

## Welcome to the December Issue of the Newsletter

Welcome to our latest edition. It's been a busy few months with some significant events to celebrate. We were proud to support the Making Minds Matter day for children and young people from Leicester schools. The day was organised and facilitated by the Young People Advisors with over 80 primary and secondary school children who came to City Hall to share their ideas for ensuring better support for children and young people with emotional health and well-being issues.



According to Bez Killeen: *"The day was a real success, joining together both primary and secondary schools enabled us to get a full picture of the emerging issues and needs of children and young people in the city, we look forward to response from the report once it is released."*

The other great achievement from young people is the reclaim radical toolkit which aims to support professionals working with young people to deliver bespoke programmes around prevent and radicalisation in safe places, the resource has now been assessed and approved by

Department for Education and will feature on their flagship website Educate Against Hate, <http://www.leicesterprevent.co.uk/reclaim-radical/>.

The LSCB has also published its [annual report](#), this is a summary of the key things we achieved from April 2016-March 2017.

The government is seeking consultation on its new draft guidance on Working Together 2017 in response to the Children and Social Work Act 2017. This substantially changes the way multi agency safeguarding arrangements are organised and whilst has some positive aspects, also potentially could detract from keeping children at the center of safeguarding. Watch this space for more details once the new document is published later in 2018 and for the next newsletter... Jenny Myers, LSCB Independent Chair

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## Celebrating Leicester City Council's Youth Service - How Will You Hear Me? Youth Voice Star Award



Leicester City Council's youth service has won another award for innovation from the British Youth Council (BYC).

In June, the service won the BYC Youth on Board Innovation Award, which celebrates new ideas that make a real difference to the way in which organisations work with young people.

Now, Leicester has followed this up by winning a BYC Youth Voice Star award for the same piece of work, a film called *How Will You Hear Me?* Youth Voice Star Awards celebrate the breadth and diversity of local youth work across the country, and Leicester's entry faced tough competition from projects in Essex and north Lincolnshire before winning the

innovation award. The same project was also shortlisted last year for a Children & Young People Now Award.

Leicester's youth service worked extremely closely with young people to create [How Will You Hear Me?](#), a training resource for professionals who work with children and young people. Its aim is to ensure young people are listened to by professionals.

As part of the project, young people share their personal stories in a series of films. They talk about their experiences of being listened to – or not – by different public bodies. The films form part of a training resource pack for professionals, aiming to help ensure young people's voices are heard.

## Tackling domestic violence in Leicester: The WRONG Campaign - Do you know what this is?

Only 37% of people who have experienced domestic violence and abuse will tell an official agency about it; but many tell their family or friends.

The WRONG campaign was launched by Leicester City Council's community safety team last year. This concept was created because people often notice 'something' is wrong, but they don't act because they're unsure or they are afraid of the consequences.

The posters are designed to encourage people to think about this. In the past month six new posters have appeared around the city at community and health venues. In line with the Joint Targeted Area Inspection Report on 'the multi-agency response to children living with domestic abuse' (2017), these posters include a focus on perpetrators.



Find out more and pick up campaign resources by searching for WRONG at [leicester.gov.uk](http://leicester.gov.uk)

### How can you help?

Train to be a Community Champion to recognise signs of domestic and sexual violence and become confident to help people access services. Find out more by searching for 'community champions' at [leicester.gov.uk](http://leicester.gov.uk)

Look out for a new domestic violence strategy, which is being shaped by the most recent needs assessment.



You can also follow the domestic and sexual violence (DSV) team on Twitter. UAVA (United Against Violence and Abuse) provide a range of services in Leicester for anyone affected by domestic or sexual violence or abuse.

Website: [uava.org.uk/](http://uava.org.uk/)

UAVA Helpline: 0808 80 200 28 from 8am to 8pm, Monday to Saturday

Calls are free from mobiles, landlines and pay-phones and do not appear on phone bills. UAVA Business Line (for referrals and enquiries): 0116 255 0004

## Plans unveiled for major new CSE film - Do you know about this?

Details of a major new film to protect boys from grooming, detailed in the partnership's current CSE communications strategy, have been made public.

