



CHILDREN YOUNG PEOPLE AND FAMILIES FORUM

Tuesday 3 November 2020, 10.00am – 11.30am
Virtual meeting via Zoom

Chair: Angela Spence (AS), KCSC
Minutes taken by: Zina Serageldin (ZS), KCSC

Item	Notes	Action
1	<p>Welcome and Introduction – Angela Spence, CEO, KCSC</p> <p>Agenda</p> <p>AS welcomed everyone to the forum and ran through the forum rules asking all attendees to record their names in the chat.</p>	
2	<p>Early Help Service update – Serita Kwofie, Integrated Strategic Partnership Manager (Family Hubs, Early Help Service), RBKC</p> <p>Serita Kwofie (SK) provided an update on how they are working with families and about the changes to the service in response to Covid-19. To maintain as much consistency as possible services were quickly moved online.</p> <p>The Early Help Service works with vulnerable children and families that live in RBKC. Age ranges from 0 – 19 years or up to 25 years with special educational needs and disabilities (SEND). Children’s centre settings support families from new birth integrating them into the offer provided. From that point it is a networking opportunity. Support is provided with transitions into primary and secondary schools especially around driving down exclusion rates. Within the service that are practitioners linked to each of the schools to identify vulnerable children at the earliest point to provide advice and make referrals. A stronger pathway in terms of working with young carers along with social care is being developed. Currently it is a virtual group.</p> <p>Learning were taken from first experiences over lockdown.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Quickly went onto a virtual platform trying to maintain as many services as possible. Good integration and participation was seen especially from parents. Where access was available it made participation easier. This enabled the team to see the entire family as often fathers were not previously able to make sessions. • Created safe spaces within children’s centres to hold one to one session. Therapeutic services were difficult to carry out in the house safe spaces were useful to continue this support. • Challenges were experience in engaging younger people who love to use technology but not because they have to. • Offers of resource packs to families that were well received. Tried to target some of the more closed communities such as the traveller community. • Tried to use spaces to keep up face to face contact. 	

	<p>As a second lockdown arrives a virtual timetable has been created and a few new safe spaces have been created for baby weigh ins to support families and so that relationships can be built.</p> <p>Trying to maintain consistency has been the driving force through all this uncertainty.</p> <p>Covid-19 related feedback forms were created to examine access to technology and that access to vouchers was possible for those where there was food poverty. Check-ins continue and feedback has been positive.</p> <p>Key discussion points following on from the presentation included:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Timetables, activities and drawing materials were included in the packs reference was made to the materials on some of the online sessions. Packs were developed for under 5s, 5 – 11 year olds, 2 years and under and an additional pack with sensory materials for those with SEND. • Mental health support for families includes making sure that there is a joined-up approach. Support teams work to ensure young people that have been identified get the support needed by linking them to the most appropriate service. <p>For resources and support relating to families, children and young people, visit the Family Information Service COVID-19 website for Kensington and Chelsea.</p> <p>Following the meeting SK sent the following information:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Guidance for booking a Safe Space at both Holmfield House • Guidance for booking a Safe Space at Cheyne Children’s Centres • Children’s Centres Activities Timetable up until end of Dec 2020 • Link to the Family Information Service, Kensington and Chelsea. 	
3	<p>Understanding the needs of young people – Natalia Massucco, Young Person’s Community Engagement Worker, SASH</p>	
	<p>Presentation</p> <p>SASH (Support and Advice on Sexual Health) work in the boroughs of Westminster, Hammersmith & Fulham and the Royal Borough of Kensington and Chelsea (RBKC). It is a free non-clinical service covering mental health and emotional wellbeing.</p> <p>SASH offer counselling, coaching and care co-ordination, peer mentoring and family support, community engagement, advice and advocacy for 14 years and older. Referrals and chaperoning services are also offered.</p> <p>Youth Engagement services have had to adapt to being run on line. One to one key working is also offered. Professional training packages are also available. Condom demonstration training for youth providers can be provided, on completion of the course a free stock of condoms can be accessed from the council.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Access to services in a clinic has been affected by the pandemic. Testing can be done by home testing kits. Can be ordered online by 18+ individuals. • SASH has step by step video demonstrations of these test on Instagram. <p>A selection of videos can be found on Instagram @sash.london</p>	

	<p>SASH online events can be found here: https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/o/sash-london-18485477853</p> <p>Natalia can be contacted on natalia.massucco@turning-point.co.uk</p>	
4	Young K&C update - Nicola Butler, CEO of Young K & C	
	<p>Nicola Butler (NB) introduced Anita Richards (AR) the new Fundraising and Development Manager at Young K&C.</p> <p>AR will be contacting organisations over the coming weeks to identify The needs within communities and look at ways of assisting you. Contact AR by e-mail on anita@youngkandc.org.uk</p> <p>From 5 November the new guidance will kick in.</p> <p>NB provided a summary on what is expected on the latest government guidance.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Some registered child care and wrap around care can stay open this will also apply for respite care. • Some child care seemingly early years/pre-school can stay open. • 1:1 youth work is highlighted as being able to continue. • Youth centres may stay open for some support groups but unclear exactly which groups. Those facing significant challenges. No specific mention of those at risk of knife crime. • Children's playgrounds will be allowed to stay open. • This time children will be in school and in child care which is different to last lockdown. <p>More will be published by the National Youth Agency. Guidance will be issued by Sport England as well.</p> <p>Young K&C has its small grant scheme open for applications. The theme is exploring culture identity and heritage. Details are available on the Young K&C website.</p>	
5	Organisation updates	
	<p>Following the meeting Rosemary Keenan forwarded the following links to Local Safeguarding Children Partnership (LSCP) training sessions:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • LSCP Introduction to Safeguarding Children (Level 1) • LSCP Multi-agency Safeguarding & Child Protection Workshop (Leve 3) • LSCP Harmful Practices: Female Genital Mutilation (FGM) online workshop • LSCP Training Terms and Conditions from November 1st 2020 	

ATTENDANCE LIST

	Name	Organisation
1	Aimee Ling	Nova New Opportunities
2	Alvi Gazala	West London Action for Children
3	Anita Richards	Young K and C

4	Angela Spence	KCSC
5	Ann Goodger	Dalgarno Trust
6	Zina Serageldin	KCSC
7	Clare Richards	The ClementJames Centre
8	Ella Page	The ClementJames Centre
9	Emma Butt	Nova New Opportunities
10	Graham Jackson	Family Friends
11	Jaslin Seehra	NWL CCG
12	Joan Hall	Just Education Matters CIC
13	Judith Blakeman	BME Health Forum
14	Julia Hamilton	Age United Kensington and Chelsea
15	Kara Ross	Clement James
16	Liam Clipsham	Harrow Club W10
17	Lisa Nash	ACAVA
18	Lucy Allison	Home-Start Westminster, RBKC, LBHF
19	Marina Kroyer	Bi-borough Change4Life Programme (RBKC and Westminster)
20	Michelle Poponne	Venture Community Association
21	Natalia Massucco	SASH
22	Nicola Butler	Young K&C
23	Patrina Quashie-Ferguson	Venture Community Association
24	Rosie Twomey	Local Safeguarding Childrens Board
25	Serita Kwofie	Royal Borough of Kensington and Chelsea
26	Sophie FitzHugh	Rugby Portobello Trust
27	Tania Moore	Youth Action Alliance

The information above will appear in minutes for this meeting which will be made available to all the attendees and published on KCSC's website.