

# London Safeguarding Children Board Update



October 2010

## 1. Safeguarding London's Children Conference – 8 December 2010

- 1.1 Online booking for the London Board's annual safeguarding London's Children Conference, taking place at the QEII Conference Centre on Wednesday 8 December, will open shortly.
- 1.2 The conference is aimed at professionals, elected members and volunteers in all agencies who have specific responsibilities for safeguarding London's children, and supporting them and their families. It aims to support better safeguarding of London's children by showcasing good practice and sharing resources, with a particular focus on the main challenges facing safeguarding professionals in a rapidly changing environment.
- 1.3 The morning plenaries will update on national multi-agency developments in safeguarding children in light of ongoing government reviews, while the afternoon will offer delegates the opportunity for a more detailed discussion and debate on specific issues impacting on the future of safeguarding children services with individuals currently leading national and regional policy development. In between, seminars will showcase local good practice in areas such as first response, peer review, third sector commissioning, think family and social work redesign.
- 1.4 Further details will be posted at [www.londonscb.gov.uk](http://www.londonscb.gov.uk) shortly. Please contact [nilam.taheem@londoncouncils.gov.uk](mailto:nilam.taheem@londoncouncils.gov.uk) if you would like to register your interest beforehand.

## 2. Munro Review of Child Protection and London consultation workshop

- 2.1 In early June, Secretary of State for Education Michael Gove invited Professor Eileen Munro to conduct an independent review of children's social work and frontline child protection practice. See [www.education.gov.uk/news/news/munroreview](http://www.education.gov.uk/news/news/munroreview) for more information. An initial report will be published in early October 2010, followed by a further interim report in January 2011 and formally concluding in April 2011.
- 2.2 The Board submitted brief feedback to the initial call for evidence in July (available at [www.londonscb.gov.uk](http://www.londonscb.gov.uk)), and has now arranged a high level follow-up seminar for early October to develop some of the key elements of this response in more detail. Professor Munro has agreed to open the session and take questions on the latest findings from the review, and times to coincide with the publication of her first report the event should be an excellent opportunity to highlight some of the most significant challenges facing the capital and ensure the review team are aware of the innovative local practice already underway in developing robust and sustainable practice-based solutions.
- 2.3 A broad mix of professionals have been invited to this event, from the full range of the London Board's multi-agency partners. To ensure we make best use of our limited

capacity, each London LSCB area will have one representative on the day, drawn from the London networks for LSCB Chairs and Development Officers, Directors of Children's Services, Social Care ADs and Child Protection Managers. Please contact [ian.dean@londoncouncils.gov.uk](mailto:ian.dean@londoncouncils.gov.uk) if you would like to know who will be attending from your borough.

- 2.4 Dedicated note takers will be present throughout the morning, and a detailed report will be made available at [www.londonscb.gov.uk](http://www.londonscb.gov.uk) shortly after the session.

### **3. Revision of the London Child Protection Procedures**

- 3.1 The London Safeguarding Children Board's multi-agency editorial board are currently updating the London Child Protection Procedures in line with Working Together, and plan to publish a revised edition online at [www.londonscb.gov.uk/procedures/](http://www.londonscb.gov.uk/procedures/) in time for the Board's annual conference in December.
- 3.2 This will be followed by a full review of the procedures once the Munro Review of Child Protection issues its final report in April 2011.

### **4. Safeguarding trafficked children toolkit**

- 4.1 From January 2009 to March 2010, seven London LSCB areas agreed to pilot a new London Preventing Child Trafficking Toolkit (Camden, Croydon, Harrow, Hillingdon, Hounslow, Islington and Southwark), with a number of other local authorities across the UK also signing up at different points in the process (Glasgow, Kent, Manchester, Newport, Slough and Solihull). In total, thirteen local authorities were involved in the pilot process.
- 4.2 This pilot process was accompanied by an in depth monitoring process, and the toolkit has now been redesigned in line with feedback from the pilot sites. A formal report will be presented to the London Safeguarding Children Board on 13 October, and is available to download at [www.londonscb.gov.uk/trafficking/](http://www.londonscb.gov.uk/trafficking/).
- 4.3 Pending approval from the London Board, the amended guidance and toolkit will take the place of the current *London Procedure for Safeguarding Trafficked and Exploited Children* (London Board, 2007) and will be summarised in the rewrite of the main *London Child Protection Procedures*.
- 4.4 To support rollout across London, a virtual support group will be established to assist LSCBs implementing the toolkit locally, made up of volunteers from the pilot boroughs. This group will be available to answer any questions that may arise as LSCBs begin to work through the toolkit, and will also be able to offer advice from their own experience. The project lead, Philip Ishola (LB Harrow), will also be attending a number of professional networks (including the Association of London Directors of Children's Services) throughout October and November to outline the toolkit processes in more detail.
- 4.5 Alongside evaluation of the toolkit itself, a formal monitoring process also took account of a number of national issues including the role of the central competent authority and operation of the national referral mechanism (NRM). The London Board and

