

Kent Safeguarding Children Board (KSCB) Bulletin

This Bulletin aims to keep you informed about local and national developments in respect of safeguarding and the work of Kent Safeguarding Children Board. It contains useful links to publications and websites



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CSE Champions

The next CSE Champions meeting is on the **14th October** at Thanington Resource Centre in Canterbury. For more information or to nominate someone within your agency please contact Sarah Nichols on sarah.nichols@kent.gov.uk

KSCB Annual Report

The KSCB Annual report for 2015/16 will be presented to the KCC Full Council meeting on the 20th October. The report has been published on the [KSCB website](#)

Childline Annual Review

The NSPCC has published its [annual review](#) about what children are contacting Childline about. Key Findings from 2015/16 have shown that the top three concerns from children were low self-esteem/happiness, family relationships and bullying/online bullying.

E-Learning

All KSCB E-Learning Courses are free of charge. However, all staff are reminded that all of the when you register for one of the KSCB E-Learning Courses, you will have 4 weeks to complete the course or you will receive a non-completion charge of £40.00. We have 52 e-learning courses available at no cost, a full list of courses is [here](#)

News Update

Child Protection Conference Report Forms

Following the review of Agency Report forms for Child Protection Conferences, in line with the introduction of Signs of Safety, it has been agreed that the agency specific report forms would be discontinued and one multi-agency CP Conference Report form would be adopted. This change has taken place with immediate effect.

After consultations with representatives from partner agencies, the new form has been produced and is now available on the KSCB website: <http://www.kscb.org.uk/guidance/child-protection-conferences-and-plans/child-protection-conference>

Young People's Views: Hollie-Mai Says....

Hollie-Mai sits on the Kent Youth County Council (KYCC), she has kindly agreed to write a small piece for the KSCB Bulletin explaining the work KSCB has undertaken with young people:

“In our meetings about KSCB we have looked at many different aspects of safeguarding for children. One of the first things we looked at was the KSCB website. We decided that the website wasn't very child friendly and most links were outdated. We now have sorted this and are happy with the website. The next thing we looked at was sexting and how to protect children from exploitation. We have decided to make a leaflet and a poster for this. A leaflet layout has been made by us but for the poster we asked people to give us some design ideas. At the last meeting we chose some posters that we liked and are planning what to do with them. “

Child Sexual Exploitation Update

CSE Toolkit

Following the Operation Lakeland Case Review, one of the recommendations was for the Board to review the CSE toolkit. This has taken place and it was agreed to pilot a two tier approach; a tier 1 Checklist for use by front line practitioners who are **not** experienced at undertaking assessments and a tier 2 toolkit for use by those who undertake more detailed assessments. Following a pilot of the tier 1 Checklist it has been agreed that this will be made available to all front line staff. The Checklist provides a list of possible risk indicators that can support practitioners to focus on concerns they may have and to facilitate discussions with your Safeguarding Lead to decide on the best course of actions to safeguarding children and young people. The Checklist has been published on the [KSCB website](#).

CSE Intelligence Form

The Kent Police Child Sexual Exploitation Team (CSET) has updated the CSE intelligence form. The form is for professionals to provide intelligence to the Police where concerns of CSE have been identified. On completion the form is to be submitted to the Multi-Agency Child Sexual Exploitation Team (CSET). The form is available for download on the [KSCB website](#).

LADO Annual Report

The LADO annual report was published in September and is available on the [KSCB website](#)

KSCB Communications

Earlier this year KSCB co-produced a range of Child Sexual Exploitation posters. While they have been very popular, we do have a number of different versions still available, aimed at peers, parents, hotels, taxis and pubs. Please contact the [team](#) if you would like copies.



Contact Kent Young Carers

If Professionals have any questions or concerns about Young Carers they are welcome to contact Kent Young Carers:

Phone: 0300 111 1110

Email:

info@kentyoungcarers.org.uk

Twitter: @KentYoungCarers

Facebook: Kent Young Carers
Please visit the website

www.kentyoungcarers.org.uk for newsletters, referral forms and other information.

Any Other News?

If you have anything you would like to include in future briefings please contact Mark Janaway, KSCB's Programme and Performance Manager on mark.janaway@kent.gov.uk

Keeping Children Safe in Education 2016

The Department for Education has updated its guidance on Keeping Children Safe in Education. There are changes to information for all staff and the management of safeguarding.

For further information: [Keeping children safe in education: statutory guidance for schools and colleges: September 2016 \(PDF\)](#)

The NSPCC has compiled a briefing with highlights the changes made:

<https://www.nspcc.org.uk/fighting-for-childhood/news-opinion/summary-key-changes-keeping-children-safe-in-education-2016/>

GP Charging for S47 Agency Checks

KSCB have recently received queries regarding requests for payment from GPs when information has been sought from them for the purpose of S47 agency checks and CP Conferences. Staff are reminded that it has been agreed that there should be no charge for this reporting, which is part of the GP's statutory obligation.

Single Inspection Framework and Joint Targeted Area Inspections

The most recent round of Ofsted Inspections under the Single Inspection Framework (SIF) or the Joint Targeted Area Inspections (JTAI) began on 12TH September. The SIF notification dates for the remainder of 2016 are the 24th October, 14th and 21st November. The theme for the JTAI will be examining how local partners respond to children living with domestic abuse.

The thematic report from the last round of JTAI entitled "Time to Listen – a joined up response to child sexual exploitation and missing children" has been [published](#).

KSCB Audits

In August the KSCB signed off on two audits by the Quality and Effectiveness Group in quarter 1, one on the Toxic Trio and one on Emotional Health and Wellbeing. These have been published on the [KSCB Website](#).

In quarter 2 the KSCB Business Unit conducted two multi-agency audits, one looking at children open to Early Help with identified poor school attendance and a Deep Dive focussing on practice in Child in Care cases where harmful sexual behaviour has been identified as a factor. Reports for these audits will be finalised and published on the KSCB Website in quarter 4.

Kent Young Carers

At the last KSCB Meeting on 3rd August, Angela Holland from the charity IMAGO, provided insight into young carers in Kent. The Board heard the personal stories from two young carers and the challenges that they face on a day to day basis.

Kent Young Carers are delivering free Young Carers Awareness training across all agencies; if interested please email hello@imago.community or call Jo Rickword or Angela Holland on 01892 530330

The training will explore the following:

- Identification of Young Carers
- Undertaking Assessments of Young Carers
- Care Act and Children and Families Act 2014 and requirements under these acts pertaining to young carers
- Action planning
- Supporting Young Carers through Transition