

## Haringey Safeguarding Children Board Quarterly October 2017

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### Messages from the HSCB meeting: Date 20<sup>th</sup> September 2017

- **The future of the safeguarding partnership** was discussed by partners, in terms of implementing the recent Child and Social Work Act (2017), that shifts the statutory responsibility for establishing and maintaining the safeguarding partnership arrangements to three key agencies – the Local Authority, Health and the Police. Work to develop these arrangements will commence and run over the next 6 months, in anticipation of the new ‘Working Together to Safeguard Children’, which is due in the spring of 2018. More to follow....
- **Neglect:** The Board reviewed the recently published Haringey Neglect strategy and agreed that the priority was now for work to take place to embed the knowledge and skills for working with neglect in practice. There will be an initial workshop with practitioners and managers to explore this areas of safeguarding practice (see 3 below).
- **SPA/ MASH** – the Board heard a report regarding a review of the operation of the MASH and heard how the new MASH is being launched in October. There will be 4 workshop dates available for practitioners to hear about how the new MASH will operate.
- **The multi-agency Joint Targeted Area Inspection (JTAI) process.** The Board heard a presentation regarding this inspection framework, which considered how agencies could contribute to preparation for these inspection, as well as receiving and update on the areas of safeguarding that have been targeted by the inspectorates. The plan to inspect the response to Child Sexual Abuse have been pushed back, with the inspectors deciding to focus again on domestic abuse (see report below) and on CSE in the next round early next year. The programme is currently focussing on child neglect.

## Local events

### **Neglect workshop 6<sup>th</sup> November 2017 10-13.00 Civic Centre**

The LSCB has asked that there is a workshop to be hosted regarding working with Child Neglect in Haringey. This workshop will take place on Monday 6<sup>th</sup> November and will be limited to 35 places. We wish to find out from frontline practice what works well in this area of practice in Haringey and what challenges there are for the LSCB to support practitioners with. Future editions of this quarterly will contain links to resources and research around neglect.

### **MASH and Threshold workshops. These will be running on:**

- Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> November 9.30-12.30
- Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> November 1.30- 4.30
- Wednesday 29<sup>th</sup> November 9.30-12.30
- Wednesday 29<sup>th</sup> November 1.30- 4.30

**For information and booking please go to the LSCB website.**

## External Training offers and events

### **NSPCC: Safeguarding children in faith communities and minority ethnic communities: harmful sexual behaviour**

This free learning event, organised by the NSPCC, will take place on 22 November 2017 and 16 January 2018 in London. To benefit from this learning event you need to attend both days.

For more information and to reserve a place please email [NS.AdminSupport@nspcc.org.uk](mailto:NS.AdminSupport@nspcc.org.uk)

## National recent publications / research

### **The Vulnerability of Children**

Office of the Children's Commissioner has published a wide reaching report on 25<sup>th</sup> September in to the vulnerability of children and young people in the UK

<https://www.childrenscommissioner.gov.uk/publication/childrens-commissioners-report-on-vulnerability/>

**Girls, emotional wellbeing and mental health and behaviour online**

There has been some worrying research published in to the mental health of girls in the UK. Stress and social media is thought to be fuelling a mental health crisis among girls (September 23rd 2017):

[https://www.theguardian.com/society/2017/sep/23/stress-anxiety-fuel-mental-health-crisis-girls-young-women?CMP=Share\\_iOSApp\\_Other](https://www.theguardian.com/society/2017/sep/23/stress-anxiety-fuel-mental-health-crisis-girls-young-women?CMP=Share_iOSApp_Other)

The Office of the children’s Commissioner is promoting the Digital ‘Five a Day’ approach as an answer to managing some of these stressors – with useful resources for parents (August 2017)

<https://www.childrenscommissioner.gov.uk/2017/08/06/digital-5-a-day/>

## Practice resources

### **Working with Children who have been Sexually Exploited:**

#### **Supporting parents of sexually exploited young people: evidence review**

The Centre of expertise on child sexual abuse has published findings from an evidence review looking at what helps parents to maintain or rebuild positive, supportive relationships when their child has been sexually exploited. Key messages from the evidence include: parents value respectful, honest relationships with professionals who have some appreciation of what they are experiencing; support to parents needs to be provided alongside effective support to their child. The research identifies areas in which parents are likely to need support including: their relationship with their child; understanding how police, legal and child protection systems work; and building their resilience.

**Source:** [Centre of expertise on child sexual abuse](#) **Date:** 20 September 2017

**Further information:** [Supporting parents of sexually exploited young people : an evidence review \(PDF\)](#)

### **Working with Children who live with Domestic Abuse**

The multi-agency Joint Targeted Area Inspection JTAI regarding “the Multi-Agency response to Children who live with Domestic Abuse: Prevent, Protect, Repair”

The JTAI report suggests that there is a lack of follow up work to ‘repair’, ie to mitigate the impact of domestic abuse upon living with Children However the Early Intervention Foundation have published this very very useful guide for those commissioning services to support assessment and interventions that seek to do just this:

<http://www.eif.org.uk/wp-content/uploads/2017/09/EIF-Commissioner-Guide-Reducing-impact-interparental-conflict-Sep2017.pdf>

## National/ Government/ parliamentary activity

All Party Parliamentary Group (APPGs) inquiries have been launched in the past month which are pertinent to safeguarding practice in Haringey.

The Croydon MP Sarah Jones has established a **group on knife crime**.  
[http://www.sarah-jones.org/knife\\_crime\\_debate\\_appg\\_launch](http://www.sarah-jones.org/knife_crime_debate_appg_launch)

**The APPG for Children has launched an enquiry in to the operation of thresholds** after research by the NCB showed that social workers believe that thresholds have 'risen' over the past few years  
<http://www.communitycare.co.uk/2017/09/13/mps-launch-inquiry-childrens-services-thresholds-social-workers-struggle-budget-cuts/>

The Independent Inquiry in to Child Sexual Abuse continues. Details can be found here – as the inquiry progresses research, learning and events are added to the site:  
<https://www.iicsa.org.uk/>

NB – this is the first issue of this quarterly bulletin which will be distributed after each Board meeting. Compilation of this will complete by the LSCB Business unit – **if you have any contributions please forward them by 8<sup>th</sup> January 2018 to [lscb@haringey.gov.uk](mailto:lscb@haringey.gov.uk)**