have a break planned and those who are reading it on your return from leave are feeling suitably refreshed.

The challenges for safeguarding continue and I hope that the information in this newsletter is pertinent to your role.

The NSCP Executive was keen to support a piece of scrutiny work which has been taking place across London. This came about following a review of over 10 both serious case and child Safeguarding Practice Reviews which had resulted in serious injury or death. Bearing in mind the two recent incidents in Newham, it was agreed that there are a number of similar issues identified which would benefit from being addressed.

The Pan London group agreed to explore this further across each of the Safeguarding Partnerships provided both background information and the scrutiny questions. It was agreed in May by the Newham Safeguarding Children Partnership to adopt this as an area for more detailed scrutiny. Responses have been gathered from fifteen 1-1 interviews, two focus groups attended by over 25 people and a survey of LA and FE colleges and Headteachers This work also links with a Spotlight identified through the Next Gen Newham Forum with children young people and families of "Crime/Knife Crime/Safety", which is now taking place. This work has also been informed by the rapid reviews of recent incidents as well as all other data and insights which are being gathered. It is anticipated that one action plan will be produced from all of the above pieces of work and some areas are already being addressed as individual service / organisational activity. The report will be shared with the wider partnership in the autumn.

The NSCP Executive continues to focus on its priorities of all age exploitation, transitions, communication and improving practice. We have recently completed a child safeguarding practice review following the tragic suicide of a young person. Learning events are planned for the autumn so please look out for these.

Finally the NSCP Executive are saying good bye to Johanna Thompson, Principal at Oasis Academy Silvertown, Part of the Oasis family who is the secondary head representative on the partnership. Johanna is taking a period of maternity leave and we wish her and her family well. We are delighted that Omar Deria from The Cumberland School has taken over this role.

We would also like to congratulate Ben Levinson who is the primary head teacher representative on the Executive on the being recognised in the Queen's birthday honours with an OBE. Many congratulations Ben.

Julia Stephens-Row

Independent Chair Newham Safeguarding Children Partnership

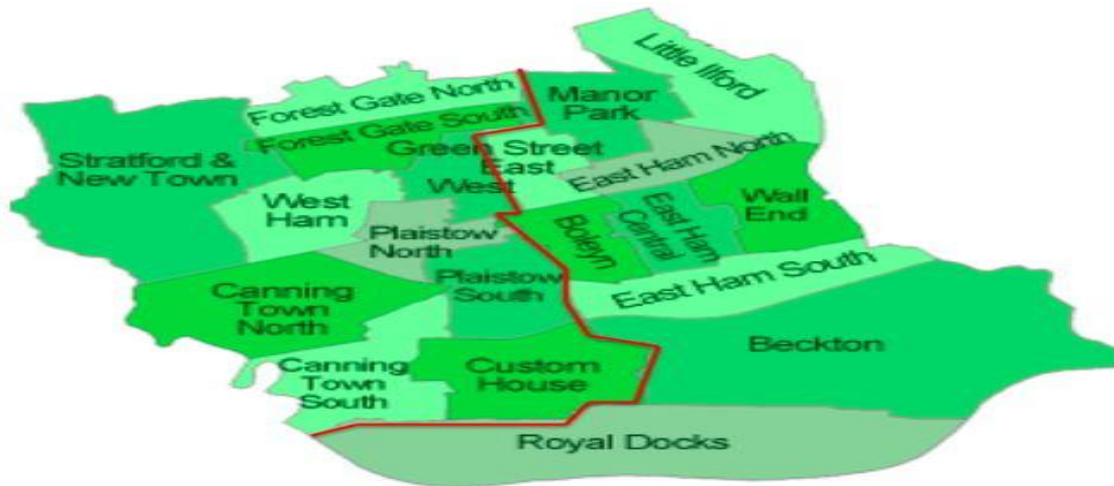


## **2. Newham Summer Holiday Activities**

The summer has finally arrived and with lockdown restrictions easing, it's the perfect opportunity for young people in Newham to benefit from the Summer Holiday Programme, which offers a full range of fun and engaging activities for a variety of ages. Most of the activities offered as part of the Summer Holiday Programme are face-to-face but there are still a few that are online only. We encourage you to review the information on each activity and follow any restrictions provided by the Activity Organisers. It's important that we still abide by recommended advice to keep everyone safe. In this holiday programme, we are also providing young people and families with information on how to stay healthy and secure and how to access support should you require it. This programme is also available to access online: [summer-21-activities-3 \(newham.gov.uk\)](https://www.newham.gov.uk/summer-21-activities-3)

We hope you take advantage of some of the activities available and have a fantastic Summer.

