

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



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Ofsted Update

The Ofsted Inspection of Kent's Local Authority arrangements for the protection of children and the Local Safeguarding Children Board took place in March 2017. Due to the general election, we have been informed that the publication date of the Ofsted report has been delayed until 13th June 2017. We will let you know the arrangements for sharing the report with you nearer the time.

Key Dates

25th May – National Missing Children's Day

NSPCC Case Reviews Update

Please click on the following link to access a list of reports that have been added to the National Case Reviews Repository during the past month:

[Case reviews added – April 2017.](#)

Serious Case Review

Mapping Exercise

The KSCB Business Unit has published findings from a mapping exercise into trends and issues prevalent in recently published National SCR's. [Please see the link for more information.](#)

Updated Definition of Child Sexual Exploitation

Following a consultation last year the Department For Education has issued a new definition of CSE and a new guide for practitioners.

The new working together advice on CSE and the new definition can be found here: <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/child-sexual-exploitation-definition-and-guide-for-practitioners>

A progress report detailing the Government's work in this area along with forward commitment can be found here:

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/tackling-child-sexual-exploitation-progress-report>

Please see the [KSCB Child Sexual Exploitation Page](#) for more information.

Domestic Abuse Services

On the 1st April 2017, domestic abuse services in Kent changed. New area based integrated support services have replaced the IDVA service and the KCC contracts for refuges and floating support. Any clients in receipt of one of these services will be automatically transferred to the new service. For more information see our [website](#).

Mental Health Awareness Week

This week it is Mental Health Awareness Week; Mental Health issues affect 1 in 10 Young People in the UK and are becoming more common as society and technology develops.

In October 2016, YMCA and the NHS published a report entitled "I Am Whole" with the purpose of examining the stigma faced by young people experiencing mental health difficulties. The research gave young people a platform in which to share their views and stories.

Findings from the report show that three quarters of young people (75%) believe that people experiencing difficulties with their mental health are treated negatively as a result of stigma. More than one in three young people (38%) with mental health difficulties had felt the negative impact of stigma and more than one in three young people (37%) who experience this stigma did so at least once a week.

Please see the full report and executive summary [here](#)

Blue Whale

KSCB has received several queries regarding the "Blue Whale Game". On seeking advice from our colleagues in Education Safeguarding, we can confirm that the game has been identified as an example of a sensationalised fake news story with no reported cases conclusively linked to the game. For advice on responding to such issues please see [here](#).

Online Support for LGBT Young People

The Albert Kennedy Trust (AKT) has launched an [online service](#), inter-AKT, which connects young LGBT people experiencing homelessness or living in a hostile environment with digital mentors and resources.

WudU? App

Wud U? is a free educational tool that aims to show young people the behaviours that could put them at risk of being sexually exploited, through illustrated, interactive stories.

Please click [here](#) for more information.

ChildLine Counselling App

ChildLine has launched an app that is the first to provide counselling to young people in need of help directly through their mobile devices. The app, "For Me" allows users to interact with all ChildLine's online services.

Safer Internet Day

Safer Internet Day took place on 7th February this year, for more information on what happened in Kent and to prepare for next year please visit

www.saferinternetday.org

The Harbour Project

The Harbour Project is a post sexual abuse service for children and young people living in Kent (excluding Medway) managed and delivered by Action for Children, funded by Kent County Council and Kent CCGs

Social Workers can refer children and young people on their caseload to the service to receive additional support, for more information see the flyer on our [website](#).

Kent Sport



Kent Sport is committed to keeping children and young people safe in sport, by working in partnership with agencies to promote and achieve best practice. We support clubs, organisations and activity providers by running workshops, sharing resources, raising awareness, delivering a club accreditation scheme, involving young people, and providing information, advice and guidance. Find out more at www.kentsport.org/safesport or contact Bianca Logronio on 03000 412140.

