

Kent Safeguarding Children Board (KSCB) Bulletin

This Update 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



KSCB Twitter

You can now tweet KSCB @Kent01LSCB.

Please follow us and keep up to date with all the latest safeguarding news!

Key Dates

CSE Awareness Day

The Child Sexual Exploitation Awareness Day is taking place on **18th March 2017**; there is a program of activity being planned throughout the week. See how you can be involved by contacting your CSE Champion.

Upcoming Events

"Duty to Refer"

This is a free event for safeguarding professionals about DBS checks and safer recruitment.

Thursday 23rd February 2017

9:30am to 1:00pm

Lecture Theatre, Sessions House

Sexting Conference

This is a ½ day free event looking at Youth Produced Sexual Imagery.

Tuesday 28th March 2017

9:30am to 2:00pm

**Kent Police Training College
Lecture Theatre**

To book a place at either of these events or for further information, please visit CPD online at: www.kentcpdonline.org.uk or email kscbtraining@kent.gov.uk for more information. **Places are limited so early booking is advised. KSCB's non-attendance / late cancellation policy applies.**

Happy New Year from the KSCB Business Unit! We look forward to working with you all in 2017.

Safer Sleeping Campaign

On the 14th December 2016, Kent County Council launched the Safer Sleeping Campaign. The campaign aims at raising awareness of the risks associated with Sudden Infant Death Syndrome (SIDS) and the Kent Safeguarding Children's Board, alongside partner agencies have developed thermometer cards that will help parents monitor the temperature of the room in which their baby is sleeping.

These are being given to parents by Health Visitors and Midwives. The campaign was recently covered by Kent Online, the article can be found [here](#).

ECDOP

KSCB have received notification that our **eCDOP (electronic child death overview process)** has been shortlisted in the **Driving Efficiency through Technology** category in the LGA Awards 2017.

The eCDOP project essentially relates to the development of a totally new case management system by KCC, KSCB, Child Death Review Panel and QES (the software provider) to electronically enable the statutory child death overview process. The system has also been purchased and adopted by a number of other local authorities and is currently being reviewed by the London CDOP.

Central Referral Unit (CRU) Consultations

Following a presentation to the KSCB in December 2016 on the outcome of a recent audit of professionals' consultations with the Central Referral Unit (CRU). The guidance for professionals has been reviewed and signed off by the Board and has been published on the [KSCB website](#).

Staff are reminded that the purpose of a consultation to CRU is to provide advice regarding the most suitable action to take when working with a child, young person and their family. A consultation **should not be sought** when an Inter-Agency Referral Form (IAR) or an Early Help Notification (EHN) has already been made, nor when there are concerns that a child or young person is at risk of significant harm.

A key change moving forward is that CRU will **no longer record** any details of the consultation. This will be the responsibility of the professional seeking the consultation. If concerns being raised are of a safeguarding nature, this will be recorded on the Specialist Children's Services system to ensure immediate appropriate action is taken.

CDOP Annual Report

The CDOP Annual Report has been signed off by the Board and will be published on the KSCB website later this month.

Training

Keep checking out KSCB's training offer via our website. For 2016-17 we have introduced a new format for advertising and booking courses which enables you to see all courses at a glance. We have 52 e-learning courses available at no cost, a full list of courses is [here](#)
KSCB's non-attendance / late cancellation and non-completion policy applies.

If you need training for more than 10 members of staff, we offer bespoke training where we come to you. Contact the training team on kscbtraining@kent.gov.uk

CSE Champions

The final CSE Champions Forum of the year took place on the 14th December. It is clear that there is a lot of activity taking place across all areas of Kent to spread awareness of CSE. If you are interested in becoming involved please contact Sarah Nichols on sarah.nichols@kent.gov.uk

Helpful Apps

The NHS has published a [Safeguarding guide App](#) which is a resource for healthcare professionals to increase their awareness and understanding of safeguarding requirements. Oxford Health NHS Foundation Trust has created an [iPad app](#) to assist professionals in making enquiries about FGM.

KSCB Audits and Case Reviews

KSCB wish to thank all the partner agencies and professionals who participated in the audits, case reviews and serious case reviews during 2016. Your help has been invaluable. For more information on the audit programme please see the KSCB [website](#).

Intelligence Forms to the Child Sexual Exploitation Team

An updated version of the information sharing/intelligence form for partner agencies into the Child Sexual Exploitation Team is now available on the KSCB [website](#).

As always, the soft intelligence that you are sharing on these forms are for all cases with a CSE concern but should not be used to replace a formal referral to SCS or Early Help Notification. The form needs to be sent through to the email address for the team which is cse.team.kent.and.medway@kent.pnn.police.uk

Hidden Young Carers

It is widely recognised that there are many young carers, particularly where their care relates to parental mental ill health or substance misuse (or dual diagnosis), who do not receive the support they require. This may be because:

- They do not recognise themselves as a young carer
- If they do recognise themselves they still do not seek help
- Services are not identifying them as carers
- Fears within the family about involving children's services in support
- Hard to reach groups such ethnic minorities, families who have experienced domestic violence and children who are home-schooled.

When working with Children or Young People, consider whether they could be a hidden carer and if you have any questions call Kent Young Carers on 0300 111 1110 or email info@kentyoungcarers.org.uk.

Young People's Views: Beth Thornton Says...

Beth Thornton 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:

"At the last meeting on the 13th of November the Kent Youth County Council KSBC interest group concluded the work being done in the last few meetings; agreeing on doing Sexual Imagery (sexting) information cards instead of leaflets. We then discussed and suggested possible logos and information that should be included on these cards.

On the 18th of March there is the national day of awareness for child sexual exploitation and as an interest group we decided that we are going to launch a twitter campaign the month before and the day before on the 17th hold a live stream at a local school with the intent of raising awareness of Child Sexual exploitation. We got a lot done within the last meeting and cannot wait to continue the exciting new work involving the CSE awareness twitter campaign."

Neglect Conference

On the 12th October 2016, KSCB in partnership with Medway Safeguarding Children Board and Kent Police held a conference on Neglect. The event was held as a direct response from Kent and Medway Serious Case Reviews and Child Death Reviews to share learning and professional judgement on signs and symptoms of neglect.

The event was well attended by approximately 200 multi-agency professionals who heard presentations from a number of speakers such as the Senior Investigating Officers of the Liam Fee and Daniel Pelka cases, Dr Charles Unter, who spoke on the features of neglect contributing to child abuse and Adele Johnson, Paediatric Dentist at the University College London. Thank you to all those who attended and supported the event.