

London SCP Newsletter

Welcome to the first London Safeguarding Children Partnership Newsletter. The newsletter will be published quarterly to coincide with the Executive's meetings. We hope that this will help us to engage with you as stakeholders; updating you on the work of the Partnership and also providing an opportunity for you to feedback to us. If you have suggestions of what you would like to see included in the newsletter, please email the Partnership Coordinator Victoria Hilliard.

From the Executive

The Executive meets quarterly, with the last meeting held on 4th December. The Executive is made up of our Chair Ade Adetosoye CBE (Chief Executive of Bromley and CELC lead for Children) and representatives from the MPS, NHS, ALDCS and MOPAC. Actions from the meeting included:

- After an update on the work of the CSA Pan-London Delivery Group, it was agreed that an event will be held for leaders to focus on CSA and how London can improve the response for victims
- An annual analysis of rapid reviews will be completed by the Partnership with a view to identifying emerging themes to impact policy and training
- The Children in Custody sub-group will hold a half day training session for regional leaders to develop a forward plan to reduce the number of children held overnight in custody

London Safeguarding Children Procedures

The London Safeguarding Children Procedures are updated on a six monthly basis, with any changes agreed by the Partnership's Editorial Board. Recent updates include a new chapter on Child Sexual Abuse, including the Child Sexual Abuse Response Pathway which was developed by the Centre for Expertise on Child Sexual Abuse. The updates can be found here:

<https://proceduresonline.com/trixcms1/london-cpp/news-area-london-cpp/september-2023-updates/> . If you have suggestions for future updates, please contact the Coordinator.

Planning for the Future

The Partnership Executive has commissioned Laurelle Brown Consulting to carry out a governance review of the Partnership. It is important that they hear the views of all stakeholders, so please complete the survey through this link:

<https://forms.microsoft.com/e/hDr08fpqRB>

Work of the Partnership Coordinator

Along with supporting the work of the Executive, its networks and sub-groups, the Partnership Coordinator is involved with a number of pan-London policy areas relating to safeguarding children.

The new MPS Right Care Right Person (RCRP) policy, which affects the response of police to calls relating to mental health and welfare checks, was implemented on 1st November 2023. The Coordinator is involved with the policy sub-group which is developing policy and guidance in relation to children.

There are concerns from many London Boroughs and Partnerships regarding the safeguarding of children accommodated in asylum hotels commissioned by the Home Office. There is work underway to develop a pan-London approach to addressing these issues.

If you have information or concerns relating to either of these areas or would like further information, please contact the Coordinator,

Upcoming Training

The Training Managers sub-group is working hard along Green Light to deliver an excellent Pan-London training offer which is free of charge for all London based practitioners. Upcoming topics include Information Sharing, Pan-London Threshold Document, Child Sexual Abuse, Gambling Harms, FGM and Forced Marriage. Details of upcoming training and how to book can be found here: [Training and bookings – London Safeguarding Children Board \(londonscb.gov.uk\)](https://www.londonscb.gov.uk/training-and-bookings) To receive emails about upcoming training courses, you can register here: <https://forms.office.com/e/GtwzucErp5>

Contact Us!

The Partnership is here to add value to the work of LSCPs across London and to improve the safeguarding of the city's children. If you have any suggestions, please contact the Partnership Coordinator Victoria Hilliard at Victoria.hilliard@londoncouncils.gov.uk