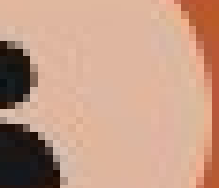
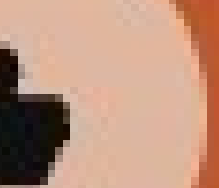
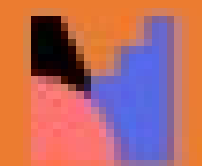




FIRST FRIDAY SAFEGUARDING PARTNERSHIP FORUM

For all in Education, Health, Children's Social Care, Police, Adult and other public services who are members of the Newham Safeguarding Children Partnership

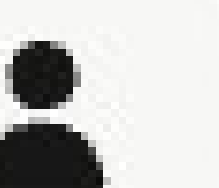
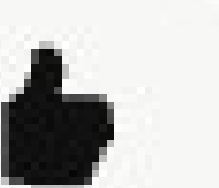


Welcome and Introduction Recap from May; - Youth Vaping – Newham’s Public Health Response - Safe and Together Promotion - Training Available Local and London wide - Produced 7 min briefings; overview of views and partnership interest - Live sign up to confidential area	 Mentimeter Natalie Newton NSPC Service Manager
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Training Available NSCP Training, what is coming up and what’s new and London Safeguarding Board Training https://www.newhamscp.org.uk/learning-zone/ Training and bookings – London Safeguarding Children Board (londonscb.gov.uk)	Elena Nicolaou Safeguarding Children Workforce Development Lead, Professional Practice



Recap from last Forum

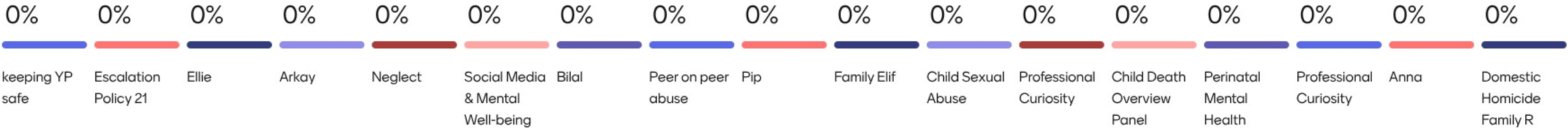
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 - Safe and Together Promotion
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What 7 minute briefings have you used ?





Confidential Area

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7 Minute Briefings – Confidential Area

This password protected area contains learning related to Newham specific cases. To document your learning you can access this tool, which can evidence and track the learning with in your agency. This area should be used to share good practice and learning within Newham.

Please add in the same the provided log-in password to watch all videos.

