

Keeping You Safe

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



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Safeguarding Children Partnership



These are the young people who wrote this for you



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CLARA



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What is the Safeguarding Children Partnership?

The Kingston and Richmond Safeguarding Children Partnership (KRSCP) is a team of ten people who work across Kingston and Richmond boroughs. Their role is to make sure things are in place to keep children and young people safe in every part of their lives.

Who are the Safeguarding Partners?

The three partners are:

1. The Police
2. The Local Authority (Kingston and Richmond Councils)
3. Health professionals



What has KRSCP noticed?

There are 84,281 children aged 18 and under living in Kingston and Richmond boroughs. Last year there were 13 deaths. We think that is too many.

We notice that children from a Black and Minority Ethnic background (BAME) are more likely to be excluded from school and involved in our services. Diversity and inclusion are a priority for us and we are working hard to address racism and develop anti-racist policies across the partnership.

We notice that young people engage in risky behaviours like taking drugs and drinking alcohol and there is a rise in mental health concerns with more people going to A&E for self harming.

We notice that the mental health of young people really affects their wellbeing. Referrals to the Child and Adolescent Mental Health Service (CAMHS) has risen this year and we are concerned that Covid-19 will add to this.

In Richmond and Kingston 377 children have Child Protection Plans. These plans set out:

- how the child or young person can be kept safe
- how things can be improved for the family
- what support the child, young person and family will need



Meet the Team

Owain Richards



Owain is Chair of the Safeguarding Partnership.

Chris Robson



A former Policeman, Chris is the Independent Scrutineer.



What has KRSCP done?



Meet the team

Elisabeth Major



Our Professional Adviser.

Tracey Welding



Our Team Manager.

Daksha Mistry



Our professional trainer.

Jay Wylie-Board



Our Business Support Officer.

This year we have focused on vulnerable adolescents and looked at the risks young people face when they are not at home or school, where they could be getting into trouble by meeting new people who want to take advantage of them.

We have worked with professionals to understand what families strengths are, what is going well for them, and we build on these strengths to help young people stay safe.

We work with schools to help them recognize safeguarding concerns like neglect. Since last year schools made 24% more referrals into Childrens Services showing that they are picking up on concerns and acting on them.



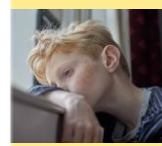
What are KRSCP's priorities?

Mental Health: we want to increase our understanding of the impact of Covid19 on young people's mental health and support the professionals to recognize concerns and get help for the young people they work with.

Contextual safeguarding: We understand that places outside the family home can be risky for children and young people because they might mistakenly get drawn into illegal behavior.

Parental vulnerability: When parents have alcohol or drug problems or there is a mental health problem or domestic abuse, children are at risk of harm and might be neglected.

When a young person is seriously hurt or dies and it wasn't an accident we carry out a Child Safeguarding Practice Review. Last year we did four reviews to help our learning.





Need support? Immediate help is available

Childline: 0800 1111

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

Off The Record: 020 8744 1644

Counselling and sexual health

<http://otrtwickenham.com/>

Email: info@otrtwickenham.com

Kooth: Online counselling

<https://www.kooth.com>

Shout free 24/7 text support: Text 85258

www.giveusashout.org

Having thoughts of suicide?

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

Samaritans: call 116 123

Someone you love has died?

Kingston bereavement service:

<https://sayinggoodbye.org.uk>

Email Cruse bereavement services:

hopeagain@cruse.org.uk

Cruse National Helpline: 0808 808 1677

Winston's Wish

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



Meet the team

Sarah Bennett



Gets involved when a child sadly dies.

Lucy MacArthur



Works with all the schools.