

# Summer 2018 /19 Newsletter

## 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.*

### TOGETHER WE CAN END FEMALE GENITAL MUTILATION



#### Female Genital Mutilation (FGM)

We are supporting a summer campaign to highlight the risks to girls and women of female genital mutilation (FGM).

In the UK, an estimated 137,000 girls and women are living with the consequences of FGM and about 60,000 girls under the age of 15 are at risk of FGM. FGM is a form of violent abuse against girls and women. It is illegal in the UK and leaders of all the main faith groups have spoken out against it. Doctors, nurses, midwives and teachers are now legally required to report known cases of FGM on girls under the age of 18 to the police. **If you suspect that a child or young person is at risk of FGM please call Camden Council's children and families contact service on 020 7974 3317 (out of hours: 020 7974 4444). If you think a child is in immediate danger of FGM call the police on 999.**



### Children & Young People with Disabilities Guidance Launch Event



**Pop-in fun for a fun, free, creative afternoon!**

**When:** 14 August 2018, 1pm- 3pm

**Event for:** Children & young people with special educational needs and disabilities, mums, dads, siblings, friends, guardians & carers living in Camden

**Where:** Vadnie Bish House, 33-43 Caversham Road, Kentish Town, NW5 2DR

**Free:** Refreshments will be available and will include hot and cold drinks along with snacks and nibbles

**Tell us what you think:** Give us your views on what's important to you & your family about feeling safe in Camden

**Win:** All children and young people will receive a ticket to enter the free raffle

**Any questions** please call Children & Young People Disability Service Team on **0203 317 2201**

**Join us for a fun, free and creative afternoon!**

### 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.



The next Community Engagement Subgroup is taking place on **4<sup>th</sup> September 2018** if you're interested in attending or finding out more information please contact [CSCB@camden.gov.uk](mailto:CSCB@camden.gov.uk) or call 0207 974 1276.

# TRAINING

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. Some of our next sessions are on:

- Preparing looked after children for leaving care – **20<sup>th</sup> September 2018**
- Internet Safety & Social Media – **8<sup>th</sup> October 2018**
- Designated Safeguarding Lead Refresher – **16<sup>th</sup> October 2018**
- Early Help – **6<sup>th</sup> November 2018**
- Safeguarding children – The multi-agency task – **20<sup>th</sup> – 21<sup>st</sup> November 2018**
- Child Sexual Exploitation (CSE) tools for working with victims – **29<sup>th</sup> November 2018**
- Domestic Abuse – **4<sup>th</sup> December 2018**

To view the full range of future training available please click [here](http://www.cscb-new.co.uk/?page_id=6223) ([http://www.cscb-new.co.uk/?page\\_id=6223](http://www.cscb-new.co.uk/?page_id=6223))

## Engaging Fathers

*'The foundations for virtually every aspect of human development – physical, intellectual and emotional – are laid in early childhood. What happens during these early years (starting in the womb) has lifelong effects on many aspects of health and well-being.'*

**Professor Sir Michael Marmot (2010)**

Camden would like to ensure that all services provided for children are inclusive of fathers and are accessible to the whole family. The CSCB has overseen a programme of work which included:

- Identifying gaps in service provision relating to fathers' engagement and involvement and barriers preventing men from accessing services
- Carrying out analysis of three documents: Healthy Child Programme 0-5, All Babies Count (NSPCC) and a Fathers Guide to Midwifery (RCM); in order to draw out common themes for further exploration, including policies/procedures, environment, staff development and leadership
- Completed a survey amongst agencies to gather intelligence about current service provision. The survey was based on the Fatherhood Institute's 'Father Friendly Check Up'

We would like to encourage all services in Camden to take this approach and ensure that their services are welcoming to the whole family.

## Safeguarding children is everybody's responsibility...

The Children & Families Contact Service is a single access point providing advice, information and support for children and young people who may need extra help or who are vulnerable and at risk. The team provides access to the right help at the right time, as well as supporting professionals to work in an integrated way with children, young people and their families. This includes MASH and First Stop Early Help. **If you are concerned about a child or young person please contact The Children & Families Contact Service:**

**Tel:** 020 7974 3317 (9am to 5pm)

**Out of Hours Tel:** 020 7974 4444

**Email:** [LBCMASHadmin@camden.gov.uk](mailto:LBCMASHadmin@camden.gov.uk)

**Secure Email:** [LBCMASHadmin@camden.gov.uk.cjism.net](mailto:LBCMASHadmin@camden.gov.uk.cjism.net)

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

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

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