

# London Safeguarding Children Board Update



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## 1. Safe Games for Children – safeguarding children at the 2012 Olympic and Paralympic Games

- 1.1 The *Safe Games for Children* programme sits within the governance structures of the London Board, and is structured into two main subgroups dealing with safeguarding training for volunteers and the development of a rapid response social work model. A third subgroup will co-ordinate all communication activity in relation to this work. The programme is providing the children's safeguarding element to the work of City Operations and the GLA 2012 Human Trafficking network, with broad buy-in from the local safeguarding partnerships within each of the London host boroughs.
- 1.2 We have been able to secure exceptional levels of committed staff time from a wide range of agencies to develop a range of systems (see points 2 and 3, below), and have recently contacted the London Organising Committee (LOCOG) with a proposal to meet and explore options for funding across the Olympic sites. We see the interaction of LOCOG as critical to ensuring that this co-ordinated response is officially incorporated within the Olympics model so that child athletes, spectators and volunteers are able to enjoy the Games in safety.
- 1.3 We will also begin more detailed discussions with the London Association of Directors of Children's Services and London LSCB Chairs this month, focussing initially on the Olympic host boroughs before extending more widely across London. The work completed to date has relied heavily on the support and expertise of officers from across the Olympic boroughs and beyond, but we are keen to ensure that this commitment is reflected at a senior level.
- 1.4 Our vision is for a safe games for children in all aspects of delivery and across the spectrum of issues that may arise – including a possible increase in child trafficking prior to and during the 2012 Games. We recognise the importance of delivering a legacy in this area and have developed all our work with the intention of making a lasting impact for children and young people in London, and our work here will be a crucial element in evidencing that the UK is committed to safeguarding.

## 2. 2012 Games – training for volunteers

- 2.1 Members of the London Board's *Safe Games for Children* training subgroup, made up of four London LSCB training co-ordinators and volunteers from the Met Police, NSPCC, the Red Cross and Children and Families Across Borders (formerly International Social Services UK) have now developed a range of training packages for volunteers to be rolled out through City Operations and the London Ambassadors Volunteers Programme.
- 2.2 The cost of this aspect of the programme is minimal (in the region of £1200), with all development completed in house by our training subgroup and delivery to be led by members of the group and a team of volunteers from the Red Cross at no extra cost. All the materials developed through this work will be made available for boroughs to use when training their own volunteers locally, which we will disseminate through London LSCBs.

### **3. 2012 Games – rapid response social work model**

- 3.1 This work has been led by Gareth Flemyng, Safeguarding Group Manager at Newham, with support from officers in each of the Olympic host boroughs, and has made significant progress in planning out the additional social work provision that will be required during the Games. This will take in the full range of safeguarding issues that could emerge, including a possible increase in child trafficking, issues around the care of child athletes and the implications of large numbers of young people converging on London as spectators during this period.
- 3.2 The group are proposing to provide a unified and coordinated safeguarding children's service across the Park and live sites throughout the Games, which is now well advanced in its development and has achieved broad buy-in from a range of partners. With the agreement of City Operations, this specialist team of social workers will be situated within the Olympics Village and we hope to replicate the model on a smaller scale across London. The London Board is in discussion with several organisations<sup>1</sup> to encourage a co-ordinated response across the UK.
- 3.3 A powerpoint presentation with additional details on the form that this model could take has also been prepared, and is available from [ian.dean@londoncouncils.gov.uk](mailto:ian.dean@londoncouncils.gov.uk).

### **4. Section 11 audit process**

- 4.1 The London Board has recently established a small multi-agency working group to look at the section 11 audit processes currently in use across London and consider the feasibility of developing a joint approach, ideally in the form of a model template for gathering information from partner agencies.
- 4.2 The main driver for this work is to reach an agreed position for the various pan-London organisations which need to respond to more than one LSCB or work across more than one borough, which will be particularly important once the range of new cross-borough health arrangements are in place.
- 4.3 The first meeting for this group is scheduled for early April, and more details will be circulated when available.

