

NSCB NEWSLETTER - SUMMER 2017 EDITION

The focus of this Newsletter is Neglect

The long term cumulative impact of neglect can cause deep-rooted and lifelong physical and psychological harm for a child. At its worst neglect can prove fatal.

- Neglect is the most common reason for a child to be made subject of a child protection plan in England.
- In Newham, 45% of child protection plans relate to neglect and this is greater than the London average and our statistical neighbours.



Hidden Neglect

Recent research found that older children can often be suffering from neglect but this can be hidden from view. Professionals and the public do not always identify the underlying causes of challenging and risky behaviour and the impact on young people can be seriously underestimated. The evidence shows that suffering from neglect at any age has a detrimental impact on the development and outcomes for children and young people.

Read: "Understanding Adolescent Neglect: Trouble Neglect"

Joint Targeted Area Inspection: Neglect

Joint Targeted Area Inspection (JTAI) is an inspection conducted jointly by Ofsted, Care Quality Commission (CQC), Her Majesty's Inspectorate of Constabulary (HMIC) and Her Majesty's Inspectorate of Probation (HMIP). The framework evaluates how local authorities, the police, health, probation and youth offending services are working together to identify, support and protect vulnerable children and young people. There will be up to 11 inspectors,

usually comprising three inspectors from each of Ofsted, HMIC and the CQC, and two from HMIP.

These are unannounced inspections and can happen at any time.

The framework will look at the following:

- The quality and impact of assessment, planning and decision making in response to notifications and referrals; the partnership response to all forms of child abuse, neglect and exploitation at the point of identification and the leadership and management of this work including the LSCB.

- Each JTAI will include a 'deep dive' theme. The next theme announced is on neglect and will take place between May to December. The deep dive element will focus on the experiences of children aged between 7 and 15 years old. The evaluation of the multi-agency front door services will focus on children of all ages who have been or are suspected of neglect.
- For the first time the framework will also evaluate the effectiveness of schools in identifying and supporting children, vulnerable to and experiencing neglect.



They will consider:

- How we identify the signs of neglect, especially in older children. Do professionals miss cases of neglect too readily by addressing the surface problems e.g. in drug taking?
- Are referrals appropriate and made at the earliest opportunity? Do professionals underestimate the impact of neglect on older children?
- Are risks to children living with neglect prevented and reduced? Are their needs met at an early stage through timely access to effective help?
- Are there any gaps in information sharing e.g. housing, mental health, and substance misuse services?
- How successfully do agencies contribute to early help and statutory plans?
- Do we challenge and support

parents behaviour to avoid drift and delay? What difference to the child does this make?

- Do all professionals adopt a child-centred approach in assessing the risk and impact to the child? How are children and their families views used to make improvements?
- How is the long term impact of neglect on children's lives reflected in assessments and plans?
- What services are available and do agencies know how to access them? Does timely intervention take place?
- What systems do universal services use to identify children at risk of or subject to neglect and are they effective?
- How well do managers provide robust oversight, support and challenge to practitioners?
- What role does the LSCB monitor, coordinate and evaluate the work

