



# CENTRAL WEST LONDON SEXUAL HEALTH PROVIDERS FORUM

## YOUNG PEOPLE'S SEXUAL HEALTH SUB GROUP

**Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> March 2014, 11.00am – 1.00pm**  
**London Lighthouse, 111-117 Lancaster Road, London W11 1QT**

**Co-Chairs:** Charlotte Cohen and Emily Mailes  
**Minutes taken by:** Barbara Shelton

*Attendance list attached*

<b>1</b>	<p><b>WELCOME, INTRODUCTIONS AND APOLOGIES</b></p> <p>Co-Chairs: Dr. Charlotte Cohen, WLCSH and Emily Mailes, Living Well</p>	<b>ACTION</b>
1.1	<p>The Chairs welcomed everyone to the meeting and invited members to introduce themselves.</p> <p>Barbara Shelton (KCSC) informed that she is the now the person responsible for providing support to the Sexual health Forum as this is part of her Health and Wellbeing development role. She apologised for any interruption in the level of support to the forum over the past months due to organisational and staff changes.</p>	
<b>2</b>	<p><b>MINUTES OF LAST MEETING AND MATTERS ARISING</b></p> <p>Minutes of the last meeting on 16<sup>th</sup> October 2013 were approved. There were no matters arising.</p>	
<b>3</b>	<p><b>PRESENTATION: Young People's Sexual Health Survey H&amp;F</b></p> <p>Samuel Wallace, HealthWatch</p> <p><i>Presentation available <a href="#">here</a></i></p>	
3.1	<p>Simon presented the Young People and Sexual Health Survey. The report is expected to be available from April. 90% of respondents aged 14-18 were from Hammersmith and Fulham, the remaining 10% from Kensington &amp; Chelsea and Westminster. Highlights from young people's feedback include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ The need for peer educators</li> <li>▪ Continuous provision of SRE type session as opposed to one-offs</li> <li>▪ Signposting to services is essential and currently not adequate</li> </ul> <p><u>Round-table discussion</u></p>	<b>SW to circulate report</b>
2.2	<p>Issues related to Sex and Relationship Education:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- SRE in Hammersmith and Fulham has gone missing from the system in the last 2 to 3 years; this is a major problem particularly in relation to the increase of sexual</li> </ul>	

	<p>exploitation amongst young people</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Uncertainty about what is happening to SRE sessions in LBHF schools during spring term; schools have the option to buy in or develop own SRE provision</li> <li>- Brook was commissioned to continue providing SRE through the Healthy Schools Partnership in the tri-borough area</li> <li>- Public Health involvement needed regarding training of peer educators</li> <li>- HIV and Young People: this is a growing problem because of stigma, lack of knowledge regarding available services and support, GPs are unwilling to support or refer young people</li> </ul>	
4	<p><b>PRESENTATION: ADVANCE Young People’s Project</b>  Miatta Marke, Advance</p> <p><i>Presentation available <a href="#">here</a></i></p>	
4.1	<p>ADVANCE provides domestic violence interventions for women and children in Brent, Hammersmith and Fulham, Kensington and Chelsea and Westminster.</p> <p>Miatta presented the new cross-government definition of domestic violence which increases the awareness that young people aged 16 and 17 do experience domestic violence and abuse (<a href="#">New Definition of Domestic Violence – Recent Reforms</a>). It includes ‘any incident or pattern of incidents of controlling, coercive or threatening behaviour, violence or abuse between those aged 16 or over’. The new definition acknowledges the difference in the way young people experience abuse and challenges the ‘normalisation’ of abusive behaviours such as stalking &amp; harassment, gang involvement, sexual exploitation, social/online abuse.</p> <p>ADVANCE has adapted their services to accept referrals for young people aged 16 and 17. A dedicated Independent Domestic Violence Adviser (IDVA) also provides one to one support and crisis intervention for 16-25 year old women who are experiencing intimate partner or familial abuse such as Honour Based Violence and Forced Marriage.</p> <p><u>Round-table discussion</u></p> <p>Challenges faced by service providers:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Structures in safeguarding are family oriented; they do not address external environments</li> <li>- The relationship between social services and other agency workers is still an issue for under 16s</li> <li>- Coordinating existing resources is key</li> <li>- There is still a weak link between practice (children’s services) and policy resulting in late stage referrals</li> <li>- Partnership agreements to strengthen referral systems; key contacts asking for feedback from organisations</li> <li>- <u>Events and Activities</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ Tri-borough Local Safeguarding Children Board Event / Safeguarding is everybody’s responsibility, 15 May 2014, 9.30am to 2.00pm, Kensington Town Hall</li> <li>➤ Weekly working group at the Isaac Newton Centre, for young women aged 16 to 25, within or at risk of domestic violence</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	