representatives from the pilot boroughs are members of the Home Office NRM monitoring group, and a formal report has been prepared from the national multi-agency pilot group to outline some of these concerns in more detail. The group will continue to feedback views of local authorities and their partners as the process is rolled out more widely across London.

- 4.6 There has also been a great deal of interest in this work outside of London, and the national Association of Directors of Children's Services have agreed to circulate the toolkit to each local authority in the UK with a line recommending that it be viewed as an opportunity to add to and enhance existing local policies and procedures.

## **5. London Regional Safeguarding Advisers**

- 5.1 Kathy Bundred, Kay Bell and Vivien Lines started in the new roles of Regional Safeguarding Advisers for the London Safeguarding Children Board in April 2010, and have since completed a programme of introductory visits to each local authority area meeting social care and key partners.
- 5.2 These visits have identified a great deal of positive emerging practice around partnership approaches at front desks, development of targeted interventions, LSCB effectiveness and quality assurance practices, which the advisers will be working to disseminate more widely across London in the coming months.
- 5.3 Alongside work in their host boroughs of Barking and Dagenham, Hillingdon and Kensington and Chelsea, the advisers are also offering targeted borough support where requested (see [http://www.londonscb.gov.uk/london\\_regional\\_safeguarding\\_advisers/](http://www.londonscb.gov.uk/london_regional_safeguarding_advisers/) for more detail on requesting support) and are currently working on a range of projects in, Harrow, Bexley, Waltham Forest, Haringey, Lambeth, Hounslow and Ealing.
- 5.4 Early requests from boroughs have identified some common themes, which are in line with the Boards' original agenda for the project and also fit with the priorities of the Munro Review. These include:
- Support with analysis of contact / referrals / assessment / child protection data, including local audits, to understand local safeguarding trends and inform improvement activity or local service redesign;
  - Support to review and develop improvement plans for specific service areas, possibly as a result of findings from inspection - e.g. disabled children's services and emergency duty teams;
  - Support to develop effective working arrangements with partners on specific issues;
  - Providing additional senior management capacity to release assistant director to contribute to corporate restructuring project.
- 5.5 The advisers are continuing to support the Board's partner agencies as part of their wider pan-London agenda in a number of areas, including;
- Supporting work with the NHS on safeguarding;
  - Strengthening engagement with the third sector and their engagement in safeguarding;
  - Working with the Met Police around a response to Merlins;

- Working with HMCS, local authorities and CAFCASS on analysing and improving performance on care proceedings.
- 5.6 There is a lot of interest developing across boroughs who are keen to develop the SCIE Think Family Model, which draws heavily on engaging adults, health and children's services working together to support families, particularly in relation to parental mental health, although the model can be applied to other significant health issues such as alcohol and substance misuse. One of the Advisers is currently gathering emerging practice across London and nationally. There are also plans to hold a seminar in the new year with interested boroughs and mental health professionals, together with those who are in the process of developing or have implemented the model successfully

## **6. London serious case reviews toolkit**

- 6.1 The London Serious Case Review (SCR) Toolkit is designed to provide supplementary guidance to Local Safeguarding Children Board (LSCB) members in the whole process of undertaking a SCR. Its focus is to support the carrying out of a SCR effectively, through supporting consistency in approach, providing additional guidance on undertaking the process and sharing learning and emerging good practice tools and exemplars. The overall aim is to maximise the learning that comes from the SCR in a local area. Please visit [www.londonscb.gov.uk/serious\\_case\\_reviews/](http://www.londonscb.gov.uk/serious_case_reviews/) to download a copy.
- 6.2 The Board is issuing this guidance in draft as the process of SCRs is constantly evolving and the Board is mindful of the fact that there will be a need to revise it in light of any significant changes. For example, an update is being considered in light of the recent decision to publish overview reports in full where the SCR was commenced after the 10th June 2010.
- 6.3 The Board recognises that this toolkit is likely to be of most use to LSCBs where a SCR has not been conducted recently. The London Board website will continue to be updated with useful tools and exemplars as they are identified.