### **5. Developing robust multi-agency information sharing arrangements**

- 5.1 Kathy Bundred, one of the Board's Regional Safeguarding Advisers, is currently supporting a multi-agency project which aims to develop better information sharing arrangements between the range of agencies working with children and young people, with a particular focus on the quality of partnership work when child protection referrals are initially received. This work was inspired by the successful implementation of the Multi-agency Safeguarding Hub (MASH) in Exeter, which is being considered alongside a range of options as a possible model to be adapted for London.
- 5.2 A workshop was held at City Hall on 28th February for the London boroughs and partner agencies who are participating in the project. The workshop was chaired by Andrew Christie on behalf of the Association of London Directors of Children's Services with a panel of senior representatives from key agencies including the GLA, London Probation

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<sup>1</sup> Partners include the national Association of Directors of Children's Services, regional safeguarding children boards, the Met Police Human Exploitation and Organised Crime Command, the Child Exploitation and Online Protection Centre, the UK Border Agency and a range of NGOs.

Trust, London local authorities and the Metropolitan Police Service. Presentations were made on a range of subjects including IT challenges, effective information sharing across partners and boroughs, building effective links with health and probation and dealing with police notifications. The presentations are available electronically via [kathy.bundred@londoncouncils.gov.uk](mailto:kathy.bundred@londoncouncils.gov.uk).

## **6. Ensuring strong child protection practice in the changing health economy**

- 6.1 The Board has been working closely with NHS London to support the safeguarding team's efforts to ensure that child protection arrangements remain robust in the new structures, and a crib sheet has already been circulated to LSCB Chairs with a list of suggested questions to ask of their health colleagues in relation to transforming community services.
- 6.2 The Board has also written to Tim Loughton and the Munro Review team to stress the importance of safeguarding as the new health economy continues to evolve, highlighting in particular the key role of Health and Wellbeing Boards, the need for consistent public health representation on LSCBs and the importance of ensuring that new GP commissioning arrangements are developed with safeguarding children considerations firmly embedded. With this in mind, the Board will shortly begin work with Children England and NHS London to create an aide memoire for GP pathfinders on commissioning children and young people services.

## **7. Big Society - Safeguarding and the role of the voluntary and community sector (Friday 4 February)**

- 7.1 This was the second in a series of regional events reviewing the engagement of the voluntary and community sector (VCS) within safeguarding. The work programme is supported by a regional planning group of the London Safeguarding Children Board (London SCB), NSPCC and Children England. The event was chaired by Cheryl Coppel (London SCB Chair) and presentations were from Maggie Jones (Chief Executive of Children England) and Jonathan Bacon (Munro Team). Presentations can be viewed on the London SCB website ([www.londonscb.gov.uk](http://www.londonscb.gov.uk)).
- 7.2 The roundtable was focussed around four interactive workshop sessions, each of which began with a case study of emerging practice, followed by discussion focussed around other areas of good practice, key areas for consideration, local and regional issues and future priorities. The workshops addressed four areas of work:
- Serious Case Reviews – discussion points included:
    - Increased responsibilities for the VCS must be matched by increased engagement in the local safeguarding agenda
    - VCS groups are increasingly involved in the SCR process without necessarily having sufficient experience to contribute effectively.
    - The scale of the VCS makes it difficult for LSCBs to engage effectively across the sector
    - The current financial climate is not conducive to strong VCS engagement in the safeguarding agenda
  - Big Society and the role of volunteering – discussion points included:
    - LSCBs need support to effectively utilise and assist their local voluntary and community sector

- Engaging with smaller groups, supplementary schools etc is difficult, but likely to become increasingly crucial within the Big Society agenda
- Early Intervention and commissioning – discussion points included:
  - How commissioners are supported to review the impact of early intervention and prevention programmes
  - The role of developing areas such as GP commissioning and how they will be supported around early intervention and safeguarding
  - The role of market development and collaboration across both commissioners and providers
  - The role of evidence based programmes within commissioning and the focus on payment by results
- Think Family – discussion points included:
  - The safeguarding needs of young carers in families with complex and challenging issues
  - Addressing parental mental health and supporting child welfare
  - Joint working across agencies to support families

7.3 A full report from the session is now available to download online at [www.londonscb.gov.uk/voluntary\\_sector\\_resources/](http://www.londonscb.gov.uk/voluntary_sector_resources/), and a copy has been sent to the Munro Review team for information.

