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Kent Safeguarding Children Multi-Agency Partnership Newsletter



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**Newsletters from the Child Safeguarding Practice Review Panel**

The Child Safeguarding Practice Review Panel (CSPRP) has launched monthly newsletters to help safeguarding partners stay up to date with the latest patterns in practice from serious incident notifications across the country, with links to learning and tools to help make improvements to safeguarding practice.

This month’s newsletter casts a spotlight on the national review into Sudden Unexpected Death in Infancy, and the launch of a national thematic review into N**on-Accidental Injury in babies.**

**Read the newsletters here:**

<https://us10.campaign-archive.com/home/?u=033d1bbae0e224ce244ef5c48&id=51864704be>

**Promoting Mental Health and Wellbeing**

NSPCC Learning has published new content on promoting the mental health and wellbeing of children and young people. The webpage includes information on starting a conversation about mental health and wellbeing; tips on exercise, online wellbeing and healthy relationships; tips professionals can share with parents and carers; and government guidance for the four nations.

**Visit the webpage:** [Promoting mental health and wellbeing](http://email.nspcc.org.uk/c/17GfzBIihARztw1aQG1DOntBXg)

[NSPCC Learning: Child mental health](http://email.nspcc.org.uk/c/17GfAjB55kUnY9NmXbiXFmemWP)

**Child Suicide during Covid-19 - NCMD**

The National Child Mortality Database (NCMD) has published a report looking at child death by suicide in England during lockdown.

Analysis of figures show that there were 25 child suicides in the first 56 days of lockdown. The report notes that there is a concerning signal that child suicide deaths may have increased during the first 56 days of lockdown, and that amongst the likely suicide deaths reported after lockdown, restriction to education and other activities, disruption to care and support services, tensions at home and isolation appeared to be contributing factors.

[Briefing published: child suicide during COVID-19](http://email.nspcc.org.uk/c/17NkF3b2o4O078iL9yOrUmSAa5)

[Child suicide rates during the COVID-19 pandemic in England: real-time surveillance](http://email.nspcc.org.uk/c/17NkFL3PbOQOBM4Xg45LLlDl9E)

**KSCMP Publication - Thematic Review of Teenage Suicides**

**SPACE Matters**

A new webpage has been launched called SPACE Matters - Supporting People with Adverse Childhood Experiences.

The page is full of resources for those professionals, carers and volunteers who want to learn more and help others to support trauma informed working across a wide range of settings and services.

[SPACE matters webpage](http://www.kent.gov.uk/social-care-and-health/information-for-professionals/space-matters)

**Joint Exploitation Group (JEG) - Summary of discussion**

The JEG is a sub-group of the Kent and Medway Safeguarding Children and Adults Boards.

Please find attached summary of the issues discussed at the Joint Exploitation Group (JEG) meeting on 22nd May 2020.

Please cascade this within your agency and with any other partners.



KSCMP has published the Executive Summary of a Thematic analysis of suicides in children and young people, from 2014 to 2018.

It can be found on our website at <https://www.kscmp.org.uk/procedures/safeguarding-practice-reviews/local-child-safeguarding-reviews-2020>

The full report is available on professional request. Please cascade this within your agency and with any other partners.

**Publication of Domestic Homicide Reviews**

Two Domestic Homicide Reviews (DHRs) have recently been published on the Kent County Council [website](http://www.kent.gov.uk/about-the-council/partnerships/kent-community-safety-partnership/domestic-homicide-reviews) and the [Medway Council website](https://www.medway.gov.uk/downloads/download/308/domestic_homicide_review).

Please use the links to access the cases named ***’Bridget/2017’ and ‘Mary/2018’***.