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

- 7.1 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 how SCRs could be strengthened:
- "including improving the quality of authors and reports and whether there are alternative learning models that could be more effective and efficient".*
- 7.2 Professor Munro herself is an advocate of the Social Care Institute for Excellence (SCIE) model of learning from SCRs and it is felt that a comprehensive London pilot will add weight to the growing body of evidence to suggest that this model may indeed fulfil the functions expected by Ministers. Evidence from practice and other regional pilots suggests that implementation of the SCIE model would improve the quality of SCR authorship, increase learning outcomes and drive down the cost of SCRs to Local Safeguarding Children Boards (LSCBs).

7.3 The London Board and SCIE have discussed the feasibility of piloting the model across five volunteer LSCBs, and a funding bid has been prepared for the £21k required to support this work. Further details will be circulated to all London SCBs once the outcome of this bid is known.

## **8. Guidance for recruiting LSCB Lay Members**

8.1 The London Board has produced a draft sample job description, person specification and confidentiality agreement for the new role Lay Member on an LSCB. This will be available to download at [www.londonscb.gov.uk](http://www.londonscb.gov.uk) once it has been agreed by Development Officers (29<sup>th</sup> October) and LSCBs are welcome to use or adapt it as they see fit when recruiting locally.

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

9.1 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.

9.2 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.

9.3 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.

9.4 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/).

## 10. NHS workplan

- 10.1 Earlier this year, the London Board secured funding from the London PCTs to put in place a wide ranging programme of safeguarding support for London health professionals. This includes projects such as:
- responding to issues arising from serious case reviews,
  - developing clinical networks to support the development and sharing of effective child protection practice;
  - providing support to LSCB representatives from the NHS;
  - developing improved clinical pathways in priority areas;
  - leading and manage the Pan London NHS component for responding to acute and chronic sexual abuse work of the London Board Sexual Abuse subgroup.
- 10.2 The Board is currently seeking to commission individuals to deliver this work as a series of standalone projects - please contact [briony.ladbury@london.nhs.uk](mailto:briony.ladbury@london.nhs.uk) for more information.

## 11. Datasets project

- 11.1 The project is currently in Phase III. The dataset from the 10 pilot LSCBs has been incorporated into a centralised database, administered by the London Board and funded by GOL. The online resource has been live since March 2010 and pilot LSCBs are now able to upload and benchmark data year on year and against other LSCBs. The first upload of new data commenced in July 2010. A wrap up meeting for pilot LSCBs has been arranged for 12<sup>th</sup> October (09.30-11.30 at London Councils). This will complete the pilot phase.
- 11.2 The system will be rolled out to all London LSCBs in October 2010, pending sign off from the pilot group. Please contact [mike.scott@londoncouncils.gov.uk](mailto:mike.scott@londoncouncils.gov.uk) for further information.

## 12. Improving decision-making processes in child safeguarding – October 2010

- 12.1 This free one-day course explores professional practice between social work professionals and the lawyers that represent them with a focus on the court environment. The course is aimed at all professionals working to safeguard children, particularly:
- Local authority solicitors
  - Family court legal advisers
  - Service / team managers
  - Members of the judiciary
- 12.2 Lively and interactive workshop sessions are designed to develop a common understanding in decision-making processes, and space is given for critical exploration of practice to make the best possible assessment and analysis in the interest of children and their families. The following dates have been offered for October 2010:
- Thursday 14 October 2010, 09:30-16:30

- Tuesday 19 October 2010, 09:30-16:30
- Tuesday 26 October 2010, 09:30-16:30
- Thursday 28 October 2010, 09:30-16:30

12.3 These dates are now fully booked. The London Board is looking into commissioning a further set of sessions for November/ December 2010.

