



NEWSLETTER AUGUST 2008

THINK FAMILY



Think Family is a new document from the Cabinet Office that recognises the importance of adults and children's services working more holistically and addressing the needs of the family as a whole. It supports findings from Surrey Serious Case Reviews in which services for families were fragmented.

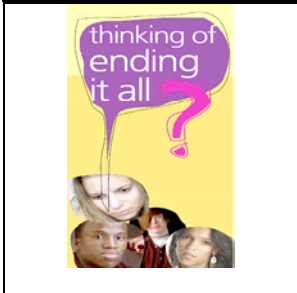
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CHILDREN INVOLVED IN THAI (KICK) BOXING

Many people will be aware of, if not have seen, the Channel 4 documentary on the above. As a result Surrey County Council and the NSPCC received a number of enquiries and concerns. The NSPCC issued a statement making it clear that Thai (Kick) Boxing is not recognised as a sport by any of the UK Sports Councils or the Department for Culture, Media and Sport. Where organisations fall outside such bodies it often means that their standards and practices may fall short of those we would expect to be in place. For further information on accreditation of clubs and sports the following websites are useful.

www.clubmark.org.uk
www.thecpsu.org.uk

PREVENTION OF YOUNG SUICIDES



Papyrus has a useful website with resources for young people and parents concerned about suicide.
www.papyrus-uk.org

DANGERS ON THE RAILWAYS



Most people probably don't know that trespassing on the railway is a criminal offence that can incur a fine of up to £1,000. In addition a number of people each year are killed or seriously injured. The highest number of fatalities being in the 15-20 year old age group.

Track Off is the campaign that aims to educate people, especially young people, about the dangers and consequences of rail crime. The website has lots of useful material for all ages and school visits can be arranged if your school is near a railway line.

www.trackoff.org

TRAINING UPDATE

The November Networking Event, Working with Fathers and Male Carers has had to be postponed. However, there will be a course in the new year entitled, Engaging Fathers and Male Carers.

Also look at our website at the end of the month when our updated Training Programme will have details of the following courses:

- o Substance Misuse (revised and updated)
- o Pre-Birth Risk Assessments
- o Principles and Best Practice in Inter-Agency Assessment
- o Additional courses on Serious Case Reviews and Safer Recruitment.

SURREY CHILD EMPLOYMENT WEEK

In Child Employment Week in July, Surrey's Child Employment Team visited 322 employers where 108 children were working. It was discovered that 65% of them were doing so illegally. To find out more look at our Child Employment Special Newsletter on our website.

WHO IS MISSING ME?

Surrey Safeguarding Children Board and The Children's Society are running a conference to launch the publication of the multi-agency guidance for missing children. This will be held on 5th November

and places will be allocated through the key agencies involved. Priority will be given to staff with supervisory and management responsibility. More information and application forms from Angie Tregoning .
angie.tregoning@surreycc.gov.uk

3 new leaflets have been produced to support the safeguarding of children in sport. They are aimed at:

- o Parents and carers
- o Sports clubs and organisations
- o Coaches, leaders and officials

The link to these can be found on our website.

SAFE STORAGE OF DRUGS



A number of children a year are put at harm as a result of parents/carers exposing them to adult substances – both legal and illegal. This leaflet gives advice on storage of drugs as well as information on settling your baby and safe sleeping practices. It is being sent out widely across the county and additional copies can be requested from Jean Cain at Surrey D.A.A.T. 01372 205790.

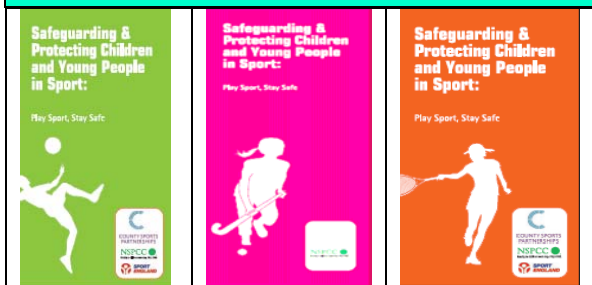
New! CHILD DEATH REVIEWS

From 1st April this year a new statutory process has been in place to respond to unexpected child deaths. A Child Death Overview Panel has also been established to review all child deaths in the county. There are new procedures to be followed in such cases. These can be found on our website.

For information on this and to notify of any child death please contact

Linda King, Child Death Review Coordinator on 01372 833319

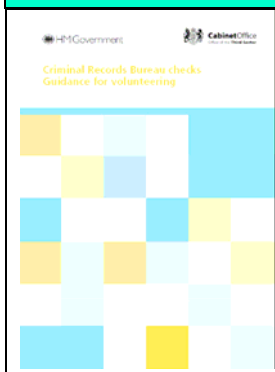
SAFEGUARDING CHILDREN IN SPORT



SUPERVISION PRINCIPLES

Supervision is a key element for any practitioner involved in safeguarding children and it is essential that agencies fully appreciate their responsibilities to staff in this field. The board has produced guidance on core principles for supervising staff which is on our website.

CRB CHECKS – GUIDANCE FOR VOLUNTEERING



www.cabinetoffice.gov.uk

This new guidance aims to:

- o Establish good practice in the application of CRB checks
- o Ensure that there is the correct balance between the need to protect vulnerable groups and the need to take a proportionate approach to risk management.

Do you know the early warning signs of domestic violence?



Every week, another two women escape domestic violence.

Research by Refuge has identified that 81% of women said that they receive no information about domestic abuse at school and yet nearly all would like to have had that opportunity. In response they have launched a campaign to highlight the early signs of domestic violence. Find out more on

www.refuge.org.uk

Information-Sharing Made Easy

ThirdSector

Charities | Voluntary Organisations | Social Enterprise

Data protection: to share or not to share

A recent article in the publication Third Sector (20 August) addresses the thorny issues of information sharing, recognising that it is not just amongst the statutory agencies that there are difficulties. Information sharing is an area of work that constantly presents challenges to workers in all aspects of safeguarding children. In order to try to help this process the board has produced a two page document that addresses issues to consider when sharing information and this can be found on our website. The article in the Third Sector publication can be found at www.thirdsector.gov.uk

MAPPA/CHILDPROTECTION/VULNERABLE ADULTS



Workers at the frontline are dealing with ever more complex cases that can straddle different agencies and systems and it is often difficult for them to understand how procedures apply and how they link up. This document intends to help give a better understanding as to how MAPPA, child protection and vulnerable adults systems link up and what workers need to consider when these elements apply. You can find this on our website.



ECPAT has produced a document entitled *Return to Sender* addressing the issues of the need to return British child sex offenders from abroad back to the UK

The full report is available from:

<http://www.ecpat.org.uk/>

LGBT Young People and CP Policy & Practice



"Our Journey"

This report was sponsored by the Scottish Government Education Directorate and explores the interface between the needs of lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender young people and child protection policy and practice. It is useful in helping workers to reflect on issues that many may not have previously considered. The full report is available from:

www.lgbtyouth.org.uk

Also on transgender issues, The Guardian Society on 14th August had an article entitled *My body is wrong* that addresses transgender issues in children and the impact on families.

<http://www.guardian.co.uk/society/2008/aug/14/children.youngpeople>

If you have questions concerning any of the information in this newsletter or require additional information, please don't hesitate to contact:

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