



# NEWHAM SAFEGUARDING CHILDREN PARTNERSHIP

## 7 MINUTE BRIEFING: SAFEGUARDING CHILDREN FROM EXTRA-FAMILIAL HARM March 2023

### 7. Discussion points

What can you share about your experience of working with children at risk of extra-familial harm?

What is working well?

What needs to be developed?

Please email your feedback to  
[LSCB.Administrator@newham.gov.uk](mailto:LSCB.Administrator@newham.gov.uk)

The aim of a 7 minute briefing is to share rapid review learning across the multi-agency safeguarding partnership. Each rapid review has a Learning and Practice Development Plan. Your agency safeguarding lead will be able to share agency specific details of this with you.

#### 1. Introduction

In 2020, the NSCP produced a Keeping Young People Safe 7 min video (<https://www.newhamscp.org.uk/wp-content/uploads/2021/03/KYPS-7min-Briefing-Feb-21-1.mp4>) which brought together the early learning from rapid reviews linked to extra-familial harm. This briefing provides an update on practice developments since 2020 and the learning from recent rapid reviews and contains links to resources to support you in your work.

#### 2. Data and Profile (2019-2022)

27 children subject to rapid reviews (65.8% of all reviews)  
In 13 incidents, 4 died; 7 seriously harmed; 16 caused harm  
Incidents linked to criminal exploitation  
All adolescent boys aged 14-17  
46% have additional behavioural/learning needs  
Majority are from African, Asian or Black Caribbean family backgrounds; living at home and known to services  
Reduction in no. rapid reviews in 2022 compared to previous yrs

#### 3. Evidence of Improving Practice

Recent rapid reviews provide evidence of:

Child Exploitation Practice Guidance embedded and a whole multi-agency system is being operated  
Growth of early help & statutory offers  
Collaborative working across services  
Positive impact of mentoring and return home interviews  
Good engagement with children and their families, including fathers  
Use of the National Referral Mechanism

#### 4. Continuing to Develop Practice

Understanding the lived experience of children through an intersectional lens  
Challenging the adultification of individual children  
In working with families to address intra-familial harm (past and current)  
Rapid responses to vulnerable children when they go missing  
Response to adolescents presenting with hand and/or unexplained injuries  
Case Transfers. Placement planning and use of DOLS.  
Feedback from adolescents and their families to improve our services

### 6. Information Links

Newham Adolescent Exploitation Guidance

<https://www.newhamscp.org.uk/wp-content/uploads/2022/11/Child-Exploitation-Practice-Guidance-Feb-2022.pdf>

#### Intersectionality.

<https://listenupresearch.org/about-us/our-approach/>  
The Professional Inter-Adultification (PIA) model  
<https://www.justiceinspectorates.gov.uk/hmiprobation/wp-content/uploads/sites/5/2022/06/Academic-Insights-Adultification-bias-within-child-protection-and-safeguarding.pdf>

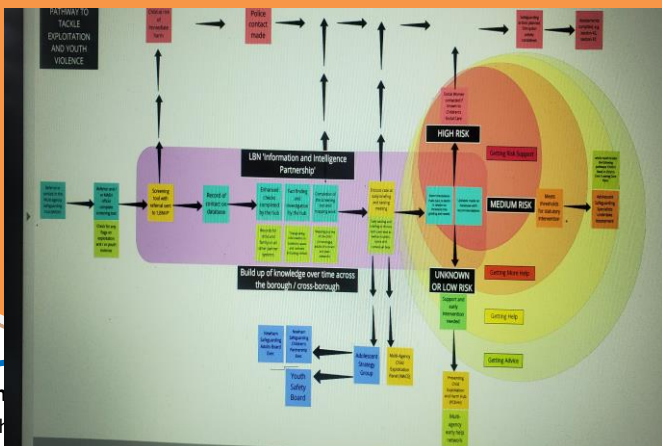
#### Language Matters

<https://www.childrensociety.org.uk/information/professionals/resources/child-exploitation-language-guide>

#### Youth Safety Plan 2023

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

### 5. Pathway to Tackle Exploitation and Youth Violence



#### If you are worried about a child contact:

The MASH number is 0203 373 4600. The Emergency Duty team number 020 8430 2000

#### If you need to raise a concern about multi-agency safeguarding:

Please refer to the NSCP Escalation Policy <https://www.newhamscp.org.uk/wp-content/uploads/2020/12/Escalation-Policy-for-Newham-Safeguarding-Children-Partnership.pdf>

For details of local training, please visit: [www.newhamscp.org.uk/training-brochure](https://www.newhamscp.org.uk/training-brochure)