

# 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!

## Team Update

KSCB are very sorry to say goodbye to Sophia Relf who has left the team. Some of you will have worked with Sophia on the KSCB audit programme and through the Quality and Effectiveness Group. We wish Sophia the best of luck in her new role!

## Training

Keep checking out KSCB's training offer via our website. 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](mailto:kscbtraining@kent.gov.uk)

## Young Minds #HelloYellow

In the lead up to this year's Mental Health Day on the 10<sup>th</sup> October, Young Minds are asking schools, organisations and groups to get ready to say #HelloYellow. For more information on how to get involved and support children and young people's mental health please [click here](#).

## Ofsted Update

Ofsted have published their review of KSCB and have judged that the LSCB requires improvement to be good.

Here is the link to the [report](#). The LSCB review report starts on page 29. In response to the report our Independent Chair, Gill Rigg, has released the following statement:

"In respect of the Board, the positives identified were robust governance arrangements, strengths in CSE, radicalisation and children who go missing. The well-developed sub group structure was seen as strength, with CDOP and the Case Review group being singled out. The procedures were seen as being up to date and readily available and the Board's website is said to contain helpful information. Partners are well represented on the Board, attendance is good and our two lay members are seen to be valuable participants. The threshold document was described as being in place and up to date. Young people were seen to be positively influencing the Boards work. Inspectors saw that a process was in place for undertaking and learning from the Section 11 audits.

The areas which need improvement relate to improved performance data and a more robust audit programme, in particular greater oversight of single agency audits. Ofsted's view also was that all risks should be automatically transferred to the challenge log and that there should be a single shared risk register. It was also seen that the Board had not responded to the issue of neglect at a fast enough pace and that our annual report needed to be more comprehensive. Ofsted felt that there was limited evidence of the impact of how learning from case reviews and child deaths had improved practice. Whilst the Board had identified an issue regarding thresholds, it was felt that insufficient work had been done to fully understand this. They also identified that the board needs to receive assurance regarding safeguarding practice within early year's settings, schools and colleges.

In total, there are six recommendations for the Board, and these will be addressed through our action planning."

## Operation Encompass

Operation Encompass is a national initiative regarding the notification and sharing of information in respect of domestic abuse incidents within families.

Operation Encompass is a process by which Key Adults in schools and early years settings are informed that a child attending school in that area may be affected by domestic abuse. This will usually mean that a child has been in the household where an incident of domestic abuse has taken place, or has been exposed to domestic abuse. The initiative is currently being trialled in the South Kent area and following this will be rolled out across the county in the next twelve months.

For more information on Operation Encompass see our [Domestic Abuse Page](#).

### Barnardo's Real Love

#### Rocks

[Real Love Rocks](#) is a Healthy Relationships and Child Sexual Exploitation team based within Barnardo's. Their website provides resources for young people, parents and professionals relating to child sexual exploitation, healthy relationships and staying safe.

### Let's Talk About It

Let's Talk About It is an initiative designed to provide practical help and guidance to the public in order to stop people becoming terrorists or supporting terrorism. For more information, guidance and resources please see the [website](#).

### Channel 4 Radicalisation documentary

A four part drama about young people from the UK travelling to Syria to join ISIS began on Channel 4 on the 20<sup>th</sup> August

[For more information and to catch up please see the Channel 4 website.](#)

### CSE Nude Selfie Animations

Sussex Police have created two animations which highlight the consequences of sending nude selfies to raise awareness with children and young people. The videos are available on our [website](#).

### Kent Missing Procedures

In Kent, there are processes to follow with children who are missing (or missing education). The updated Kent Missing Procedures were published in June and are available on the [KSCB website](#).

### KSCB Bespoke and Tailored Training

It is recommended that all practitioners working with children, young people, and families attend Child Protection: Basic Awareness training every 2 years and Safeguarding Refresher training annually. Managers should also ensure that staff attend training in respect of their mandatory safeguarding obligations e.g. FGM, Prevent etc.

KSCB can arrange for a trainer to attend your venue to deliver training up to 25 members of staff per session. Topics include:

- Child Protection: Basic Awareness
- Child Protection for Designated Staff
- Child Sexual Exploitation
- Childhood Neglect
- Domestic Abuse: Effects on Children and Young People
- Female Genital Mutilation
- Information Sharing, Data Protection and Consent

Costing only £600 for a half-day course, KSCB training is extremely good value for money, and if you have more than 25 staff who need training you can take advantage of our discounted training packages for multiple courses. The full range of KSCB courses can be found at: <http://www.kscb.org.uk/training/find-training-courses>.

