

Bexley Safeguarding Partnership for Children and Young People e-Bulletin

November 2018



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[Please let us know](#) if there are any key messages you would like us to share across the partnership.

Name for new partnership

As statutory responsibility passes from LSCBs to the three safeguarding partners, we are inviting young people to put forward suggestions as to what to call this new safeguarding partnership. We would like to say thank you to those who have taken the time to submit suggestions already. We can confirm that these ideas, alongside the suggestions put forward by young people, will be considered, and will no doubt offer inspiration.

Missing video

Ahead of the first Learning Hub event for our first priority, the Police, in partnership with the CCG and the Local Authority commissioned a video on the topic of missing children and young people, to introduce the issue and stimulate discussion at our learning events.

The video can be watched [here](#).

Early Adopter Bid

We are pleased to be sharing and trialling some elements of our new partnership work as an early adopter with the London Boroughs of Greenwich and Lewisham. We are working on 5 priorities and will be reporting back to the Department of Education in 2 stages (in November 2018 and March 2019). The Early Adopter priorities are: addressing local practice challenges, geographical areas, independent scrutiny, local reviews and child death reviews.

Nigel Richardson, Independent Scrutineer

Included within the new statutory guidance for safeguarding partnerships is the provision of independent scrutiny. Nigel Richardson, the new partnership's independent scrutineer, will provide the critical challenge and appraisal of Bexley's multi-agency safeguarding partnership in relation to children and young people. He will provide assurances on the effectiveness of services that protect children, assist when there is disagreement between the partners and support a culture and environment conducive to robust scrutiny and constructive challenge.

Multi-agency training and development opportunities

Briefing sessions

We will be running two lunchtime briefing sessions in November and December on the new children and young people's safeguarding partnership arrangements. This briefing covers what those new arrangements look like both in terms of the partnership's shared vision and values and its governance and basic architecture. To register for a place, please book through survey monkey for [21st November](#) or [18th December](#). (Please note places are allocated on a first come, first serve basis.)

Domestic Abuse Training: Engaging with men who abuse – 20 Nov, 21 Nov, 12 Dec and 13 Dec
*Offered to LB Bexley practitioners with some places set aside for partner agencies – **Places still available for LB Bexley Practitioners! Places for partner agencies are full but please email bscb@bexley.gov.uk for any cancellations.***

Well-being in education – seminar and consultancy

We've been asked to share the following information from Lessness Heath Primary about their [Wellbeing in Education Seminar on 6 December](#) and [consultancy services](#).

Their consultancy services are aimed at helping to improve the wellbeing and emotional health of all stakeholders within educational settings. The session on 6 December will be an opportunity to gain information about:

- How to adopt whole school thinking
- Ways to engage the whole school community
- Strategies to prioritize professional learning and staff development
- Ideas on how to inspire and create a wellbeing ethos that support emotional health

Information on how to access these services are contained in the above links.

Newham Serious Case review

A Serious Case review has been published by Newham LSCB, detailing the death of a 14 year old boy named Chris. The child had been a historic victim of domestic abuse via his father, whilst there were threats to life that were not acted on effectively.

The case offers some important lessons to be learnt. Both the full report and the overview are available on the [Newham LSCB website](#).

Barnardo's Taith Project

[Barnardo's Taith Project](#) is a specialist assessment and intervention service for Children and Young People aged 5 to 21 years who have engaged in, or are at risk of engaging in, problematic or harmful sexual behaviour. The service additionally provides support to parents and carers. Harmful or problematic sexual behaviours are, *'Sexual behaviours expressed by children and young people under the age of 18 years old, that are developmentally inappropriate, may be harmful towards self or others, or be abusive towards another child, young person or adult'* (Definition by Hackett, 2014).

Taith Practitioners use the TIGER (Trauma Informed Growth, Empowerment and Recovery) model and a child-centred approach when working with children and young people who are referred to the Service.

The Barnardo's Taith London Practitioner based in Bexley is Vicky Burbidge (Civic Offices, 1st Floor West – Staying Together Team). Vicky will be available for discussions and consultations should you have any queries about a child or young person who may benefit from the Service. Her contact details are vicky.burbidge@barnardos.org.uk / 07743 600823.