**KSCMP ‘News’ Page**

KSCMP has developed a ‘News’ page on our website.  The aim of this page is to bring you any new information relating to safeguarding children during these challenging times <https://www.kscmp.org.uk/children-and-young-people>

It includes information from partner agencies, such as:

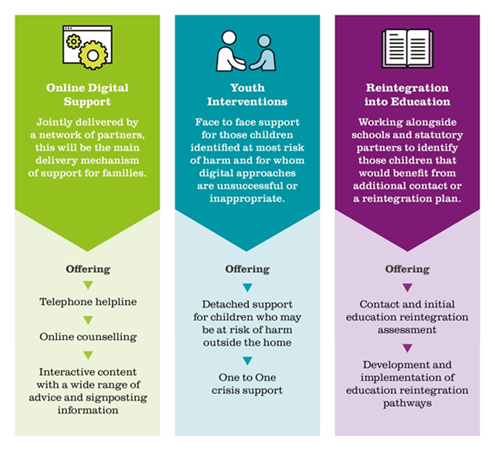
* [Domestic Abuse](https://www.kscmp.org.uk/__data/assets/pdf_file/0003/107571/DA-isolation-poster-Reworked.pdf)
* [Missing Children from Home and Care During COVID-19 Guidance](https://www.kscmp.org.uk/__data/assets/pdf_file/0006/107574/Kent-Police-Missing-from-Care-During-Covid-19-Pandemic.pdf)
* [Guidance on Reporting a Child Missing](https://www.kscmp.org.uk/__data/assets/pdf_file/0007/107575/Kent-Police-Reporting-A-Child-In-Your-Care-Missing-Final.pdf)
* [Kent and Medway Prevent Newsletter](https://www.kscmp.org.uk/__data/assets/pdf_file/0006/108438/PEOnewslettermay2020.pdf)
* [Release the Pressure (Kent Mental Health Support)](https://www.kent.gov.uk/social-care-and-health/health/release-the-pressure)
* The Sexual Abuse Referral Centre (SARC)

In response to the COVID-19 pandemic, Barnardo’s, in partnership with The Department for Education (DfE), is delivering a new and innovative programme across England that co-ordinates a dynamic sector response ([DfE press release](https://www.gov.uk/government/news/7-million-for-new-coalition-of-vulnerable-childrens-charities)).

The ‘See, Hear, Respond’ programme aims to intervene and find the most vulnerable children and young people who are hidden from view, who are not currently receiving support and those who are at risk and/or experiencing adverse impact to their health and wellbeing.

It’s a fast-moving project starting in June and delivering till the end of October and is a crisis response to children and families. Barnardo’s aims to deliver 30% of the interventions with the remaining 70% being delivered by partners.

The service delivery model is below:



If you would like to find out more information about becoming a delivery partner and/or making referrals into this programme, please contact Chelsea Fitzsimmons at [chelsea.fitzsimmons@barnardos.org.uk](mailto:chelsea.fitzsimmons@barnardos.org.uk)

Their referral portal is currently active and can receive referrals <https://www.barnardos.org.uk/see-hear-respond>



**See, Hear, Respond Programme from Barnardo’s**

**Adult Self-Neglect E-Learning Course – Now Available**

The Adult Self-Neglect course has now be added to the Kent and Medway online training site. The course explorers the importance of knowing the signs and symptoms of self-neglect and hoarding,  how to respond, how to recognise when you should be concerned about an individual, and understanding Safeguarding Adult Reviews.

For more information and to complete the course please visit [https://www.kscmp.org.uk/training/e-learning-courses](https://eur01.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Fwww.kscmp.org.uk%2Ftraining%2Fe-learning-courses&data=02%7C01%7CChibuogu.Nyananyo%40kent.gov.uk%7C5eabfd6fc3944ac822c508d833beab7b%7C3253a20dc7354bfea8b73e6ab37f5f90%7C0%7C0%7C637316241300421583&sdata=Bk7YH0exuSzRTkcyXcu5ibChc7WhsdYy%2FOJXBeDUpr8%3D&reserved=0)

**Unconscious Bias Online Course – Now Available**

We are pleased to announce that the Unconscious Bias online course has now become part of the KSCMP online training offer.

The course gives clear insight into the development and impact on unconscious bias, and provides an understanding of the benefits of awareness.

To access the course please visit <https://www.kscmp.org.uk/training/e-learning-courses>

**Kent and Medway Actual or Suspected Bruising Procedures – Now Available**

The Kent and Medway Actual or Suspected Bruising Procedures are now available.

The procedures and supporting leaflet are accessible via <https://www.kscmp.org.uk/procedures/kent-and-medway-safeguarding-children-procedures-and-strategies>

Please cascade this within your organisation.