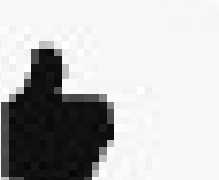
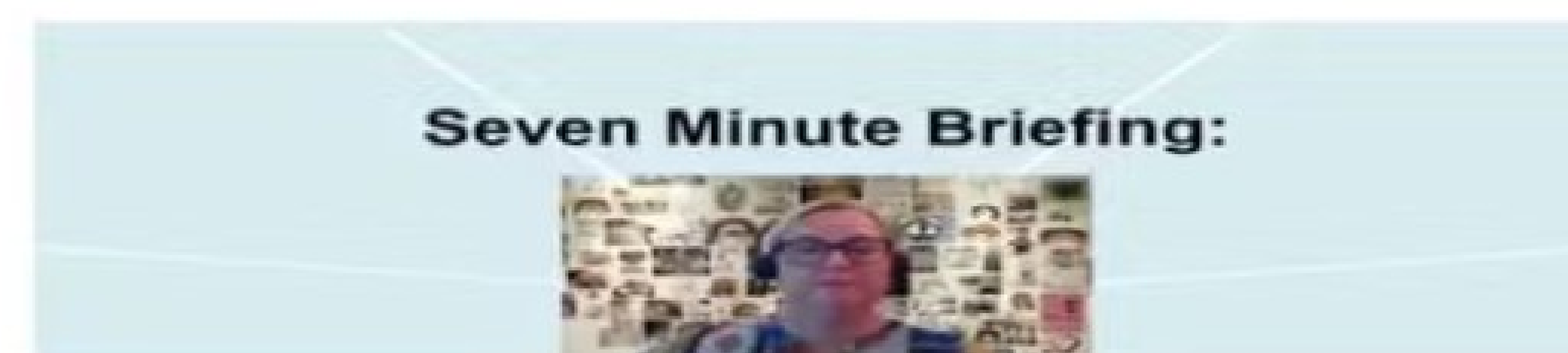
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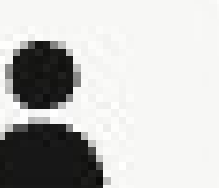
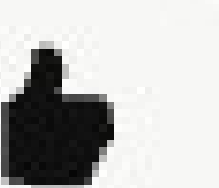
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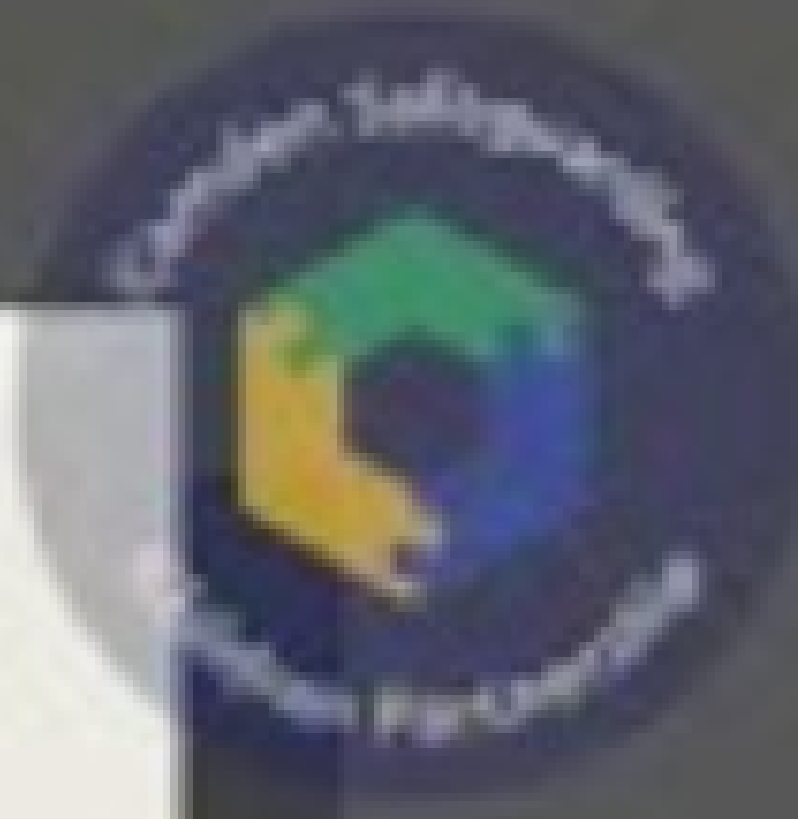
- Take this opportunity to request access to the confidential site.
- This comes with responsibilities –
 - That you disseminate the information within your establishment
 - Complete action plan to document and evidence change and outcomes
 - Share your action plan with the NSCP

Private Fostering - Video and presentation

Nasim Ahmed

Private Fostering Lead, Operations & Safeguarding





Private Fostering

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Private fostering is the term used to describe an often informal arrangement where a child under 16 (if disabled, under 18) is cared for and lives with an adult who is not a close relative (a grandparent, brother, sister, aunt, uncle or step-parent) for 28 days

Private Fostering Video

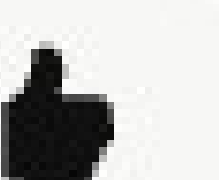


Private Fostering Presentation First Friday Forum July 2024

Nasim Ahmed
(Private Fostering Lead)

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How are Children 'Looked After' By Others?

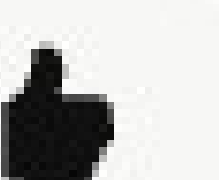


There are many routes for children and young people to live with someone who is not their parents or legal guardian.

- It could be via **private arrangements** between the parent and friend or family member.
- It could be via **private court proceedings** – the person may share parental responsibility with parents and **have Child Arrangement Order or Special Guardianship Order**.
- It may be via voluntary accommodation **known as Section 20**. Children over 16 who are homeless and parents are refusing to have them return can sign their own agreement.
- It may be via **public care proceedings** where the Local Authority seeks via **EPO or Interim Care Order** to share parental responsibility with the parents.
- When assessments are concluded- proceedings end on Care Order and child remains 'looked after'.

