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Welcome to the Safeguarding Enfield Newsletter

As lockdown restrictions ease, the Safeguarding Adults Board and Children's Safeguarding Partnership continue to meet to provide assurance; to learn lessons and to develop areas that need improving or may have been affected by the pandemic.

This edition is being sent in Safeguarding Children Week (21st— 25th June). We highlight the updated Escalation & Resolution protocol, the London Child Exploitation Operating Protocol, work underway with Schools, and the steps being taken with Kings College London to better understand Adult Self-Neglect.



Children's Escalation and Resolution Protocol

Escalation is the course of action that should be taken by professionals where they have concerns that the child or young person's safety is compromised by the action of other agencies, or that other professional input does not support effective safeguarding of the child or young person. Resolution is the desired outcome of this protocol – that all parties concerned reach a shared understanding of the next steps in order to keep the child or young person safe.

The Protocol sets out the steps professionals can take to escalate concerns and the points at which they should inform the Enfield Safeguarding Children Partnership through Practice Improvement Activity Group and Business Unit. To view the Protocol, please [click here](#).

National Youth Agency safeguarding resource

National Youth Agency have launched new safeguarding resource hub that may be of an interest to voluntary sector youth agencies in Enfield, please note the link: <https://nya.org.uk/skills/safeguarding-and-risk-management-hub/>

The London Child Exploitation Operating Protocol 2021

The protocol, which you can access by [clicking here](#), sets out the London operating protocol for safeguarding and protecting the welfare of children from exploitation. Children that come to notice must be treated as children, whatever the circumstances they find themselves in. The Protocol outlines how, through our partnerships, we assess, challenge and provide an enhanced, effective service to reduce the harm and threats posed to children from exploitation and target offenders to prevent and disrupt criminality.

Focus on Safeguarding and Schools

Update from the Lucy Nutt, Head of School and Early Years Improvement, Enfield Council

Schools in Enfield have been very active with all their pupils during lockdown. Not only have they been providing a remote learning offer for their pupils, but many schools have been phoning families with vulnerable children three or four times a week. Other vulnerable pupils were in their school all the way through the lockdowns, with staff working throughout that time. This level of work continues with individual pupils and young people that have to self-isolate. Many school staff have gone the extra mile to keep children and young people as safe as possible despite the challenges of lockdown.

A new Designated Safeguarding Leads' Network was set up last term. This is a chance for LBE schools to meet and share good practice in safeguarding and inclusion. Officers and services from LBE have also been able to attend to hear directly from schools about their needs. The new Professional Learning Portal has a section devoted to the training offer for school staff. This is split into three elements: compliance, culture and curriculum.



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Everyone's Invited:

Following the thousands of disclosures of sexual harassment, assault and rape on the Everyone's Invited website, alongside the dedicated helpline set-up by the NSPCC to provide support and advice to victims of sexual abuse in schools, OFSTED undertook a review of sexual abuse in schools and colleges. The review can be found [here](#), and will be considered by the Executive group on the 22nd June.

The Executive Group discussed the site and sought assurance about the work being undertaken in Enfield:

The site is being monitored to see if any Enfield schools are named (none have been seen yet) Enfield Education is offering access to the Global Equalities Collective App to all LBE schools to support their diversity work (see <https://youtu.be/4gehmmzlkUE> for more info in a ten minute teaser)

The DSL network which Lucy Nutt has highlighted in her update, received input from an Ofsted Inspector who specialises in safeguarding which will reference the Ofsted investigation and expectations within schools.

NSPCC dedicated helpline - 0800 136 663. The helpline is free and anonymous and will be open **Monday to Friday 8am – 10pm** and **Saturday to Sunday 9am – 6pm.**

Please get in touch if there are any areas of practice you'd like me to explore: SafeguardingEnfield@enfield.gov.uk

Geraldine Gavin:-
Independent Chair of the Safeguarding Adults Board and Independent Scrutineer of the Safeguarding Children's Partnership.

Training

We have following training available:
PREVENT,
Substance Misuse & Hidden Harm;
Missing Children;
Managing allegations against staff and volunteers.

We also have a new course on:

Influence of Conspiracy Theories (Extremism/Potential Grooming)

The course aims to increase awareness of how extremist groups have used disinformation and conspiracy theories to justify and recruit members.

To book please visit our Training page by [clicking here](#).

National Safeguarding Children's reports:

The following reports have been published over the past few months and the Children's Safeguarding Partnership's Executive and Practice Improvement groups will be reviewing the learning and using this to steer our work in the coming months.

[Sir Alan Wood's report on the implementation of new multi-agency arrangements to safeguard children](#)

[Child Safeguarding Practice Review Panel Annual Report for 2020](#)

[An overview reports from What Works for Children's Social Care - Analysis of Safeguarding Partners' Yearly reports 2019-20](#)

Self-Neglect

Across 2020/21, the Adult MASH team received over 3200 concerns, the highest since the team was established. The type of safeguarding concern reported most often was self-neglect

Enfield SAB members will be taking part in research exploring self-neglect and hoarding being undertaken by National Institute for Health and Kings College London.

The study aims to provide information about what kinds of approaches are likely to be most effective in working with older people who self-neglect and / or hoard. The report will be shared once it is published.

If you're worried about a child:

Please let us know using the Children's Portal. [**Click here for Children's Portal**](#)

If you're worried about an adult at risk:

Please contact the Adult MASH team at: TheMASHteam@enfield.gov.uk or call on **020 8379 3196**

Enfield Modern Slavery Helpline

Call our advice line if you have any concerns regarding modern slavery. Contact us on: **020 3821 1763** or email us at: [**ModernSlavery@enfield.gov.uk**](mailto:ModernSlavery@enfield.gov.uk)

Domestic Abuse Hub

For advice and support, please call the Enfield Domestic Abuse Hub on **0800 923 9009**

Always call 999 in an emergency