

Keeping You Safe

Kingston & Richmond Safeguarding Children Partnership (KRSCP) report for young people



Kingston and Richmond



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This is the team who wrote this report for you!

The new logo designed by a 9 year old girl in Richmond



What is the Safeguarding Children Partnership?

The Kingston & Richmond Safeguarding Children Partnership (KRSCP) is a team of ten people who work across Richmond and Kingston, making sure things are in place in every part of life to keep children and young people safe. The Team is appointed by the three Safeguarding partners: the police, local authority and health. They all work together to safeguard children and young people. Every borough has a Partnership looking after the safety of its young people. Our Partnership works across two boroughs: Kingston and Richmond, as illustrated by the two figures in our new logo above. You can read about the partners and the team in the yellow column on the right.

KRSCP think that's too many

There are 84,000 children aged 18 and under living in Kingston and Richmond boroughs. Last year there were 25 deaths.

Who are the safeguarding partners?

Three partners look after safeguarding:

1. Local Authority



James Thomas and Pauline Maddison are Directors of Children Services for Richmond and Kingston Local Authorities.

2. The Police



Owain Richards is a Detective Superintendent with the Metropolitan Police.

3. Health

Fergus Keenan is Head of Quality at Kingston & Richmond NHS Clinical Commissioning Group.

What has KRSCP noticed?

1

Mental health

Feeling sad
Risky behaviour
Self harm

A quarter of our 15 year olds reported being drunk in the last four weeks in a recent study, the worst result in London. One in five of our 15 year olds have tried illegal drugs. Last year 4270 young people were referred to CAMHS.

What's CAMHS? It's the Child & Adolescent Mental Health Service

Meet the Team

The three Partners have put in place a safeguarding team to carry out the work:

Ian Thomas CBE



The Chief Executive of Kingston Council, Ian is Chair of the Safeguarding Partnership Team.

Chris Robson



A former Policeman, Chris is the Independent Scrutineer.

2

Exploitation

Radicalisation
Criminal exploitation
Gang involvement
Sex exploitation

Exploitation involves a younger person being persuaded by an older person (with money/gifts) to do things like supply drugs or other illegal activities. Exploitation is very tricky because often the older person seems nice and kind and they often make the younger person feel good about themselves.

Social media is also used to recruit. Never respond to "make quick money" ads or share your bank details.

3

Exclusions

Last year 115 primary and 1070 secondary students were excluded from school

There are ten times more exclusions in secondary school than primary with the numbers peaking in Year 5 (43 last year) and Year 10 (322 last year). Boys, Children with Special Educational Needs and children who are not white are more likely to be excluded. The numbers of permanent exclusions have gone down but the number of fixed term exclusions have risen.

In Richmond and Kingston 228 children have Child Protection Plans.



KRSCP also thinks there might be child trafficking in the borough

Last year there were 39 referrals to children services in relation to trafficking. As KRSCP recognise that exploitation can involve trafficking and modern day slavery the police and local authority have widened the focus of its new exploitation panel. Forty one young people were helped by the panel last year.

What's a Child Protection Plan?

It sets out how the child can be kept safe, how things can be made better for the family and what support they will need.

What has KRSCP done?

Awareness

The Neglect Toolkit enables workers to identify neglect, a type of child abuse that is often hard to recognise. KRSCP train lots of professionals, including teachers, how to identify neglect and last year they held two Neglect Conferences. They also raise awareness of other topics through our Schools forums and our Safe in Faith conferences for religious groups.

What's the Neglect Toolkit?

This is a set of descriptions to help adults identify different types of neglect.

Your Voice

KRSCP have encouraged many more young people to be engaged with their work. In June 2019, 47 young people signed up to their Safeguarding training event and they're developing new ways to enable young people to share their views with all the youth services.

Training

KRSCP put on a huge number of training courses for all the adults who work with children and young people. They arrange conferences and forums and visit places you go to keep you safe.



Priorities



1. Neglect is a leading cause of harm to children and KRSCP want to reduce it by educating people who work with children how to identify neglect by using our Neglect Toolkit. They also recognise the challenge of tackling neglect in affluent families and are working hard to address this.

2. Your voice needs to be heard more. That's why young people wrote this document. So far you have shared concerns with KRSCP about mugging, mental health, online safety/bullying and knife crime and they share this with professionals who protect you.

3. Poor mental health can lead young people to risky behaviours and vulnerability. Easy-to-reach support is essential for young people to get help as soon as they start to have difficulties. Suicide prevention strategies and have been shared with the adults who work with you.

Meet the Team

Elisabeth Major



Our Professional Adviser. She is a social worker and knows a lot about keeping children safe.

Tracey Welding



Our Team Manager. She works closely with voluntary and faith groups.

Daksha Mistry



A professional trainer, Daksha organises all the courses we offer.

Jay Wylie-Board



Jay is our Business Support Officer. He also looks after the website.

Need support? Immediate help is available

1. Childline: 0800 1111

<https://www.childline.org.uk/get-support/>

You can call them or contact them online via the website, it is free and confidential.

2. Off The Record: 020 8744 1644

Counselling and sexual health

<http://otrtwickenham.com/>

Email: info@otrtwickenham.com

3. Kooth: Online counselling

<https://www.kooth.com>

4. Shout free 24/7 text support: Text 85258

www.giveusashout.org

Having thoughts of suicide?

1. HOPELINEUK: 0800 068 4141 (open 10am-10pm weekdays, 2pm-10pm weekends)

2. Samaritans: call 116 123

Someone you love has died?

1. Kingston bereavement service:

<https://sayinggoodbye.org.uk>

2. Email Cruse bereavement services:

hopeagain@cruse.org.uk

Cruse National Helpline: 0808 808 1677

3. Winston's Wish

Helpline on 08088 020 021 (Monday – Friday, 9am – 5pm).

You can also email: ask@winstonswish.org

Meet the Team

Ellie Boorer



Ellie is great with numbers and does a lot of our audit and quality assurance work.

Sarah Bennett



Sarah brings together everyone involved when a child sadly dies.

Sian Davies



Sian is our Business Support Officer. She organises us!

Lucy MacArthur



She works with the schools, updating them with safeguarding news and engages with young people.