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Private Arrangements

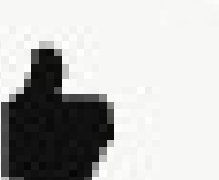


Are all '**private arrangements**' treated the same?

Does the '**State**' have any interest in **who** is looking after a child when the child is **NOT** 'Looked After' or been Looked After by the Local Authority?

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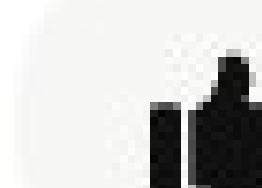


What can we remember about this child?



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Victoria Climbié..



The most high profile case was the death of Victoria Climbié in February 2000.



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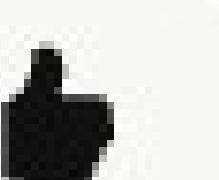
Victoria Climbié was a privately fostered child.

- She was sent from the Ivory Coast to the UK by her mother, for a “**better life**”.
- Victoria lived with her ‘great aunt’ (Marie Therese Kouao) and her partner (Carl Manning).
- In February 2000, Victoria died from neglect and abuse at the hands of her private foster carers.
- Despite coming into contact with health, police and social services, and on several occasions was taken to hospital, her abuse was not discovered until her death.

Victoria’s tragic death led to a public inquiry conducted by Lord Laming, which resulted in:

- Implementation of the ‘Working Together’ to safeguarding children.
- Implementation of the Local Safeguarding Children Board (LSCB).
- Implementation of a number of legislative framework.

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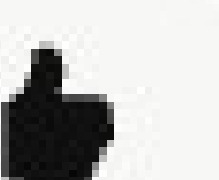
Relevant Legislation And Guidance On Private Fostering Arrangements.



- The Children Act 1989 and the amendments are contained within the Children Act 2004.
- The Children (Private Arrangement for Fostering) Regulations 2005 .
- National Minimum Standards.
- 'Working Together' To Safeguard Children.
- Guidance on the Children Act 1989: private fostering.
- The Children Act 1989 Part IX – “PRIVATE ARRANGEMENTS FOR FOSTERING CHILDREN”.
- Children Act 1989 Schedule 8 – “PRIVATELY FOSTERED CHILDREN”

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7 minutes briefing video



Local Authority's Duties.



The National Minimum Standards for Private Fostering sets out a number of standards to be met by all Local Authorities in discharging their duties which cover the following areas:

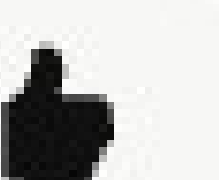
- ☐ Statement of Purpose;
- ☐ Notification;
- ☐ Safeguarding and promoting welfare;
- ☐ Advice and support;
- ☐ Monitoring and compliance.

For further information on PRIVATE FOSTERING - SEARCH

<https://www.newham.gov.uk/children-families/private-fostering>

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Homes for Ukraine - Guidance On Unaccompanied Ukrainian Minors.

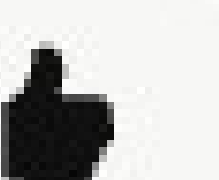


- **In July 2022**, the government published new Guidance that allows children and young people **under 18** to come to the UK from Ukraine without their parent or legal guardian (unaccompanied). This also includes children and young people who travel with an accompanying adult.
- The Guidance specifies that these children / and their care arrangement will be assessed under the **Private Fostering Framework**.
- Guidance for Councils regarding unaccompanied minors from Ukraine (UAM) is detailed at:

[Homes for Ukraine: Guidance for councils \(children and minors applying without parents or legal guardians\) - GOV.UK \(www.gov.uk\)](https://www.gov.uk/guidance/homes-for-ukraine-guidance-for-councils-children-and-minors-applying-without-parents-or-legal-guardians).

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Local Authorities Duties - Promoting Private Fostering Awareness.