12.4 Please contact [mike.scott@londoncouncils.gov.uk](mailto:mike.scott@londoncouncils.gov.uk) for more information, or visit [www.londoncouncils.gov.uk/events/safeguarding](http://www.londoncouncils.gov.uk/events/safeguarding) for a copy of the flyer.

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

13.1 This programme was put in place to enable and support Lead Members for Children's Services in executing their safeguarding responsibilities. 6 sessions have been held since November 2009 for a total of 40 elected Members including Lead Members for Children's Services, Council Leaders and Chairs of Scrutiny.

13.2 These sessions were each chaired by a Lead Member, with key inputs from senior safeguarding practitioners from the London boroughs, including LSCB Chairs and Social Care ADs. Further details on this programme are available online at [www.londonscb.gov.uk/elected\\_members/](http://www.londonscb.gov.uk/elected_members/).

13.3 Two sessions have been held since the May elections, which saw 18 new lead Members coming into portfolio across London. A further session will be held on 30<sup>th</sup> September and Members will have one final opportunity to participate in October/ November (date tbc).

13.4 Action learning sets focusing on specific safeguarding issues affecting London (e.g. domestic violence, sexual abuse, working with minority ethnic communities) will be implemented in the winter/spring and an annual policy forum will be convened in spring 2011.

### **14. Improving integrated working practice across the voluntary and statutory sector**

14.1 The London Board hosted a roundtable discussion session on 18 March 2010, focussing on the effective engagement of the voluntary and community sector in local safeguarding partnerships.

14.2 A broad mix of partners from the statutory sector and voluntary and community groups attended this regional event, organised jointly with the NSPCC and VCS Engage (Children England), and a follow up session is now being planned for November 2010.

14.3 The Board is also working to collect examples of strong joint working between statutory and third sector services, and will be developing an online repository of best practice in the autumn. Further details on this and the November roundtable session will be available online at [www.londonscb.gov.uk/voluntary\\_sector\\_resources/](http://www.londonscb.gov.uk/voluntary_sector_resources/) shortly.

## **15. LSCB Induction Training Pack**

- 15.1 In early 2010, the London Board training subgroup produced a training pack to be used by experienced trainers for those workers/volunteers within any organisation who are in contact/work with children and young people and adults who are parents/carers. These will be people who are in a position to identify concerns about maltreatment, including those which may arise from the use of the Common Assessment Framework (CAF).
- 15.2 The pack is designed to be delivered flexibly as a two or three hour event to large or small groups. The nature and level of participant involvement, together with the way in which the exercises within the pack are executed will depend on group size and the time available to deliver the training.
- 15.3 Having been signed off by the Training Subgroup, the pack was circulated for consultation and approved at the London Safeguarding Children Board meeting on 30 June 2010. It is now available to download at [www.londonscb.gov.uk/training\\_subgroup/](http://www.londonscb.gov.uk/training_subgroup/)

## **16. LSCB funding survey**

- 16.1 Back in November 2009, the London LSCB Chairs group asked that the London Board conduct a quick scoping exercise of LSCB budgets and spending to try and establish a London wide picture on safeguarding board capacity and any outstanding issues that need to be addressed.
- 16.2 Twenty three LSCBs responded to this survey, and the findings were presented to the LSCB Development Officers and Chairs networks in June. An anonymised version of the survey is available on request from [ian.dean@londoncouncils.gov.uk](mailto:ian.dean@londoncouncils.gov.uk).

## **17. Child sexual abuse**

- 17.1 The London Safeguarding Children Board's child sexual abuse subgroup has now been revived following a period in abeyance, and will lead work on a new project to compliment the current central Government and Mayoral initiatives to tackle violence against women and children (VAWC). The project seeks to assist London services who want to improve their responses to children who have been harmed or are at risk of being harmed by sexual abuse, and children presenting with inappropriate sexual behaviours.
- 17.2 The project aims to produce written materials, training and a model of implementation to assist London services who work with children and their families, and who want to support their practitioners to be much more confident and competent in identifying, assessing and planning for children experiencing, or at risk of, child sexual abuse and children presenting with inappropriate sexual behaviours.
- 17.3 The first phase of the Project will be development of the guidance, to be completed by March 2011, which will be followed by a formal period of piloting to run from April 2011 to March 2012. Further details will be released via [www.londonscb.gov.uk/sexual\\_abuse/](http://www.londonscb.gov.uk/sexual_abuse/) shortly.