5	<p><b>PRESENTATION: Child Exploitation and Online Protection (CEOP)</b>  Dion Bird  Website: <a href="http://ceop.police.uk/">http://ceop.police.uk/</a></p>	
5.1	<p>CEOP works with child protection partners across the UK and overseas to identify the main threats to children and coordinates activity against these threats to bring offenders to account. We protect children from harm online and offline, directly through the National Crime Agency (NCA) led operations and in partnership with local and international agencies.</p> <p>Intelligence developed in the NCA intelligence hub informs NCA-CEOP operational deployments, steers our development of new capabilities and underpins our dedicated <a href="#">ThinkUKnow</a> education programme for children of all ages, parents and carers.</p>	
6	<p><b>PRESENTATION: Female Genital Mutilation – a safeguarding issue</b>  Dr. Lazara Dominguez Garcia, West London Centre for Sexual Health  <i>Presentation available <a href="#">here</a></i></p>	
6.1	<p>Female Genital Mutilation (FGM) is a serious form of child abuse and constitutes a grave violation of the human rights of girls and women. Although illegal in the UK, it is estimated that over 20,000 girls under the age of 15 are potentially at risk, particularly in London where a high number of populations from FGM practicing countries live.</p> <p>Legislation on FGM has been passed in the UK (Parliament Acts, 1985 and 2003) which requires a multidisciplinary/professional safeguarding response from local authorities to support girls and women at a risk (early intervention) or who have already been subjected to the practice (knowledge of indicators/consequences). Multi-agencies child protection work raises awareness of FGM-related issues and provides adequate preventative/mitigating support in local communities. In addition, it is important to engage young people as agents of change.</p> <p><a href="#">The West London African Women’s Services</a> provides accessible comprehensive care for women (including self-referrals) with female genital mutilation (FGM) at both Chelsea and Westminster Hospital and in a new community clinic based at the West London Centre for Sexual at Charing Cross Hospital.</p> <p>The London Safeguarding Children Board has developed national resources on FGM which can be accessed here <a href="http://www.londonscb.gov.uk/fgm/">http://www.londonscb.gov.uk/fgm/</a>.</p>	
7	<p><b>ANY OTHER BUSINESS</b></p>	
7.1	<p>None</p>	
	<p><b>DATE OF NEXT MEETING</b>  17 September 2014, 9.30am to 12.00pm at the Lighthouse.  This date includes the Main Forum meeting from 9.30 to 10.30 followed by the two-sub group meetings from 10:30 to 12:00.</p>	<p><b>BS to circulate info</b></p>

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## 1. ATTENDANCE LIST

	Name	Organisation
1	Barbara Shelton	KCSC
2	Charlotte Cohen	WLCSH, C&W
3	Cheryl Marfo	St Mary's Sexual Health Clinic
4	Eddy Aroda	Youth Project Int.
5	Emily Mailes	Living Well
6	Holy Thomas	Advance
7	Jo Greengross	Westside Contraceptive and Sexual Health
8	Lazara Dominguez	West London Centre for Sexual Health
9	Miatta Marke	Advance
10	Rory Parker-Smith	KWA Africa
11	Sam Wallace	HealthWatch
12	Sea Ming Pak	Youth Projects Int.
13	Sophie Jones	WLCSH, C&W NHS Trust
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## 2. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE WERE RECEIVED FROM THE FOLLOWING

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