Best wishes  
Lynne Crank Assistant Director,  
Youth Empowerment



### 3. Duty to Refer

The Homelessness Reduction Act 2017 significantly reformed England's homelessness legislation by placing duties on local housing authorities to intervene at earlier stages to prevent homelessness in their areas, and to provide homelessness services to all those who are eligible. Additionally, the Act introduced a duty on specified public authorities to refer service users who they think may be homeless or threatened with homelessness to local authority homelessness/housing options teams (see paragraph 7 of the Homelessness code of guidance). This duty became effective from 1 st October 2018 and applies to the list of public authorities set out within this guide. The duty to refer will help to ensure that services are working together effectively to prevent homelessness by ensuring that peoples' housing needs are considered when they come into contact with public authorities. It is also anticipated that it will encourage local housing authorities and other public authorities to build strong partnerships which enable them to work together to intervene earlier to prevent homelessness through, increasingly integrated services.

#### **PUBLIC AUTHORITIES WITH DUTY TO REFER**

The specified public authorities subject to the 'duty to refer' (in England only) are:

- Prisons
- Young offender institutions
- Secure training centres
- Secure colleges
- Youth offending teams
- Probation
- Services (including community rehabilitation companies)
- Jobcentre's in England
- Social service authorities (both adult and children's)
- Emergency departments
- Urgent treatment centres
- Hospitals in their function of providing inpatient care
- Secretary of State for defence in relation to members of the regular armed forces

Further information is available at the following link:

<https://www.newham.gov.uk/housing-homes-homelessness/homelessness-prevention-advice>

Newham Councils duty to refer email address – [DutyToRefer@Newham.gov.uk](mailto:DutyToRefer@Newham.gov.uk)



### **5. First Friday Forum - Safeguarding leads monthly learning event**

To date the NSCP has hosted 3 first Friday forum events, the next one is scheduled for 10<sup>th</sup> September 2021 . This is a platform for sharing good practice and to demonstrate how we can work in partnership to improve the experiences of families in Newham. They run on the first Friday of each month (or 1<sup>st</sup> Friday after a half term) with the exception of August.

The forum is for Designated and Named Safeguarding Leads (and equivalent) in Education, Health, Housing, Children’s Social Care, Police, Adult services and any other public services who are members of the Newham Safeguarding Children Partnership. Over 400 people are invited to attend, we have yet to reach over 100 attending and we are also expecting a variety of agencies to be in attendance, please encourage participation within your agency.

The purpose of the forum is to;

1. Disseminate the learning from NSCP rapid and local practice case reviews and embed the improvements through changes to local working practice. We have been sharing the 7 minute briefings produced.
2. Share findings and improvement plans from multi-agency audits to ensure that safeguarding partners are working together to meet shared, quality standards.
3. Launch key strategies, policies and procedures for safeguarding children and young people.
4. Provide a regular platform for key staff in the safeguarding partnership to meet, learn and improve safeguarding practice together.
5. Provide a feedback loop to the NSPC Executive Board on what is working well, with examples of success stories, and where further improvements are needed, how these can be achieved
6. Forums will be uploaded to the secure space on the NSCP website

### **Your role is key!**

- Designated and Named Safeguarding Leads (and equivalent) in Education, Health, Children’s Social Care, Police, Adult and other public services who are members of the Newham Safeguarding Children Partnership.



- A tailored, extended event for safeguarding leads in the non-statutory sector and wider community will be organised twice a year.
- The role of Forum members is to regularly attend and take responsibility for embedding learning and improvement through changes to local working practice, within their own agency.
- Members can invite other key operational or clinical colleagues to the Forum.

We look forward to seeing you at the forums.