CSE Awareness Day - 2017

On the 18th March, the CSE Awareness Day took place. Partner Agencies and the CSE Champions arranged and participated in a number of events to promote the day and raise awareness of CSE with the general public and professionals. Below is a summary of some of the activity that took place:

- The Kaspar Fostering Agency promoted the use of the WudU? App, encouraging carers to install the App.
- Shepway Community Safety Partnership had a CSE Awareness stall, in Folkestone Town Centre on Saturday 18th March.
- On 15th March, in collaboration with KCC and Education and Young People Services, Operation Willow hosted a CSE Theatre production called Chelsea's Choice at the Kent police College for children in years nine and ten from across the county. This was positively received by teachers and the students.
- East Kent Hospitals Safeguarding team raised awareness of CSE to over 100 staff in the Quality and Innovation Hubs at K&C, WHH and QEQM hospitals over the week.
- By the Bridge with Cambian supported the 'Helping Hands' Campaign across the organisation, as staff helped by writing messages of support for tackling CSE on their hands, and coming up with an array of creative photographs.
- CAMHS hubs across the county participated in a CSE Pledge poster campaign using the concept from the CSE Social media campaign of writing pledges on hands; the photo below shows the artwork at Dover CAMHS.

Thank you to all our partners who participated in the awareness day this year, the above is just a small example of the excellent work of our colleagues to raise awareness of this issue.

If you are interested in becoming involved as a CSE Champion please contact Chloe Cattell at KSCB on chloe.cattell@kent.gov.uk



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

KSCB Audits

The 2017/18 KSCB Audit Programme has been planned and an audit on Neglect is taking place on Monday 15th May 2017. Findings from this audit and future KSCB audits will be published on our [Quality and Effectiveness page](#).

Resources for Young People

NSPCC Cymru has published a free online toolkit to support young people in raising awareness of gender inequalities, sexual harassment and violence. The toolkit is called [AGENDA](#) and was developed with young people in 2016. It includes a range of activities and resources, and links to further information on issues such as gender discrimination, sexual exploitation and relationship violence.

Harmful Sexual Behaviour

The NSPCC has recently published a summary of the risk factors and learning from serious case reviews involving harmful sexual behaviour. The report can be found [here](#)

Kent and Medway Safeguarding Procedures

The Kent & Medway Safeguarding Children Procedures update for April 2017 has been published and can be found at the usual [link](#).

Young Carers Awareness Training

KSCB are now offering free 'Young Carers Awareness' training for all professionals working in Kent.

The course will help professionals understand 'What it means to be a Young Carer', and gain awareness of recent legislative changes that has implications on how professionals and the wider community can identify, support and safeguard the whole family. The course will also provide professionals with information on the local and national perspective of Young Carers.

The course will be taking place on the following dates:

- Thursday 25th May 2017 – 9:30am-11:30am – Ashford Business Hub (Ashford)
- Thursday 21st September 2017 – 9:30am-11:30am – Sessions House (Maidstone)
- Thursday 23rd November 2017 – 9:30am-11:30am – The Friars (Tonbridge and Malling)

If you would like to attend any of the above dates please email kscbtraining@kent.gov.uk as soon as possible.

Youth Empowerment Services CIC – The Know Project

In March 2017, Graham Godden from Youth Empowerment Services CIC delivered a presentation to the Board on their work with Kent Police. The Board was provided with an overview of their service and was particularly impressed with the sexual exploitation programme.

In partnership with Kent Police and The Know Project, Youth Empowerment Services CIC are offering **free** CSE awareness assembly presentations to secondary schools in Kent and Medway. The offer includes two free presentations to students on raising awareness of CSE indicators and risks. For more information see their [website](#).

Headstart

At the Board meeting in January 2017, Angela Ford from Headstart presented to the Board with the virtual assistance of two young people who provided commentary alongside a video. Headstart was funded by the Big Lottery Fund to support children and young people and equip them to cope better with difficult circumstances.