## **8. Safeguarding trafficked children toolkit**

8.1 On Thursday 3 February at the CEOP Centre, the London Safeguarding Children Board launched a new guidance document and toolkit to help agencies identify and support children who have been trafficked. The guidelines were developed in close partnership with the national Association of Directors of Children's Services (ADCS) and a range of government and third sector agencies, and aim to support social workers, teachers, police, health workers and other professionals who may come into contact with suspected victims of trafficking.

8.2 This work brings together a wide range of tools and good practice into one document for the first time, and provides some excellent advice on joint working to tackle this complex issue. Having been piloted extensively in a number of local authority areas over the past 18 months, the London Board and the ADCS have now agreed to make this work available to LA children's social care teams and LSCBs across the UK via [www.londonscb.gov.uk/trafficking/](http://www.londonscb.gov.uk/trafficking/).

8.3 The Board is currently working with a range of partners in drafting a bid for European funding to roll this work out more widely across the EU. Organisations currently interested in supporting the bid include Glasgow City Council, Southwark Council, Manchester City Council, Hillingdon Council, Counter Human Trafficking Bureau [CHTB], and the International Organization for Migration [IOM]. Discussions are also underway with partners in Denmark and Italy.

## **9. London Regional Safeguarding Advisers**

9.1 Alongside work in their host boroughs of Barking and Dagenham, Hillingdon and Kensington and Chelsea, the London Regional Safeguarding Advisers are also offering targeted borough support where requested. A detailed brochure outlining work completed

to date and the support available to local authorities and partner agencies is now online at [www.londonscb.gov.uk/london\\_regional\\_safeguarding\\_advisers/](http://www.londonscb.gov.uk/london_regional_safeguarding_advisers/).

9.2 Case studies will be written up following the conclusion of each project, with details of the original request, work completed and specific outcomes achieved. These will be posted online at [www.londonscb.gov.uk](http://www.londonscb.gov.uk) as each project is completed.

9.3 Areas of work undertaken to date in the host boroughs include:

- A review of the quality of safeguarding provided to disabled children. This involved a series of meetings with staff, managers and partners, alongside a review of cases and a recent serious case review in order to develop and implement required improvements. The adviser was able to identify opportunities for more efficient working by encouraging social workers to link more closely with other parts of children's social care and partner agencies, and to improve safeguarding outcomes for disabled children by improving the skills and knowledge of the team.
- Work with the local referral and assessment service, including support with preparations for annual inspection, a range of auditing activity and work with managers focusing on the quality of assessment and safeguarding interventions.
- Development work with chairs of child protection conferences, focussing on improving their advice and guidance and building up the quality of child protection planning.

9.4 Each individual London borough has been allocated ten days of adviser time free of charge, which can be used to consider an issue that is proving particularly tricky locally (i.e. an increase in children on child protection plans, or recommendations from a recent inspection), to analyse and assess an area considered to be good practice, or simply to audit existing child protection arrangements. Outside of these ten days, the advisers are also available to be commissioned at a significantly reduced rate. Advisers can be commissioned to provide a block of support or to provide support over time, e.g. one day a week over the medium / longer term.

9.5 A number of boroughs have already taken advantage of this offer, and work completed to date has successfully unravelled some particularly complex issues and identified some strong learning with relevance across London. For example:

- *Borough 1* found that they had historically high numbers of children on child protection plans, with numbers continuing to rise in recent years. Two advisers were deployed to audit recent child protection cases and interview a sample of staff, while comparing data with similar London authorities. Alongside a number of more specific recommendations, the advisers found that child protection plans were being overused where a less stigmatising and resource intensive child in need plan would often produce equally positive outcomes for the child.
- *Borough 2* identified a need to further improve services for children and young people with special needs, particularly focussed around integration of the disabled children's service into the wider children's social care team following its recent move from education. An adviser was commissioned to undertake a diagnostic of current provision, gather evidence of existing good practice and identify any gaps or overlaps (particularly in relation to integrated provision). By

the end of the commission, the adviser was able to highlight a number of areas where efficiencies could be made, facilitate the dissemination of existing good practice across the teams and signpost the borough to other integrated arrangements across London and the UK.