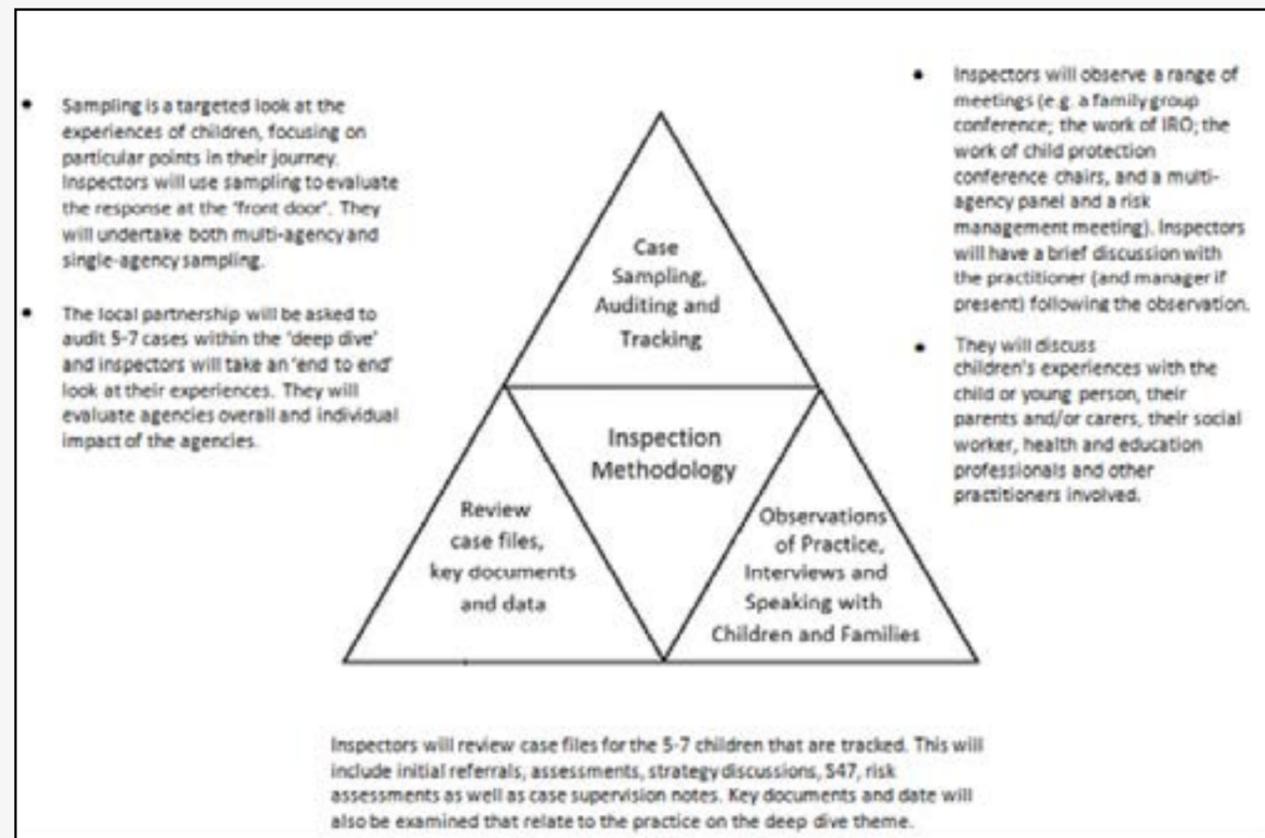
of statutory partners and multi-agency groups that help and protect children at risk of neglect?

Inspectors are likely to ask about:

- what the plan is and how we and the family know it is working
- the ways in which you have helped to strengthen families and minimise risk
- workloads and workload management
- the quality and impact of supervision and management oversight
- the availability, quality and impact of training and development.

How will they evaluate the effectiveness of practice ?

The inspection will use the following information to evaluate children's experiences:



Where can I find out more about the inspection?

We are holding multi-agency workshops on neglect with learnings from a recent serious case review.

Venue and Dates (all 9.30am - 12.30pm)

Central 14 June - Newham Docks, Ground Floor, East Wing (Airport side), E16 2QU

East 21 June - Saint Marks Church & Community Centre, 218 Tollgate Road, E6 5YA

South 28 June - Newham Docks, Ground Floor, East Wing (Airport side), E16 2QU

West 5 July - Saint Marks Church & Community Centre, 218 Tollgate Road, E6 5YA

Book your place now and email LSCB.Administrator@newham.gov.uk

NSPCC Graded Care Profile Training September 2017

In January 2016, the Newham Safeguarding Children Board become licensed to use the Graded Care Profile (GCP2) that has been developed by the NSPCC. Along with several other local authorities, we are now taking part in a one year pilot of the tool.

What is it?

The GCP2 is an evidence based assessment tool for evaluating levels of parental care. The tool is based on Maslow's hierarchy of needs (physical, safety, emotional, developmental) and uses a graded scale to identify strengths as well as target aspects of neglectful care. The GCP2 can be used alongside other assessment frameworks, by different professionals and provides evidence to inform support and intervention plans.

Why are we doing it?

Neglect is one of the NSCB's safeguarding priorities.

The GCP2 aims to:

- help professionals manage and

- monitor their caseloads more effectively
- direct the right support to the families who need it most
- protect more children from neglect.

GCP2 fits well with our Strengthening Families Framework for Child Protection Conferences and our move towards integrated neighbourhood working. Its use by different professionals should lead to a more consistent multi-agency response to families where there are concerns about the quality of care being provided.