The film, to be called *Breck's Last Game*, will form the backbone of a campaign aimed at highlighting the risks of CSE to teenage boys and in particular the potential hazards of online gaming. The campaign will also seek to tackle the problem of under-reporting among boys - an estimated 33% of all victims are believed to be male but only around 12% actually report abuse.

The film, which will tell the tragic story of Surrey teenager Breck Bednar who was groomed and murdered in 2014, is being made in an innovative collaboration between four UK police forces.

Surrey, Essex and Northamptonshire Police forces have combined in the project which is being managed by Leicestershire Police following the success of award-winning *Kayleigh's Love Story*. It is being made with the active support of Breck's mother Lorin LaFave, who will appear as herself in the film and who set up the Breck Foundation shortly after her son's tragic death.

Plans for *Breck's Last Game* were announced to the media on Tuesday 12 December. The news has attracted significant local, regional

and national media coverage and been overwhelming well received by the public commenting on social media.

Following a competitive procurement process in November, the contract to make the film was awarded to Affixius Films of Loughborough, which also produced *Kayleigh's Love Story*.

Casting sessions will be held in January and it is anticipated that the film will be completed by mid-April. In Leicestershire, the rollout plans mirror the approach taken towards the distribution of *Kayleigh's Love Story*. That means seeking (with school permissions) to show the film in controlled, supervised

screenings to all age-appropriate children in state and independent schools, and to those excluded and in alternative provision. It was released online for general public viewing in the autumn.

As with *Kayleigh's Love Story*, various versions will be made of *Breck's Last Game* including ones which are subtitled, signed, audio described, and translated into different languages.

It is hoped that the film will encourage teenage boys to report abuse, and so represent an important demonstration of the commitment across LLR to continue to drive CSE awareness in new and innovative ways which are both targeted and evidence-based.



## The Local Authority Designated Officer (LADO) Service– Do you know what they do?

The LADO work in Leicester City is undertaken by Jude Atkinson (the LADO) for Leicester City) and Elisha Ward, (Independent Chair specialising in managing allegations against those who work and volunteer with children). Here is an update from the LADO service.

The LADO service in recent months has benefited from becoming a permanent and stable team within the Safeguarding and Quality Assurance Unit.

The LADO service takes referrals and will offer advice and guidance about allegations of harm to children in the workplace including volunteers, foster carers and staff members.

The LADO is required to be involved in the management and oversight of individual cases, to liaise with police and social care and organisations where necessary to ensure a fair, consistent and thorough process for children and adults.

A referral should be made to the LADO if an allegation is made that indicates a person has behaved in a way that has harmed or may have harmed a child, possibly committed a criminal offence against or related to a child or has behaved in a way towards children that indicates they maybe a risk to children in the workplace.

This applies when the allegation arises either from the work setting, their own children, other children or historical allegations.

The LADO will consider any criminal aspect to the allegations, child protection factors and any internal actions required within their workplace e.g. disciplinary.

The LADO will provide guidance and oversight from the beginning to end of the process and ensuring ongoing safeguarding if required of other children.

*Some examples of the development work undertaken within the LADO service include:*

- The maintenance and development of positive working relationships with the range of partner agencies. In addition to routine day to day contacts:
  - The LADO has maintained links with LADOs across the region via quarterly networking meetings
  - 'Managing Allegations' generic training sessions continue to be coordinated alongside Voluntary Action Leicester
  - The LADO contributes to the monthly Stay Safe Group led by Head of Service
  - The LADO continues to attend quarterly Designated Safeguarding Leads forum
  - Links with Federation of Muslim Organisations are maintained through liaison with their officer
  - Support around management of allegations has been offered to local educational provision with a bespoke training sessions taking place
  - The LADO meets quarterly with the adult safeguarding lead and has developed effective communication where adults subject to LADO processes have a "dual" role working with adults and children
  - The use of conference calls has facilitated agency participation in meetings and speedy responses to allegations.
- In 2018 the focus of bespoke training will be on voluntary groups, faith groups, leisure and sports providers, and newly qualified and more experienced social workers.