- 17.4 The London Board has also been working to address challenges in relation to sexually active children and sexually harmful behaviour in gangs and schools, piloting the well evaluated AIM model in 5 LSCB areas. The Assessment Intervention Moving On Project (AIM) was originally set up in Manchester, aiming to improve the fragmented, uncoordinated approach to children and young people who committed sexual offences and engaged in sexually harmful behaviour.
- 17.5 Two training sessions were held in each of the selected LSCB areas; one focussed on senior school aged children and young people and one on primary, each with a maximum of 20 participants. Concurrently, AIM has also provided AIM2 training for YOTs.
- 17.6 These pilots are currently being evaluated, and the London Board will be considering next steps once this process is complete.

## **18. Child sexual exploitation**

- 18.1 The Barnardo's sexual exploitation education and recovery services are continuing to be rolled out eight boroughs at a time across London over a four year period. Please contact [katherine.barnes@barnardos.org.uk](mailto:katherine.barnes@barnardos.org.uk) for more information.
- 18.2 The London Board has also agreed to support a new GLA-led initiative to support young people who have complex substance use issues and are at risk of sexual exploitation. This initiative is included in the Mayor's health inequalities strategy and is being led by a project group comprising representatives from the NSPCC, Barnardo's, CEOP, NHS London, GoL, the London Drug Policy Forum and the National Treatment Agency for Substance Misuse, the Department of Health Sexual Health Lead / London Specialist Commissioning Group and the GLA. The project teams have also kept in touch with MPA and MPS (Specialist Crime) colleagues, who are again broadly supportive.
- 18.3 In order to more effectively determine the size of need for this cohort of young people, the range of services required and the capacity to share learning at a pan-London level, the project plans to develop pilots that will bring together existing and new partners to provide an integrated package of treatment and care. The next step for this initiative will be to source funding for these pilots, and further updates will be available at [www.londonscb.gov.uk](http://www.londonscb.gov.uk) as the project progresses.

## **19. LSCB Development Day (4 and 19 November 2010)**

- 19.1 The London Board has agreed to arrange a further development day for LSCB Chairs and Development Officers, looking at how to develop effective quality frameworks for LSCBs and taking into consideration the use of outcomes based approaches to support the impact that LSCBs have on safeguarding outcomes locally.
- 19.2 The session is being run on two dates – please choose one of these and email your preference to [nilam.taheem@londoncouncils.gov.uk](mailto:nilam.taheem@londoncouncils.gov.uk), including your job title and any dietary/ access requirements:
- Thursday 4 November 2010 (9.30am – 4.15pm)
  - Friday 19 November 2010 (9.30am – 4.15pm)

19.3 These sessions will both be held at London Councils, 59½ Southwark Street, SE1 0AL, and are free of charge (refreshments and lunch will be provided). A draft programme is available online at [www.londonscb.gov.uk](http://www.londonscb.gov.uk).

## **20. Community of practice for safeguarding children**

21. The London Board recently met with the IDeA to discuss their new community of practice for safeguarding children, which looks like an excellent way for London practitioners to share resources, discuss common issues and develop solutions electronically. The Community of Practice is already established and available at <http://www.communities.idea.gov.uk>, so please do register and make the most of this free resource.

## **21. London Board highlights paper**

21.1 The London Board has now published its review of 2009/10 online at [www.londonscb.gov.uk](http://www.londonscb.gov.uk). This highlights some of the many examples of work successfully delivered during the past year.

## **22. London Councils grants consultation**

22.1 London Councils is currently undertaking an extensive consultation exercise to establish the best way of using its grant resources for the benefit of boroughs, voluntary groups and people living in the capital. The full consultation is available online at <http://www.londoncouncils.gov.uk/grants/aboutourfunding/futureofgrants.htm>, and is likely to have implications for safeguarding services currently operating across the London boroughs.