**To make a booking, please complete our [Bespoke Application Form](#) and email it to [kscbtraining@kent.gov.uk](mailto:kscbtraining@kent.gov.uk)**

We also offer 'Tailored Training' – specially designed training to meet the specific needs of your staff – and advice and guidance in respect of safeguarding policies and procedures. For more information please contact Justine Croft: [justine.croft@kent.gov.uk](mailto:justine.croft@kent.gov.uk).

### Child Sexual Abuse Pathway

The new 'Child Sexual Abuse Pathway' has now been published. The Pathway can be found on our [website](#).

The pathway will be accessible via the KSCB website until October, when it will then become accessible via the Kent and Medway Safeguarding Children Procedures on Tri.x.

### Kent Neglect Strategy

The [Neglect Strategy](#) identifies and defines what neglect is and the serious impact it can have upon children and young people. Whilst recognising the difficulties in identifying Neglect, the Strategy supports an Early Help approach to families.

### KSCB Serious Case Review Publication Dates

Please note that KSCB will be publishing serious case reviews on the following dates:

**Child B – 31<sup>st</sup> August 2017**

**Child C – 15<sup>th</sup> September 2017**

Both the overview reports and the briefing papers will be available via this [link](#).

### YoungMinds Survey: Social Media and Cyberbullying

Young Minds is carrying out a survey of young people aged 11-25 to find out their views and experiences of using social media and cyberbullying. Findings from the survey will feed in to an inquiry carried out by YoungMinds in partnership with The Children's Society about the impact of social media on the mental health of children and young people.

For more information and to access the survey please see the [YoungMinds website](#).

### Digital 5 A Day

The Children's Commissioner for England has launched a campaign aimed at parents and carers to help them encourage their children to use the internet without becoming engrossed in it. The campaign, Digital 5 a Day, gives parents and children practical steps to achieve a balanced approach to the online world. For more information [see here](#).

### Home Office Guidance: County Lines

The Home Office has published guidance for frontline professionals on dealing with county lines; this is part of the government's approach to ending gang violence and exploitation.

The Guidance outlines what county lines is, signs to look for in potential victims and what to do about it. The guidance has been made available on the KSCB website.

### Adults Social Care and MARAC (Multi-Agency Risk Assessment Conferences)

Following the National MARAC Scrutiny Panel, Adult Social Care has been added as one of the core agencies to be involved in the MARAC process on the recommendation of SafeLives, a national domestic abuse charity. This is due to the changes in the Care Act 2014 and the outcomes of the National Scrutiny Panel which highlighted gaps at MARAC and the role adult social care plays in supporting vulnerable adults experiencing abuse.

Approximately 120,000 individuals aged 65+ have experienced at least one form of abuse but only 3% of those victims are accessing specialist domestic abuse services supported by the MARAC model.

Disabled victims are also underrepresented; current estimates suggest that at least 13,600 disabled victims experiencing high levels of domestic abuse are either not supported by MARAC or their disability is not identified in the MARAC process.

In 2015-16, none of the 925 referrals of disabled victims into domestic abuse services were from adult safeguarding.

For resources for MARAC meetings, please see the [SafeLives website](#).

### Female genital mutilation statistics

NHS Digital has published the female genital mutilation (FGM) annual report for England for the period April 2016 to March 2017. Key findings include:

- 9,179 attendances reported at NHS trusts and GP practices where FGM was identified or a procedure for FGM was undertaken.
- 5,391 cases were newly recorded.
- The 5 to 9 year old age group was the most common age range at which FGM was undertaken. [NHS Digital](#)

Need to know more? See KSCB's [FGM page](#) for links to the FGM procedures and other helpful information. KSCB are also offering [Need to Know sessions on FGM](#).

### Child sexual abuse and child sexual exploitation: Scoping Report

The Centre of expertise on child sexual abuse has published a [scoping report](#), produced in partnership with London Metropolitan University, looking at ways of measuring the scale and nature of child sexual abuse (CSA) and child sexual exploitation (CSE) for England and Wales. Some of the findings from the current evidence base which show that:

- Prevalence studies for England and Wales suggest that some 15% of girls and 5% of boys experience some form of sexual abuse before the age of 16.
- The most serious and repeated offences are more likely to be committed by known persons, with family members being more common for girls and young women and authority figures for boys and young men.
- Online is a new context for CSA and CSE, and is generating new forms of abuse which are difficult to track.