- *Borough 3* requested support in taking forward a recommendation from a serious case review relating to the quality of specific elements of child protection practice locally. The adviser has worked with staff from all agencies to identify and strengthen the safeguarding process, drawing from international research and good practice emerging from around London and the rest of the country. Throughout this process, the adviser has been able to support the sharing of emerging good practice between a number of London boroughs. This work is enabling improved multi-agency investigation, assessment and child protection planning with a view to improving the experience of children and families and the effectiveness of all agencies in keeping children safe.

9.6 This work is particularly important in facilitating the effective and timely sharing of good practice across borough boundaries, with the advisers in regular contact with senior child protection leads across London. The advisers also have strong links with teams in all other regions of the UK, ensuring that London remains strongly linked in to any emerging good practice from across the country.

## 10. Competence Still Matters

10.1 A working group of the London Board's training subgroup has been meeting over the past few months to update *Competence Matters*, the London Board's multi-agency training framework, in line with last year's reissue of *Working Together to Safeguard Children*. As with the recent revision of the London Child Protection Procedures, we're aware that any further changes arising from the Munro Review may force a further redraft later in the year, but the training group felt there was sufficient appetite within the London LSCBs to warrant this interim position.

10.2 The redraft has now been signed off by the London Safeguarding Children Board, and is available to download at [www.londonscb.gov.uk/training\\_subgroup/](http://www.londonscb.gov.uk/training_subgroup/) for use by any LSCB which finds it helpful.

10.3 The background to the document is that it has been designed to assist all employers, voluntary organisations and LSCBs to meet the minimum requirements for the provision of safeguarding children training. It underpins the London Child Protection Procedures and provides a framework for single and multi-agency training to enable professionals, volunteers, agencies, organisations and services to acquire the skills and knowledge to work effectively within existing guidance and procedures for safeguarding children. It promotes consistency across the London boroughs for the delivery of such training whilst allowing for the degree of flexibility required to meet locally identified needs.

10.4 Whilst the implementation of *Competence Still Matters* will not be mandatory, it represents a standard of good practice and will help LSCBs, Children's Trusts and partner organisations fulfil their responsibilities as outlined in chapter 4 of *Working Together to Safeguard Children* (2010).

## **11. New ABE Course**

- 11.1 Over the past 9 months, a review has taken place of the Joint Investigation (JI) and Achieving Best Evidence (ABE) course run jointly with the Metropolitan Police Child Abuse Command. This review took place as a response to concerns about the poor quality of interviews taking place with regards to child victims, as well as regular feedback from social workers attending the course who did not feel that enough time was given to the ABE part of the 2 week course - particularly when they had to successfully complete an assessed interview.
- 11.2 Two documents with further information on the course and the changes are now available to download from [www.londonscb.gov.uk/training\\_subgroup/](http://www.londonscb.gov.uk/training_subgroup/). The London Board's training subgroup fed into the consultation process and the new course has now received formal endorsement from the main London Safeguarding Children Board and LSCB Chairs group.

## **12. London list of SCR panel chairs and authors**

- 12.1 The London Board has recently compiled a London list of serious case review panel chairs and authors, for LSCBs to consult when considering commissioning an SCR. If you would like a copy of this list, please contact [ian.dean@londoncouncils.gov.uk](mailto:ian.dean@londoncouncils.gov.uk).
- 12.2 Please note that the London Board is unable to offer any individual endorsements, and the list should be seen as a compilation of chairs and authors who are available for work in London. The document includes contact details for each individual's most recent commission if an LSCB would like a more personal recommendation.