## 6. Upcoming Training

NSCP Learning and Development September – December 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](mailto:LSCB.administrator@newham.gov.uk)

Radicalisation Awareness Workshop(AM +PM)	14/09/2021	Tuesday	14:00 – 16:30
Working with Transgender children and Adults - Introduction to Trans Awareness	14/09/2021	Tuesday	
Criminal Exploitation	15/09/2021		2pm - 4pm
Understanding Adolescent Mental Health: Implications for practice and improving wellbeing	16/09/2021		9.30 - 3.30
Trauma Informed Practice Module 1 AM+ Module 2 PM	21/09/2021		
Trauma Informed Practice Module 3 AM+ Module 4 PM	22/09/2021		

Perinatal Mental Health	23/09/2021		
Safeguarding and disable children	27/09/2021	Monday	1.00 - 3.30
Female Genital Mutilation	28/09/2021		10 - 11:30
Child Neglect: Assessing the Quality of Parental Care - Using GCP2 Tool	29/09/2021	Wednesday	10.00 - 3.30
Think Child, Think Family - Think Everyone has a Lifestory	30/09/2021	Thursday	10.00 - 3.30
GCP2 Surgery - Beyond the Training(AM+PM)	03/10/2021	Tuesday	10.00 - 3.30
Complex and Contextual Safeguarding Module 1 AM+ Module 2 PM	05/10/2021		10 am and 2pm
Complex and Contextual Safeguarding Module 3 AM+ Module 4 PM	06/10/2021		
Understanding Parental Mental Ill-health & impact on parents	06/10/2021		9.30 - 3.30
Complex and Contextual Safeguarding Module 5 AM+ Module 6 PM	12/10/2021		
Digital Safeguarding	12/10/2021	Tuesday	10 1pm
Complex and Contextual Safeguarding Module 7 AM+ Module 8 PM	13/10/2021		
Cultural Competence and Safeguarding	13/10/2021		
Radicalisation Awareness Workshop(AM +PM)	13/10/2021	Wednesday	10:00 – 12:30
Managing Allegations and LADO Roles	15/10/2021	10am - 12	
Safeguarding Children cared for away from home	19/10/2021		2.00 - 4.00
Child Protection and Conference Group Meetings	21/10/2021		
Child Sexual Abuse, and Harmful Sexual Behaviour	03/11/2021	Wednesday	10.00 - 3.30
Healthy Relationships & online sexual content training.	09/11/2021	Tuesday	10-1pm



Radicalisation Awareness Workshop(AM +PM)	10/11/2021	Wednes day	14:00 – 16:30
Extremism: Understanding the Impact on Young People	11/11/2021	Thurs day	10.00 - 3.30
Child Neglect: Assessing the Quality of Parental Care - Using GCP2 Tool	16/11/2021	Tuesd ay	10.00 - 3.30
<b>Creating Safer Organisations</b>	<b>16/11/2021</b>		<b>2pm - 4pm</b>
<b>Early Help Framework and Team Around the Family</b>	<b>18/11/2021</b>		<b>9.30am – 4pm</b>
<b>Criminal Exploitation</b>	<b>24/11/2021</b>		<b>2pm - 4pm</b>
GCP2 Surgery - Beyond the Training(AM+PM)	24/11/2021	Wedn esday	10.00 - 3.30
<b>Safeguarding and disable children</b>	<b>29/11/2021</b>	<b>Mond ay</b>	<b>1.00 - 3.30</b>
Complex Safeguarding- Risk & Strengths linked to faith & belief	02/12/2021	Thurs day	10.00 - 3.30

## 7. Reports published:

This report presents key findings from a study designed in response to widespread concerns about the operation of child safeguarding and protection arrangements consequent upon the COVID-19 lockdown and social distancing measures. In light of the challenges to intra- and interagency communication and the impact on joint working of actions taken by individual agencies, the study focused on safeguarding and protection practice, practitioner working and the multiagency response to the COVID-19 pandemic.

Stage 1 comprised interviews with 67 safeguarding lead professionals in London: findings from these informed the construction and response options for the second stage survey.

Stage 2 comprised a national survey of the same professional groups. Data was collected between 1st February and 8th March 2021, at which time England was experiencing its third lockdown. The survey focused on the evolving concerns and response to the COVID-19 pandemic and lessons learnt from earlier lockdowns, in order to share emerging good practice and make recommendations on strengthening and 'future proofing' the safeguarding system in England. 417 responses from safeguarding leads from Health (155), Law (71), Education (56), Children's Social Care (52), Safeguarding Partnerships (34), Police (30) and Mental Health (19) were analysed. Some caution needs to be exercised in relation to the survey findings

because of the balance of respondents both between and within groups and small numbers in parts of the survey where not all respondents were eligible to answer. This is taken into consideration in the report of the main findings from the survey stage summarised here.

<https://www.kcl.ac.uk/ecs/assets/projects/protecting-children-at-a-distance-executive-summary-of-stage-1-findings.pdf>

Enjoy the summer time and we do hope you are able to take a break from work.

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

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