**Kent and Medway Youth Suicide Awareness and Prevention Training (Virtual Course)**

On behalf of KSCMP, West Kent Mind will be offering Youth Suicide Awareness and Prevention training via Zoom. The workshop is suitable for anyone interested in the mental health and wellbeing of children and young people. This includes people who work or volunteer with children and young people, as well as individuals / parents who want to learn more about how to support children and young people in a personal capacity.

The key outcomes for this course include:

* Increased awareness of suicide prevention in children and young people
* Increased confidence to reduce suicide risk
* Increased awareness of support services (via post-course information provided)

For upcoming dates and more information please visit [https://www.kscmp.org.uk/training/find-training-courses/youth-suicide-awareness-and-prevention](https://eur01.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Fwww.kscmp.org.uk%2Ftraining%2Ffind-training-courses%2Fyouth-suicide-awareness-and-prevention&data=02%7C01%7CChibuogu.Nyananyo%40kent.gov.uk%7C5d24926c349141bb65bf08d8339f1889%7C3253a20dc7354bfea8b73e6ab37f5f90%7C0%7C0%7C637316105685189536&sdata=RGlLYESYt21QMtwRU2OB2cr2dvyRuHKHm%2FltHypoXHc%3D&reserved=0)

**KSCMP Training and eLearning Courses**

**New KSCMP Child Exploitation Virtual Course Now Available**

The new Child Exploitation course will introduce the new Child Exploitation assessment tools which will be used in Kent and Medway, and explain the rationale behind the new assessment tools which is based on messages from research.

Learning outcomes for the course are as follows:

* To introduce the new exploitation assessment tools to be used in Kent and Medway, and give participants an opportunity to use them while developing understanding and confidence with the tools.
* To be able to identify the needs of a child/young person who may be vulnerable to being exploited, is being groomed and targeted for the purposes of exploitation or is being exploited.
* To support practitioners to be more analytical and holistic in their assessments of need and risk.
* To support practitioners to identify the most appropriate intervention(s) of the child and their family.

Participants will enter a virtual learning environment via Microsoft Teams and practice using the exploitation tools in small groups to assess and plan intervention(s) for children and young people experiencing all kinds of child exploitation.

For more information please visit <https://www.kscmp.org.uk/training/find-training-courses/child-exploitation>

**Inside the UK’s biggest Child Protection Department**

A Story on Sky News Channel and Website about Kent Children’s Social Work Service

[https://news.sky.com/story/if-i-dont-get-a-home-soon-theyll-take-my-kids-inside-the-uks-biggest-child-protection-unit-12033409](https://eur01.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Fnews.sky.com%2Fstory%2Fif-i-dont-get-a-home-soon-theyll-take-my-kids-inside-the-uks-biggest-child-protection-unit-12033409&data=02%7C01%7CChibuogu.Nyananyo%40kent.gov.uk%7Cdb5d3606404a4afe438508d83215d0d1%7C3253a20dc7354bfea8b73e6ab37f5f90%7C0%7C0%7C637314416557240251&sdata=RY4dSwQ1nEoa%2FIfgHyYjrSBtPk%2BuItV%2BIWXS3yPDNsY%3D&reserved=0)

**Roma Project Evaluation Report**

Law for Life recently published an i[ndependent evaluation report](https://eur01.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Flawforlife.org.uk%2Fblog%2Fmultimedia-toolkit-for-roma-parents-final-evaluation-report%2F&data=02%7C01%7Ckscmp%40kent.gov.uk%7Cb5f96a1af95a460d871208d83306f40a%7C3253a20dc7354bfea8b73e6ab37f5f90%7C0%7C0%7C637315452235607348&sdata=x4Spaqk9HrfL7NaSKrBtc1pmUchdK6Diq88a14g1qBA%3D&reserved=0) about its project, which focused on Roma communities and child protection.

The report highlights that the project made a significant contribution to building capacity within Roma communities to engage more knowledgeably and confidently in child protection investigations. The report also lists a number of recommendations for key stakeholders.

Please contact Dada Felja if you have any questions about the report [dada.felja@lawforlife.org.uk](mailto:dada.felja@lawforlife.org.uk)

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