## **13. Met Police CRAM seminar**

- 13.1 The Metropolitan Police Child Abuse Investigation Command recently introduced a new business model known as the Child Risk Assessment Matrix (CRAM), as a direct consequence of learning from the baby Peter case and also taking into account lessons from previous serious cases in London and across the country.
- 13.2 Evaluation of the CRAM so far has been very encouraging and Child Abuse Investigation Team officers have experienced it as helpful in improving standards and practice, and supporting decision making. It is now in use within all London CAITs. The police are keen to engage partners in children's services in developing shared approaches to assessment of risk and similarly children's services have an interest in closer joint working and shared principles and values across the agencies. In four pilot areas (Haringey, Greenwich, Wandsworth and Woodford), the police and partners are attempting to work more closely together using the CRAM as a shared approach.
- 13.3 There was a well received workshop session on the CRAM at the London Safeguarding Children Board Conference, which was followed up with a seminar for senior managers with responsibility for safeguarding in London boroughs on 15 February. Please contact [ian.dean@londoncouncils.gov.uk](mailto:ian.dean@londoncouncils.gov.uk) if you would like a copy of the presentation delivered on the day.

## **14. London pilot of the SCIE methodology for learning from SCRs**

- 14.1 As part of the current national review of child protection, Professor Eileen Munro was asked by the Parliamentary Under Secretary of State for Children and Families, Tim

Loughton MP, to consider alternative learning models to the current SCRs. The aim is to improve the quality of authorship and reporting, increase learning outcomes and drive down the cost of case reviews to LSCBs.

- 14.2 The London Board is testing alternative models to conducting case reviews by supporting a pilot of the Social Care Institute for Excellence (SCIE) approach in Barnet, Hackney, Haringey, Hillingdon, Tower Hamlets, Southwark and Wandsworth with funding from Capital Ambition.
- 14.3 A pilot project management group (PMG) has been established with representation from LSCBs, the Met Police, NHS London, the voluntary sector, UKBA and a member of the Munro Review team. The group is chaired by Kay Bell. The PMG is in place to ensure early learning from the pilot and manage issues and risks.
- 14.4 Each pilot LSCB has identified two lead reviewers, comprising either two internal staff members or one external consultant and one internal member of staff, as well as a review team and a case for review. The London Regional Safeguarding Advisers will be involved as part of review teams as appropriate.
- 14.5 A pilot timeline and dates for five training days and four supervision sessions have been agreed. The pilot will run from February to July 2011 and SCIE will be capturing learning and submitting a final report in early Autumn 2011.

## **15. Pan-London safeguarding children culture and faith project 2010-11**

- 15.1 This is an action-research project which aims to promote a step-change in safeguarding London's children living in minority ethnic, culture or faith communities or groups. The Project will run for 18 months to December 2011.
- 15.2 The project comprises three parts:
  - 1) The London boroughs of Barnet, Bexley, Brent, Enfield, Hackney, Merton, Newham and Tower Hamlets will pilot projects designed to promote statutory and voluntary agency safeguarding children partnership working with local minority ethnic and faith communities and groups.
  - 2) The 32 London LSCBs will run consultation focus groups for communities and professionals in their areas to gather views on how to improve safeguarding for London's children living in minority ethnic, culture or faith communities or groups.
  - 3) LB Bexley will interview all the London LSCBs to map activity and aspiration in London for partnership for safeguarding London's children living in minority ethnic, culture or faith communities or groups.
- 15.3 Project activity and findings will be published in a project report. The project outputs will include:
  - a) Guidance about the additional issues which a professional may need to think about and act on, in relation to children and families across different cultures and faiths, to accompany the London Child Protection Procedures;
  - b) Training which will help professionals to identify children across cultures and faiths who are in need of support or protection; and
  - c) A local safeguarding children board model engagement strategy to assist minority ethnic communities and faith groups in protecting their children and working with statutory services to do so.

15.4 The full project description and terms of reference are available online at [www.londonscb.gov.uk/culture\\_and\\_faith/](http://www.londonscb.gov.uk/culture_and_faith/).