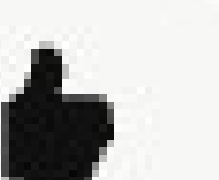


The Local Authority (LA) have a statutory duty under the Children Act (CA)1989, inserted by Section 44 C.A 2004, and the Children (Private Arrangements for Fostering) Regulations 2005 to:

- 1) Promote awareness within their Local Authority and community about Private Fostering Arrangements and of the Notification Requirements to the LA. **Have you seen posters and leaflets in your agency?**
- 2) Section 44, Children Act 2004 places duties on all agencies who are in contact with children to Notify the Local Authority of a Private Fostering Arrangement that comes to their attention. **Have you or your agency Notified to Newham MASH Team, does your agency know the process?**
- 3) Agencies have a duty to advise the private foster carer, parents or legal guardians to notify the LA of a proposed / actual private fostering arrangement that they become aware of. **Did you know this?**
- 4) If the parent / legal guardian fail to act, there is legal duty on the agency to notify the LA MASH Team.

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Notification Requirements of Private Fostering Arrangements.



Children (Private Arrangements For Fostering) Regulations 2005:

Regulation 3(1) requires that a person who proposes to privately foster a child must notify the LA at least six weeks prior to the care arrangement is to begin or immediately if the care arrangement is to begin within 6 weeks.

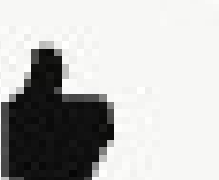
Regulation 3(2) requires that any person, including a parent or legal guardian involved in arranging a child to be privately fostered (such as a language school,) must notify the LA immediately.

Regulation 3 (3) requires parents or legal guardians to notify the appropriate local authority immediately of the proposal of private fostering arrangement or one which will be commencing.

Failure to notify the LA is an offence. (Regulation 6. 2005 Regs).

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Legal Definition of Private Fostering



A Private Fostering Arrangement is when a child under the age of 16 (or 18 if disabled) is cared by someone who is not their parent or a 'close relative' for 28 days or more (Children Act 1989 s.66).

A Private Fostering Arrangement is essentially one that is made 'privately' by a parent or a legal guardian without the involvement of the Local Authority.



Who are the 'Close Relatives'?



The Childrens Act 1989 defines 'close relative' as:

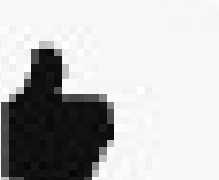
- Step-parents (by marriage, civil partnership)
- Grandparents
- Aunt / uncle (whether by full or half blood)
- Siblings

***If a child resides with any of the above determined 'close relatives', then this is NOT a Private Fostering Arrangement.**

***However, a 'close relative' may not have PR, therefore, may be advised to seek legal advice to secure PR where appropriate.**

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Who can be a Private Foster Carer?



A Private Foster carer can be an extended family member such as:

- Cousin
- Great aunt / uncle.

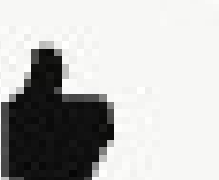
Other adults who can be a P.F carer:

- A family friend
- Neighbour
- Teacher
- Church pastor
- The parent of a friend of the child or
- Stranger.

*If a child resides with any of the above adults for 28 days or more, it is a Private Fostering Arrangement- **NOTIFY THE MASH TEAM IMMEDIATELY.**

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Examples of Private Fostering Arrangements



Children who are sent from abroad to live with another family in the UK for a 'better life'.

Children who may have been trafficked for purpose of 'exploitation' and live with unknown adults.

Unaccompanied minors / migrant children (UASC) staying with unknown contacts upon entry into the UK.

Homes for Ukraine- Unaccompanied Minors.

Children who are brought into the UK with a view to adoption, circumvented inter country adoption processes and immigration laws.

Children of prisoners placed with 'distant relatives'.

Children who are in Independent / boarding schools and stay with another family (i.e. a host family) during their school holidays.

Children who attend faith or language schools and stay with host families, distant relatives or others during term times.

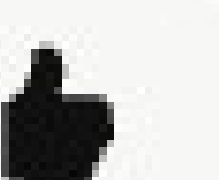
Children residing in informal 'child minding' care arrangements (have overnight stays) which exceeds 28 days.

Children who live with another family because their parents / legal guardians are terminally ill, hospitalised, live / work outside London or Overseas.

A teenager who is living with a friends family due to conflicts within their family home.

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Safeguarding Privately Fostered Children Is Everyone's Responsibility!



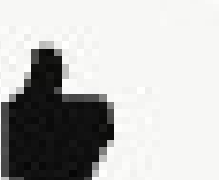
Children and Young People in Private Fostering Arrangements are highly vulnerable.