The Headstart Resilience Hub is for all 10-16 year olds, parents and teachers in Kent and aims to help people take care of their emotional health and resilience. There is a range of resources such as helpful tips and links to tools and activities which have been reviewed by the Headstart team and are recommended by them. The resources can be found [here](#).

For more information on the Headstart project please see the information video available on [Vimeo](#).

Intelligence Forms to the Child Sexual Exploitation Team

The number of intelligence forms from partner agencies into the Child Sexual Exploitation Team has increased, thank you to our partners for your work on this.

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 is available on the [KSCB website](#) and should be sent through to CSET on cse.team.kent.and.medway@kent.pnn.police.uk

BBC: Three Girls

On Tuesday 16th May at 9pm, BBC One will be starting a three part mini-series called **Three Girls**. It is a drama about three victims of CSE in the 2012 grooming and sex trafficking case in Rochdale. For more details see this [link](#).

NHS England Safeguarding Videos

NHS England has released two videos providing an introduction to responsibilities for primary care staff in safeguarding children and adults in Kent and Medway. They are available on the KSCB [website](#)

DeafHope

DeafHope is the UK's only sign-language based service to help deaf women and children who suffer from domestic abuse. They offer support and advice through outreach workers, IDVAs, children and families' workers, the Young DeafHope team and through signposting. For more information on the services available please click [here](#).

Online Safeguarding Update

KSCB has developed a new Online Safeguarding Group with representatives from our multi-agency partners. The purpose of the group is to support the Board and its partners in their oversight of online safeguarding issues and ensuring that all agencies have a member of staff who can provide guidance on online safeguarding concerns. The first meeting took place on the 10th May and will convene on a quarterly basis.

The KSCB Website's [Online Safety Page](#) has been recently updated and now contains helpful resources for staff.

Exploitation Risk Assessment

Following the review of CSE in Kent, one of the recommendations from the [KSCB Operation Lakeland Case Review](#) was to review the CSE Toolkit. After consultation with multi-agency partners, it has been decided that in Kent there will be a two-tier process covering all forms of exploitation.

Tier 1 –Risks Threats and Vulnerabilities Checklist

The Checklist is designed to be used by professionals from partner agencies (not SCS, YOS or Early Help). Its purpose is to support those professionals, with the help of their safeguarding lead, to decide on the appropriate action to support CYP. This may result in a referral to Early Help or SCS.

Tier 2 - Exploitation Risk Assessment

The risk assessment is for use by assessing staff (SCS, YOS and EHPS). This will replace the CSE Toolkit and should be used as part of ongoing planning and assessment work.

The Exploitation Risk Assessment will be launched this month

Consultancy Services

KSCB are extending our bespoke offer to cover a number of costed services in order to improve Safeguarding arrangements that exist within our partner agencies, and others who work as part of the children's workforce.

This offer will include, but is not limited to:

- Training and education sessions
- Mini and full thematic conferences
- Working with partners to improve safeguarding arrangements including the development of policies and procedures
- Working with commissioners to improve safeguarding with sub-contracted services

For more information please see the [website](#) or contact [Justine Croft](#).

ECR

In April 2017, KSCB launched their new Electronic Case Review (ECR) system; ECR was designed by KSCB and built by QES who also created our ECDOP tool.

ECR is a secure online system that the KSCB Business Unit and its Case Review Members can use to record cases that are brought to the attention of the group through a Case Review Notification and therefore may be subject to a local learning review or serious case review.

If the decision is made to progress to a local review or serious case review, the KSCB Business Unit can use the system to securely and effectively undertake the case management of the review such as receiving agency reports and sending out agendas and minutes for panel meetings.

The process for sending a case review notification form to KSCB has therefore changed and we ask that forms are now submitted online (with no login required) by clicking new notification (top left hand corner) via the link here: <https://www.qes-online.com/Kent/ECR/Live/Login>