Training date 6 July 2017

This training is open to the following groups of staff:

- Social workers and Advanced Practitioners

Other recommended reading:

- **Ofsted: In the child's time**
- **NSPCC: Hurting Inside**

Newham Safeguarding Children Board will be launching The Neglect Strategy this month. More information will be available at the workshops or on the Newham Safeguarding Board Website www.newhamlscb.org.uk



- Health Visitors
- Children's Centre staff
- Early Help staff in schools
- Families First Coaches
- School Nurses

The tool will be used with families where there are concerns about the quality of care being provided and able to observe the quality of care being given by parents, including within the home.

We are offering 16 places for each training session. Expression of interest to attend this training should be sent to lscb.administrator@newham.gov.uk (first come first served). The applicants will receive a certificate showing that they are accredited to use the NSPCC Graded Care Profile.



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NewDay

£2.6m
innovation
programme

NewDay is Newham's £2.6m innovation programme that will revamp and refocus children's social work to tackle the effects of domestic abuse on children.

The funding will be used to invest in social workers to build their confidence and ability to work with domestic abuse cases.

A team of domestic abuse pathfinders and family therapists will support social workers to deliver more evidence-based therapeutic practice with children, survivors, perpetrators and families.

And, because we know educational outcomes are critical to a child's future success, as part of NewDay, we're extending the role of our

highly regarded Virtual School to also work with children in need or those with child protection plans, who are affected by domestic abuse.

Contact Shema the NewDay Programme Manager, for more information **Shema.begum@newham.gov.uk**



Asthma Information

This is very useful information from Healthy London Partnerships, which informs us on how asthma and allergies are managed in schools and can be disseminated to Health Visitors and School Nurses in relation to asthma/allergy first aid in schools.

From 1 October 2014 the Human Medicines (Amendment No. 2) Regulations 2014 will allow schools to buy salbutamol inhalers, without a prescription, for use in emergencies. **The emergency salbutamol inhaler should only be used by**

children for whom written parental consent for use of the emergency inhaler has been given, who have either been diagnosed with asthma and prescribed an inhaler, or who have been prescribed an inhaler as reliever medication.

The inhaler can be used if the pupil's prescribed inhaler is not available (for example, because it is broken or empty).

This change applies to all primary and secondary schools in the UK. Schools are not required to hold an

inhaler – this is a discretionary power enabling schools to do this if they wish. Schools which choose to keep an emergency inhaler should establish a policy or protocol for the use of the emergency inhaler based on this guidance.

www.gov.uk/government/publications/emergency-asthma-inhalers-for-use-in-schools

HLP Asthma toolkit:

www.myhealth.london.nhs.uk/healthy-london/programmes/children-and-young-people/london-asthma-toolkit

Update on Housing Arrangements

We have received an update with regards to housing in Newham; please can you cascade this to your colleagues.

This is the voluntary collaboration between local authorities and registered housing providers in London. Its purpose is to prevent homelessness in cases of:

- domestic abuse
- other Violence Against Women and Girls (VAWG) strands including

sexual violence and exploitation (including prostitution and trafficking), so called 'honour' based violence, female genital mutilation (FGM), forced marriage and stalking

- hate crimes
- where people are at risk of harm from gangs or serious youth violence
- other high risk community safety reasons.

If we want/need to move a family quickly we can apply directly to the scheme to identify quick housing solutions.

Newham is part of the scheme and the three contacts are:

Shiraz Bhajji

Mark Goddard

Cynthia Yearwood (all Lettings Managers/Team leaders)

Please use the link below for more information:

<http://saferlondon.org.uk/pan-london-housing-reciprocal/>

School Nurse News

School nurses are community public health nurses and work with parents, teachers, children and young people to promote the health and wellbeing of all school-aged children. The team's responsibilities include health promotion, early intervention and prevention of illness, and the National Child Measurement Programme.

The School Health Service provides care and support to children with Special Educational Needs and Disabilities (SEND), as well as advice and training on the management of long-term conditions (e.g. asthma, epilepsy, diabetes, mental health) to parents/carers, children and professionals. Pupils can see the school nurse independently to get advice or talk about any difficulties.

The team consists of School Nurses and School Health Assistants. There are currently 28 staff in the School Health Team and they are based at Newham Dockside and deliver the service within schools. The team is aligned to approximately 100 Schools in Newham, 69 of which are primary schools.

