

**Local Safeguarding Children Partnership for Hammersmith & Fulham, Kensington and Chelsea, and Westminster**

**LSCP Statement for the 'Adam' Serious Case Review**

The Local Safeguarding Children Partnership wish first to acknowledge the tragic event that has led to this Serious Case Review and which had such a significant impact on all involved. Our thoughts are with the victim and their family.

In accordance with the statutory guidance, Working Together to Safeguard Children 2018, a Serious Case Review was initiated by the former three borough Local Safeguarding Children Board.

The Serious Case Review has identified key findings which our safeguarding partners have accepted in full. The partnership will share this important report with colleagues at a local, regional and national level in an effort to identify the learning and work together to seek actions to address the findings.

The findings include learning points for the local partnership and for the wider safeguarding system to consider at local, regional and national levels.

Serious Youth Violence is a local, regional and national issue and the response to this includes all key partners in order to be effective. The local authority acknowledges this, and in response there has been significant investment to strengthen its commitment to go beyond statutory duties to safeguard children and young people by providing them with access to support and opportunities for a successful and meaningful life regardless of their circumstances.

The ambition is to work in partnership across the council and community to create and maximise the opportunities available, and ensure it promotes, directs and diverts young people down these pathways. One outcome has been the creation of the Gangs Violence and Exploitation Unit, which consists of Council Officers and Met Police Officers who work together to ensure that there is strong partnership working with all key agencies to reduce risks and instances of serious youth violence.

Hammersmith and Fulham developed a Violence Reduction Plan, which has been evaluated as good, with the aim to reduce serious youth violence in the Borough. This has been fully implemented and shapes the work of the Hammersmith and Fulham Gangs, Violence and Exploitation Unit. There are two main multiagency panels that take place in the borough, which focus on risks to children in the community. These panels support the mapping of friendships, associates and locations in order to understand risk and vulnerability in the



community. Technology is utilised to assist in the disruption of organised criminal activities and promote community safety interventions.

The LSCP recognises that issues linked to school attendance and school places was a factor for Adam. The local authority has improved its processes and procedures for scrutinising and managing school moves and has strengthened the response to the needs of local children. There is a dedicated staff member in place monitoring children who are missing in education and school attendance is now measured in line with national targets.

The LSCP remains committed to seeking improvements locally and nationally to ensure that families with children and young people who become involved in crime and associated exploitation are offered good interventions and support at the right time. The LSCP requires partner agencies to improve they coordinate and deliver services for children and young people who are potential victims of exploitation, crime and serious youth violence.

**NOTE:**

*This Serious Case Review was originally commissioned by the Local Safeguarding Children Partnership for Hammersmith & Fulham, Kensington and Chelsea and Westminster City councils.*

*In April 2021, this partnership was disbanded and replaced by two LSCPs: Kensington and Chelsea and Westminster LSCP; and Hammersmith & Fulham LSCP.*

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