

Kingston LSCB Policy & Procedure Group

Update 10 September 2009

1. The Policy and Procedure Group met on 01 July 2009 and 02 September 2009 chaired by Lee Hopkins, Strategic Manager Safeguarding Services.
2. The following policies and procedures have been reviewed by the group
 - Kingston Bereavement Service CP procedures – approved
 - Work experience CP procedures- referred back for further consultation in light of new Independent Safeguarding Authority and vetting and Barring scheme
 - Mental Health Protocol – endorsed - to be approved by full board 10 September
 - Domestic Abuse Policy for Kingston PCT – endorsed and clarified that PCT is receiving police MERLIN reports
 - Joint mental health protocol – endorsed subject to incorporating reference to “Laming” notices – to be approved by full board 10 September
 - Social Care Thresholds and service directory – endorsed - to be approved by full board 10 September

Areas for Action

3. Mosques and Madrassahs safeguarding procedure. We have had a communication from the Mosque management committee acknowledging the importance of this work and apologising for the delay in responding. A further meeting will be arranged to discuss any amendments suggested to us and a final draft will be prepared for approval by the Mosque management committee and the LSCB.
4. The activities of the Policy and Procedure Group will be reviewed and reprioritised as necessary to align with the 2009 -10 Improvement Plan outcomes.
5. Work is continuing on drafting a pan London procedure for safeguarding children in households where an adult has downloaded child abuse images. A group with representatives from several London authorities, Essex and the NSPCC has met and will complete a draft procedure for consultation and approval by the London LSCB.
6. The next meeting of the group will be on 04 November 2009 and dates have been scheduled every 2 months through to November 2010