

Camden Safeguarding Children Board

Working in partnership to keep all children and young people safe and thriving within an environment where safeguarding is everybody's business.

This newsletter provides you with information on the CSCB, its priorities for 2017/18 and training that we make available to professionals working with children in Camden.

What is a Local Safeguarding Children Board (LSCB)?

LSCBs were established by the Children Act 2004. The LSCB is a statutory mechanism for agreeing how the relevant agencies in each local area will co-operate to safeguard and promote the welfare of children in that locality, and for ensuring the effectiveness of what they do.

Who makes up Camden Safeguarding Children Board?



Members of Camden's LSCB (CSCB) include the Cabinet Member for Children and two Lay members. This has been key to offering a different perspective and acting as a voice of the community. Both of the CSCB Lay Members are Camden residents and therefore, provide an insight into local issues and concerns in Camden.

Camden Safeguarding Children Board (CSCB) Priorities for 2017/ 18

The Board agreed that the following priorities will be of focus:

1. Vulnerable Adolescents
2. Domestic Abuse
3. Neglect
4. Preventing Radicalisation and Extremism



What the Community Engagement Subgroup achieved in summer 2017:

Did you see the article in the **Camden Magazine June 2017** edition on FGM? That was because of the excellent work undertaken by the Community Engagement Subgroup who led on the **End FGM Summer Campaign 2017**. This has now been in place for two years.

The campaign consisted of **all Camden schools and children centres** receiving materials on FGM that included, posters, facts, information and the government statement opposing FGM. Schools also received lesson plans to raise awareness amongst young people. The Executive Director for Supporting People, wrote to all Camden schools to raise awareness and an article was published in the Camden Magazine for residents which you can view [here](#) . Camden was recognised as a leading borough in London in raising awareness and understanding of this important issue.

Community Engagement Subgroup

*Would you like to be a partner of the Camden Safeguarding Children Board?
If so, we would value your help! Read more to find out how you can be involved.*

Community Engagement Subgroup Members:

❖ Contribute to **raising awareness** of **safeguarding issues** amongst the community, by working with children and young people and their families.



❖ Explore and agree how best to ensure effective **communication between CSCB partners** and the **local community** to ensure we are 'Working Together to Safeguard Children'.

❖ Get involved in **community events and initiatives** in raising of awareness of safeguarding.

The Camden Safeguarding Children Board's Community Engagement Subgroup meetings are held in community venues in order to reach all across the borough and a meeting takes place four times a year.

How you can get involved in local issues impacting children and families:

We require the support from our community organisations to progress the CSCB priorities and other workshops organised by the CSCB. We want to hear your views, your experiences and your suggestions, as you are the specialist working on the ground. If you are interested in being involved please contact CSCB@camden.gov.uk or call 0207 974 1276.



TRAINING

Did you know you can access a wide range of children's safeguarding training courses provided by the CSCB for free?

The CSCB provides a comprehensive and high quality **training programme** that is **free**, as part of learning and development for **all staff** who work in services that contribute to the safety and welfare of children in Camden.

Our next two training sessions are on:

- **15th November 2017 – Tools for Working with Sexually Exploited Children**
- **23rd January 2018 – FGM – Definitions, Impact and the Responsibilities of Professionals**

To view the full range of future training available please click [here](#).

If you would like to find out more information please visit the Camden Safeguarding Children Board website:

<http://www.cscb-new.co.uk/>

If you have any further questions please contact CSCB@camden.gov.uk or call 0207 974 1276