## London Board Networks

### A LSCB Chairs network

A1 Dave Worlock from Ealing has recently taken on the chairing role for this group, replacing Dave Hill (Croydon DCS) The group is made up of the 32 London LSCB Chairs, all but 4 of whom are now independent, and 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):

- Thursday 7 October 2010
- Thursday 10 February 2011
- Wednesday 11 May 2011
- Tuesday 20 September 2011
- Wednesday 30 November 2011

A3 The group last met on 8 July 2010, 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 has recently taken on the chairing role for this group, replacing Howard Baines (formerly of Merton), which consists of the 32 London LSCB development officers or equivalent.

B2 Future meeting dates are as follows (all 2pm - 4pm)

- Tuesday 1 February 2011
- Tuesday 17 May 2011
- Tuesday 6 September 2011
- Wednesday 16 November 2011

B3 The group last met on 1 July 2010, 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 The group last met on 9 September 2010, 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 21st October 2010
- D3 The network recently presented a report to the London network of Mental Health Trust Chief Executives, highlighting some of the strengths and limitations of safeguarding across all London Mental Health Trusts. The report contained a summary of information gained from a survey of all London Mental Health Trusts and included up to date information about the fast-changing context operating in relation to child protection and safeguarding children. It made recommendations on a range of subjects highlighted by trusts, which the group are currently considering.
- D4 The network has also developed a training strategy to promote best practice in safeguarding children within the 10 mental health trusts in London. The strategy outlines proposed training standards for mental health trusts developed in accordance with national, professional and pan-London guidance, drawing on best practice from current training arrangements across London's mental health trusts. This is currently being checked for consistency with other strategies by NHS London and the London Board's training subgroup.
- D5 The group last met on 15 July 2010, 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 30 November 2010 (10am – 12pm)
  - Thursday 10 March 2011 (3pm – 5pm)
  - Tuesday 7 June 2011 (2pm – 4pm)
  - Tuesday 13 September 2011 (2pm – 4pm)
  - Tuesday 6 December 2011 (2pm- 4pm)
- E3 London CDOPs are currently in the process of publishing annual reports to their LSCB, which will be collated by the London Board and analysed for common themes. A London overview report will then be circulated to all LSCBs.

E4 The group last met on 6 September 2010, 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. It is anticipated that 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 20 October 2010 (3pm – 5pm)
- Wednesday 23 February 2011 (2pm – 4pm)
- Wednesday 25 May 2011 (2pm – 4pm)
- Wednesday 14 September 2011 (2pm – 4pm)
- Wednesday 7 December 2011 (2pm – 4pm)

F3 The group last met on 12 July 2010, 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):

- Wednesday 29 September 2010
- Tuesday 1 February 2011
- 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 (see point 15, above) and is currently working on a review of Competence Matters, the Board's pan-London LSCB training framework. Used to inform local safeguarding training strategies, it will provide a framework for a programme based on each London borough's individual training needs

G4 The group last met on 1 July 2010, 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 Serious case reviews subgroup**

H1 This group is chaired by Simon Hart, Independent Chair of Barking and Dagenham LSCB, and membership is a broad mix of representatives from London's Local Safeguarding Children Boards, NHS London, the Metropolitan Police Service and other statutory and non-statutory agencies.

H2 Future meeting dates are as follows (all 10am -12pm):

- Thursday 8 December 2010
- Thursday 27 January 2011
- Thursday 28 April 2011
- Thursday 7 July 2011
- Wednesday 9 November 2011

H3 The group last met on 20 May 2010. Further information on the group's work is available online at [http://www.londonscb.gov.uk/serious\\_case\\_reviews/](http://www.londonscb.gov.uk/serious_case_reviews/)

## **J Olympics subgroup**

J1 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).

J2 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.

J3 The group last met on 29 September and has now identified a range of key safeguarding issues to be taken into account by all agencies in preparing for the Olympics. The group also identified the need to make links with the City Operations programme (GLA) and the Equality and Human Rights Commission's Human Trafficking in relation to the 2012 Games network. The network had asked that the London Board Olympics Subgroup act as its children and young people's subgroup.

J4 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 25 January 2011
- Tuesday 22 March 2011
- Tuesday 24 May 2011
- Tuesday 19 July 2011
- Tuesday 27 September 2011
- Tuesday 22 November 2011