- They are living away from home, away from their parents / legal guardians.
- **Often, no one in the UK is exercising PR for them.**
- They are potentially exposed to various kinds of child abuse, exploitation, human trafficking, child slavery, benefit fraud etc.
- Unlikely to identify themselves as victims of **'trafficking'**.
- Carers may claim to have **'legal guardianship'**, but often cannot produce any legal documents to confirm their **identity, relationship or guardianship.**- In these situations-

SEEK ADVICE FROM PRIVATE FOSTERING TEAM / NOFITY THE MASH TEAM.

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There is a national decline in the numbers of privately fostered children being notified to the Local Authorities.

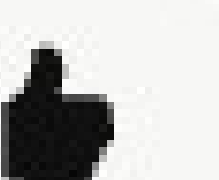
In Newham, there are approximately **86.085** children and young people
Only 9 privately fostered children are currently known to the LA.
WE KNOW THERE ARE MANY MORE!

***To address this issue on a national level to increase the Notification across all Local Authorities, Coram BAAF delivered a Private Fostering Awareness Day on 8th November 2023 which was open to all LA's across the UK.**

Further session is planned for November 2024. Details of the event / dates will be shared with all CYPs staff and partner agencies nearer the time. Please do attend if you can.

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‘Working Together’ to Increase Notifications to LA

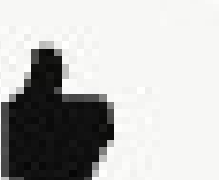


Training are delivered to:

- Newham Safeguarding Children’s Partnership (**NSCP**) **3 time a year.**
- Early Help Partnership and Designated Safeguarding Leads (DSL) forums, NAPH and NASH meetings for Head / Deputy Heads. **Twice a year.**
- ‘**In Year**’ **Common School Admissions Form** has PF questions /triggers on the Guardian Section with a hyper link to PF Webpage.
- GP Safeguarding Leads Partnership meetings. **Twice a year.**
(GP Registration Form is being reviewed to include PF indicators; although there has been a delay in the progress).
- All CYPS Teams / Service Meetings (MASH, Assessment, Intervention, LAC and DCYP, YOT, New Starters Induction Programme, First Friday Multi Agency Forum).

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What can we DO 'Better' !



Better 'Working Together'

Better 'visibility' of children living in Private Fostering Arrangements.

Better communication between partner agencies to 'identify' and 'notify' children in these care arrangements to **MASH** Team.

Better awareness of the **legal framework** of what constitutes Private Fostering Arrangement.

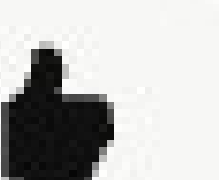
Better at challenging information about who the child lives with.

Better at identifying potential child trafficking, CSE, abandonment FGM and hidden abuse.

EMPHASIS **MUST** BE ON SAFEGUARDING CHILDREN THROUGH **CURIOSITY** AND UNDERSTANDING OF THEIR '**LIVED EXPERIENCES**' RATHER THEN A VALUE JUDGMENTS ON **PRIVATE ARRANGEMENTS** MADE BY FAMILY MEMBERS.

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Local Authority's Duties Following a P. F Notification.

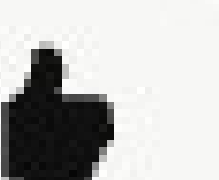


Notification, Assessment and Monitoring Compliance.

- Undertake an initial assessment within **7 working days** of Notification to confirm PF Arrangement.
- Undertake a Statutory Assessment within **45 working days**- focussed on the Assessment Framework (Child's Needs, Parenting Capacity, Environmental Factors and any safeguarding issues), carry out DBS and Agency checks and conclude with a recommendation on the '**Suitability**' of the care arrangement.
- If there are concerns about the welfare of the child in the care arrangement, actions will be taken by the local authority to safeguard and promote the welfare of the child or young person.
- Provide information and advice to the privately fostered child and private foster carer according to their needs and on parental responsibility matters.
- Undertake **6 weekly Regulation 8 visits within 1st year of arrangement and 12 weekly visits from 2nd year and onwards** to monitor the private fostering arrangement.
- Conduct six monthly **Private Fostering Panel** which reviews all private fostering arrangements known to the LA with particular **focus on seeking permanency (i.e CAO, SGO)** for children who are deemed to be in long term care arrangements.