## **16. Datasets project**

16.1 The pilot phase of the project has been completed, with an amended dataset agreed by the 10 pilot LSCBs. This has now been incorporated into the online database, which is administered by the London Board. Pilots experienced a number of challenges in collecting such a wide range of information, particularly in relation to Health, where problems with receiving data and inconsistencies in definitions and quality of data led to delays in completing upload to the system. Police data is being received centrally by the Board on a quarterly basis.

16.2 The online system was rolled out to all London LSCBs on 31<sup>st</sup> January 2011, at which point they were provided with log on details to upload and benchmark data year on year and against other LSCBs. Hosting is commissioned externally until December 2011, and the London Board will evaluate the project and consider next steps in the autumn.

## **17. London safeguarding development programme for Lead Members**

17.1 This programme was put in place to enable and support Lead Members for Children's Services in executing their safeguarding responsibilities. Eight sessions have been held since November 2009 for a total of 65 elected Members, including Lead Members for Children's Services, Council Leaders and Chairs of Scrutiny. Three of these sessions have been held since the May 2010 elections, which saw 18 new lead Members coming into portfolio across London.

17.2 Sessions were usually chaired by a Lead Member, with key inputs from senior safeguarding practitioners from the London boroughs, including LSCB Chairs and Assistant Directors for Children's Social Care.

17.3 An annual policy forum for elected members is planned for June 2011, led by the London Safeguarding Children Board in partnership with London Councils. This will look in detail at the findings of the Munro Review of Child Protection, outlining the implications for London local government and considering the crucial role that councillors will play in driving improvement locally. More details will be posted online at [http://www.londonscb.gov.uk/elected\\_members/](http://www.londonscb.gov.uk/elected_members/) when they are available.

## **18. Safeguarding London's Children Conference – 30 November 2011**

18.1 The London Board's 2011 safeguarding London's children conference is scheduled for Wednesday 30 November, at the QEII conference centre. Further details will be posted online at [www.londonscb.gov.uk](http://www.londonscb.gov.uk) nearer the time.

18.2 Papers from our 2010 conference, including those from the wide range of workshops that took place on the day, are now available to download at [www.londonscb.gov.uk/diary/2010\\_safeguarding\\_londons\\_children\\_conference/](http://www.londonscb.gov.uk/diary/2010_safeguarding_londons_children_conference/).

## London Board Networks

### A LSCB Chairs network

- A1 Dave Worlock from Ealing chairs this group, which is made up of the 32 London LSCB Chairs. Jacky Tiotto from the Munro Review team also attends regularly as a link into national policy developments.
- A2 Future meeting dates are as follows (all 2pm – 4pm):
- Wednesday 11 May 2011
  - Tuesday 20 September 2011
  - Wednesday 30 November 2011
- A3 The group last met on 10 February 2011, and papers from this and all previous meetings are available at [www.londonscb.gov.uk/lscb\\_chairs/](http://www.londonscb.gov.uk/lscb_chairs/).

### B LSCB development officers network

- B1 Suzanne Elwick from Waltham Forest chairs this group, which consists of the 32 London LSCB development officers or equivalent.
- B2 Future meeting dates are as follows (all 2pm - 4pm)
- Tuesday 17 May 2011
  - Tuesday 6 September 2011
  - Wednesday 16 November 2011
- B3 The group last met on 1 February 2011, and papers from this and previous meetings are available at [http://www.londonscb.gov.uk/lscb\\_development\\_officers\\_network/](http://www.londonscb.gov.uk/lscb_development_officers_network/), together with shared resources from the group.

### C London child protection managers

- C1 Sally Phillips from Hounslow chairs this network, which is made up of the 33 London borough child protection managers or equivalent. The group meets quarterly to share good practice, monitor and discuss trends in child protection activity and develop pan-London solutions to shared issues.
- C2 Future meeting dates are as follows (all 2pm - 4pm)
- Thursday 14 April 2011
  - Thursday 13 October 2011
- C3 The group last met on 11 January 2011, and future meeting dates will be available shortly.

## **D Network of safeguarding children named professionals in London Mental Health Trusts**

D1 Jan Pearson from East London NHS Trust chairs this network, which aims to support London mental health trust staff working in this relatively new and very specialist area of work to carry out their role confidently and effectively. The group is made up of the named professionals for safeguarding children in the ten London Mental Health Trusts.