*For further information or to make a referral please contact the LADO service via:*

- Generic emails which are checked regularly during office hours:  
[Lado-allegations-referrals@leicester.gov.uk](mailto:Lado-allegations-referrals@leicester.gov.uk); [Lado-allegations-referrals@leicester.gcsx.gov.uk](mailto:Lado-allegations-referrals@leicester.gcsx.gov.uk)
- Direct via telephone contact on 0116 4542440 and ask for Jude Atkinson, or Elisha Ward

## **LLR LSCB Multi-agency Safeguarding Training and Learning – did you know we have a new Project Development Officer (Safeguarding Training)?**

I am Liz Dunn and started working for the LSCB in October (following Emma Ranger's secondment to another post within Leicester City Council). I will be looking after the Safeguarding Multi Agency Training Programme that is currently delivered across Leicester, Leicestershire and Rutland (LLR). My main priorities are to refresh the Training Strategy and review the LSCB Safeguarding Children Competency Framework. These will be big pieces of work and will have an impact on what and how the Safeguarding Multi Agency Training Programme is delivered in the future. I will keep you posted.....

On my first day I attended the "LSCB Safeguarding Learning Event – Neglect, Learning from Reviews and CSE". This was really well attended and the feedback was positive, with some participants being introduced to information for the first time, and others refreshing their learning.

In short participants were:

- Encouraged to use the LLR LSCB Neglect Toolkit <http://www.lcitylscb.org/information-for-practitioners/safeguarding-topics/neglect/>
- Reminded about the prevalence of CSE and asked to use the 'information sharing tool' which can be accessed through the LSCB website <http://www.lcitylscb.org/information-for-practitioners/safeguarding-topics/child-sexual-exploitation-cse-trafficking-missing/> or by going straight to the Leicestershire Police website <https://leics.police.uk/contact/community-partnership-information>
- Given an overview of learning arising from local Serious Case Reviews

In light of the learning above can I remind you that there are [LLR LSCB multi agency safeguarding procedures](#) available for you to follow when working with children.

Although I am starting to look at my priorities, please note that there are still learning opportunities available on the Programme through to the end of March 2018 which can be accessed here <http://www.childrensworkforcematters.org.uk/safeguarding-training>

There will also be a short survey sent out in the new year about the Safeguarding Competency Framework, so please take time to fill this in as any information on this will be helpful.

Look forward to catching up with you.....

*Liz*

## LLR LSCB Multi-agency Safeguarding Procedures – did you know that these were updated in September 2017?

Planned review/updates take place twice a year of relevant [LLR LSCB multiagency safeguarding procedures](#). The following procedures were updated in September 2017 and the next update is in March 2018.

Updated Chapters	
Chapter Name (click on the chapter to view it)	Details of update
<a href="#">Historical (non recent) Abuse Allegations</a>	This chapter has been updated including the addition of Appendix 1: Flowchart for responding to disclosure of historical abuse.
<a href="#">Initial Child Protection Conferences</a>	In Section, 12.2, Other Agency Reports to Conference, an updated version of Agency Report for Child Protection was added.
<a href="#">Spiritual, Cultural and Religious Beliefs</a>	This chapter previously called Abuse Linked to Spiritual and Religious Beliefs has been extensively amended and should be read throughout.
<a href="#">Safeguarding Children and Young People from Child Sexual Exploitation</a>	Section 3, Definitions has been updated in line with the Child Sexual Exploitation: Definition and Guide for Practitioners (DfE 2017).
<a href="#">E-Safety: Children Exposed to Abuse through the Digital Media</a>	This chapter has been updated and now includes information on the recently introduced 'outcome 21'. Where young people are voluntarily sending/sharing sexual images or content with one another the police may use this new recording code to record that a crime was committed but that it is not considered to be in the public interest to take criminal action against the people involved. This chapter also links to LawStuff which is run by Coram Children's Legal Centre and gives free legal information to young people on a range of different issues.
<a href="#">Domestic Abuse/Violence</a>	A link has been added to Domestic Abuse: A Resource for Health Professionals (DoH, 2017) in Related National Information.
<a href="#">Forced Marriage</a>	This chapter has been updated with new Sections 3, Risks and Section 4, Indicators which reflect relevant points from the 'Protocol on the handling of 'so-called' Honour Based Violence/Abuse and Forced Marriage Offences between the National Police Chief's Council and the Crown Prosecution' (November 2016). In Related Guidance, links were added to Multi-Agency practice guidelines: Handling cases of forced marriage 2014 and to Apply for a forced marriage protection order (GOV.UK).