Please see the link below for information on the School Health Team. We hope to keep this site updated and will add useful health links, our pathway etc. in the upcoming months.

www.newhamconnect.uk/Services/3580

Police Triage Team update

In the last newsletter we shared an introduction from the team and their plans for the future. Since mid March the team have held over 100 strategy discussions and hold daily strategy meetings, a marked improvement which can only result in better outcomes for children and young people in Newham. In these meetings the case is discussed and any immediate risks are identified. Police provide up to date information regarding the investigation and if required, follow up with a strategy meeting to discuss the case further. The role of children's social care supports the police with gathering information regarding the family, which can assist with the progression of the investigation. Greater collaboration between police, children's social care and other partners identifies and manages risk better.

KA Serious Case Review

This serious case review was commissioned by the Independent Chair of Newham Safeguarding Children Board (NSCB) on 12 July 2016, in agreement with the recommendation of the NSCB Serious Case Review Sub Group that the circumstances surrounding the death of a child met the criteria for a serious case review.

Summary of the case

- Aged 17 years at time of death
- Was found at home in 2016, having taken own life
- Had lived locally with mother and had older siblings
- Had alleged serious sexual abuse by a similar aged peer in late 2012, suspect not traced
- Received support through school and Gangsline for low self esteem, anxiety and gang related issues; continued to speak about the sexual abuse
- Disclosed minor incidents of self harm
- Referred to the Child and Family Consultation Service but not seen.
- A Health Overview report was conducted after KA's death. Findings have been reflected throughout the serious case review.

Themes included:

- Management of sexual abuse allegations
- Safeguarding support for child perpetrators
- Information sharing within education
- Consideration of early help support
- Thresholds for self harm
- Seeing children who return from being MFH
- Suicide prevention planning.

12 recommendations were made to the board and a multi agency action plan has been agreed to ensure the actions are implemented. It is the responsibility of the Executive Board to monitor the progress.

The full report is available on Newham LSCB website and further learning will be shared at the training sessions.

www.newhamlscb.org.uk/serious-case-reviews/

Time to say goodbye and hello.....



David Sanders has formally stood down as the chair for Newham LSCB. He has been with the LSCB for an extended time of five years as he was asked to stay longer to see the work we had started

through. He leaves the legacy of the 2020 vision set up in 2013 which we all still work towards. David has been an excellent chair and has seen the board through Ofsted in 2014. The board was graded as "Good" and David's commitment to the board was noted by Ofsted.

Ofsted inspection June 2014 LSCB Findings:

Governance arrangements are good. A highly experienced and well-respected NSCB Chair meets the CEO, lead council members and the DCS regularly. Meetings include robust scrutiny and oversight of safeguarding work and the role of the LSCB. The Chair and other senior managers are actively engaged in the Children's Trust and the health and wellbeing Board. This enables the safeguarding of children to be prioritised and reported to each body.

The LSCB Chair facilitates discussion well. Partners use his authority effectively to challenge practice. The board also took part in an external review and his leadership qualities were noted too.

LSCB May 2016 Findings:

The Board is led by an experienced and respected independent chair who has promoted accountability and challenge and demonstrates ambition for ongoing improvement.

To sum up the LSCB's team of experience of David, he has provided a clear steer, been accessible, supportive and kind.

David will be greatly missed by the partnership and team. He continues to chair other children and adults safeguarding boards across the country and is offer to be available if necessary is kindly received.

Introducing the New Chair: Nancy Kelley



Hello, my name is Nancy and I'm the incoming chair of the LSCB. My day job is as Director of the Policy Research Centre at NatCen (the National Centre for Social Research) where I lead a team of 60+ social researchers working on children and families, work and worklessness, crime and justice, and health and mental health.

My background is mostly in the voluntary sector, and focused on social justice issues. I've worked in many of the areas that are at the heart of the challenges we face in protecting Newham's children, but I'm not a child protection professional – so I've got a lot to learn as well as (hopefully) a lot to offer.

I'm a long term Newham resident – 15 years and counting! I was raised up North, but my mum is from the East end, so I've got long roots in this part of the city. I love Newham, and am excited and honoured to work with you all.

The LSCB ensures the co-ordination of safeguarding work by all agencies and monitors the effectiveness of child protection work across Newham. If you would like to contact Nancy Kelley, Independent Chair directly about a local safeguarding issue, her email address is;

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