D2 Future meeting dates are as follows (all 9.30am – 12pm):

- Thursday 14 April 2011
- Thursday 14 July 2011
- Thursday 13 October 2011

D3 The group last met on 24 February 2011, and papers from this and previous meetings are all available at [http://www.londonscb.gov.uk/mental\\_health\\_network/](http://www.londonscb.gov.uk/mental_health_network/), together with shared resources from the group.

## **E Child Death Overview Panel (CDOP) Chairs network**

E1 This group is chaired by Ruth Meadows, Chair of Wandsworth CDOP, and aims to promote consistency and share good practice around the operation of child death review processes in London. The group consists of the Chairs of all London's Child Death Overview Panels.

E2 Future meeting dates are as follows:

- Tuesday 7 June 2011 (2pm – 4pm)
- Tuesday 13 September 2011 (2pm – 4pm)
- Tuesday 6 December 2011 (2pm- 4pm)

E3 London CDOPs have recently published annual reports to their LSCB, which have been collated by the London Board and analysed for common themes. A London overview report has now been circulated to all CDOPs.

E4 The group last met on 10 March 2011, and papers from this and previous meetings are available at [http://www.londonscb.gov.uk/child\\_death/](http://www.londonscb.gov.uk/child_death/), together with general details on the operation of child death review process in London.

## **London Board subgroups**

### **F Safeguarding children across culture and faith**

F1 This group is chaired by Andrew Fraser (DCS at Enfield), and aims to respond to the safeguarding needs of London's diverse communities and faith groups. The group is made up of representatives from Local Safeguarding Children Boards and a wide range of statutory and non-statutory agencies. The subgroup will help to co-ordinate the Pan-London safeguarding children culture and faith project (see point 9, above)

F2 Future meeting dates are as follows:

- Wednesday 25 May 2011 (2pm – 4pm)
- Wednesday 14 September 2011 (2pm – 4pm)
- Wednesday 7 December 2011 (2pm – 4pm)

F3 The group last met on 23 February 2011, and papers from this and previous meetings are available at [http://www.londonscb.gov.uk/culture\\_and\\_faith/](http://www.londonscb.gov.uk/culture_and_faith/).

## **G London Board training subgroup**

G1 This group is chaired by Bernadette Boland from Ealing, and consists of all London LSCB Training Co-ordinators plus the Training Manager for the Metropolitan Police, a representative from the training subgroup of the London Designated Nurses Network, and a representative from the NSPCC.

G2 Future meeting dates are as follows (all 12pm - 1.30pm):

- Tuesday 17 May 2011
- Tuesday 6 September 2011
- Wednesday 16 November 2011

G3 The group recently produced model induction training for LSCBs to use as they see fit and is currently working on a review of Competence Matters (see point 15, above), the Board's pan-London LSCB training framework.

G4 The group last met on 1 February 2011, and papers from this and previous meetings are all available at [http://www.londonscb.gov.uk/training\\_subgroup/](http://www.londonscb.gov.uk/training_subgroup/).

## **H Olympics subgroup**

H1 This group is chaired by Philip Ishola from Harrow Council. Membership comprises the Olympic LSCBs, other interested LSCBs, the Metropolitan Police Service (SCD5 and SCD9) and representatives from the voluntary and community sector (ECPAT UK, Refugee Council, Children's Society, Stop the Traffik).

H2 The group is in place to ensure that London LSCBs and partner agencies were prepared for the potential challenges around safeguarding children at the 2012 Games and to influence the Olympics delivery agencies in relation to prioritising the safeguarding children in planning and delivering the Games.

H3 Papers from previous meetings are available at [www.londonscb.gov.uk/olympics](http://www.londonscb.gov.uk/olympics). Future meeting dates are as follows (all 10am – 12pm at London Councils):

- Tuesday 24 May 2011
- Tuesday 19 July 2011
- Tuesday 27 September 2011
- Tuesday 22 November 2011