<b>Safeguarding Children at Risk of Abuse through Female Genital Mutilation (FGM)</b>	This chapter has been updated with information about the four types of FGM as defined by WHO. Links have been added to both the new Home Office FGM protection orders factsheet and to the guidance to the 'Statement opposing female genital mutilation' (often referred to as a health passport).
<b>People Posing a Risk to Children - Guidance and Procedure</b>	This chapter previously called Managing Individuals who Pose a Risk to Children has been extensively updated and should be read throughout.
<b>Children's Visits to Special Hospitals/Psychiatric Units</b>	This chapter has been updated to make it more child focussed.
<b>Children and Young People who go Missing from Home or Care</b>	An updated version of Children and Young People who go Missing from Home or Care: Joint Protocol 2017 has been added.
<b>Whistleblowing</b>	Section 13, Further Information was added to guidance, legislation and information.
<b>Learning and Improvement Framework</b>	An updated version of the Learning and Improvement Framework – Leicester City, Leicestershire and Rutland Safeguarding Children Board has been added.
<b>Child Death Overview Panel Procedures</b>	A link has been added to Sudden Unexpected Death in Infancy and Childhood - Multi-agency Guidelines for Care and Investigation (Royal College of Pathologists, endorsed by The Royal College of Paediatrics and Child Health) in the Related Guidance section.
<b>Local Contacts</b>	This chapter has been updated.
<b>New Chapters and Features</b>	
<b>Chapter Name</b>	<b>Details</b>
<b>Good Practice Supporting the Voice of the Child</b>	This chapter states the related legislation and previous views states by children and young people.
<b>Dangerous Dogs and Safeguarding Children</b>	This chapter deals with the definition, legislation and associated protection and action to be taken.
<b>Modern Slavery</b>	This chapter sets out guidance on how to identify and respond to a child or young person where there are concerns that they are a victim or a potential victim of modern slavery.



## Further information/Resources

**Action for Children** - Research, resources and information

<http://www.actionforchildren.org.uk/policy-research>

**Barnardos** - Research and information including fact sheets

[http://www.barnardos.org.uk/what\\_we\\_do/policy\\_research\\_unit/research\\_and\\_publications.htm](http://www.barnardos.org.uk/what_we_do/policy_research_unit/research_and_publications.htm)

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**Leicester, Leicestershire and Rutland Safeguarding Children Boards' Procedures** (staff can register to be alerted on updates)

<http://llrscb.proceduresonline.com/chapters/contents.html>

**National Children's Bureau** - Policy, research and information

**National Working Group Network (NWG)** –

Tackling child sexual exploitation

<http://www.nwgnetwork.org/>

**National Referral Mechanism (NRM)** - The Government's National Referral Mechanism guidance and referral forms can be accessed at

the link below. The referral and assessment forms should be used to report potential victims of human trafficking

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/human-trafficking-victims-referral-and-assessment-forms>

**NSPCC** – Information, research, briefings and resources including the [National Repository of published Serious Case Reviews](#)

<https://www.nspcc.org.uk/>

**Office of the Children's Commissioner for England** - Information, briefings and research on

issues affecting children and young people, and includes the final report of the Office of the Children's Commissioner's *Inquiry into Child Sexual Exploitation in Gangs and Groups* (November 2013)

<http://www.childrenscommissioner.gov.uk>

**Research in Practice** - Research, information and resources to support evidence informed practice

<http://www.rip.org.uk/>

(Leicester City Council employees can register using their work email address)

**Safeguarding in Education** - Further Information

<http://www.lcitylscb.org/safeguarding-learning-development-training/safeguarding-in-education/>

## Further information about the LSCB

Information about the LSCB including the Board, sub-groups, information for children & young people, parents & carers and professionals including news, procedures and useful link see the LSCB [website](#).

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