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HOW TO NOTIFY US?



Raise a Notification to Children's Social Care MASH TEAM

NEWHAM MASH PORTAL:
www.newham.gov.uk/mash

https://azcareportal-live.newham.gov.uk/aztrriageportal/jsp_mash/admin/login.jsp

EMAIL: MASH@newham.gov.uk

MASH GOLDEN NUMBER: 0203 373 4600

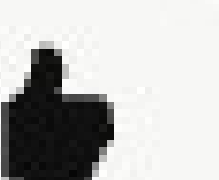
Azeus Helpdesk – 0203 373 3383 for any issues with the portal or registration

For further information on Private Fostering- SEARCH

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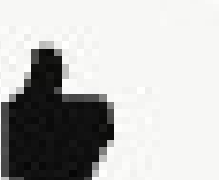
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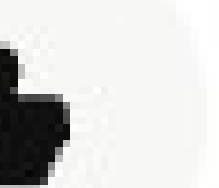
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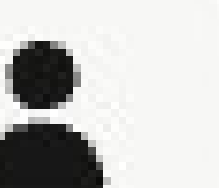
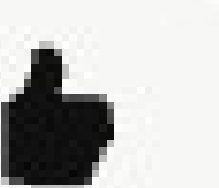


Newham's Universal Summer Offer for Children and Young People

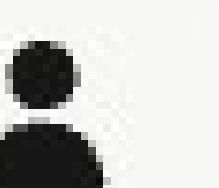
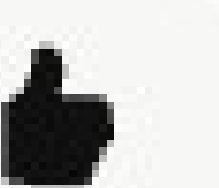
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Service Manager

Education, Inclusion and Achievement

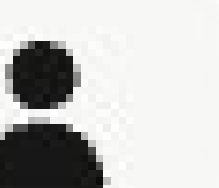
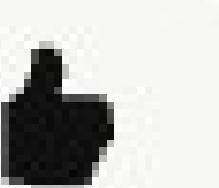


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Newham's Targeted Summer Offer Children and Young People

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Team Manager,
(Effective Practice and ETE) | Youth Justice Service
RESET (Adolescent Safeguarding)



SUMMER OFFER 2024- RESET SERVICE

RESET service is the name for the Adolescent Safeguarding Service in Newham

During the summer holidays within RESET we will be running several programmes, Your Choice, Thriving Communities, Turnaround and the Youth Justice Service.

Our theme for 2024 is “Let’s Thrive!” Our hope is for the children of Newham to grow up free from fear of exploitation and violence. To enable them to thrive and go on to lead productive lives away from offending and violence. RESET will go above and beyond to make sure that the child’s voice is heard.

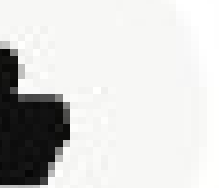
All programmes will be running between Monday 29th July- Friday 23rd August and though most are closed programmes so only accessible due to being open to the services the only one which is open is Thriving Communities which is a programme which works with children and families from 10- 21 in the East Ham and Plaistow area of Newham.

Part of the programme will be HAF funded, and we will be running sessions in line with HAF criteria.

The impact of the programme is that children are kept safe and occupied over the summer break, that they learn a skill and do not come to Police attention. We have been part of a wider partnership approach including PRU's, RHI and Youth Empowerment mapping a cohort of children of concern to ensure they are all being offered a programme this summer.

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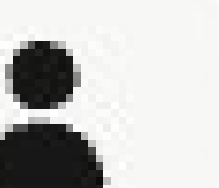
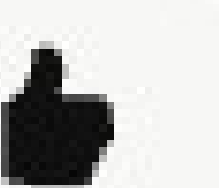
Family Hubs Update

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Service Manager Family Hubs (Operations & Safeguarding)



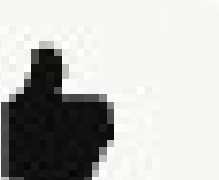
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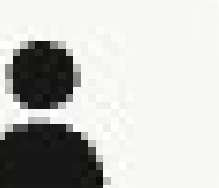
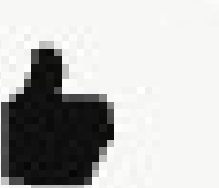
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What are your two takeaways from today?



Closing Comments

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