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Wandsworth Safeguarding Children Partnership – COVID 19 Message

When I wrote to you in the spring, I didn't think any of us imagined we would have a second lockdown period in the autumn.

Despite rapid changes in the situation you have continued to deliver services to our children. From keeping schools open and welcoming to making statutory interventions when needed.

As the months have passed it has been amazing to witness how adaptable the children's workforce has been.

I would like to again take the opportunity to thank everybody for all their hard work and for the effort you will be putting into the challenges that we continue to face moving forward through this crisis.

Many people are working from home, which can be isolating so I ask that you use all communication channels to stay in touch and get support. Together we will all stay strong through these unprecedented times.

The isolation can also increase the risks to children, Ofsted recently reported an alarming 20% rise in babies being seriously harmed during the first lockdown. We must all remain vigilant and remember all the services are open and able to help if you have any concerns.

As scrutineer and business team we have kept as much business as usual going. We have responded where there is a statutory responsibility, for example rapid reviews that may identify immediate safeguarding learning. We have even managed to hold our annual conference on the 19th October sharing learning from reviews to a large audience via Teams.



All face to face multi agency training has been cancelled. We have a new e-learning platform that went live on 24th March. All courses have been reviewed and prioritised for virtual delivery where possible. Please ensure you are registered on TPD for updates of the courses available and joining instructions.

I also hope that you also take time out to care for yourselves and your families. Even with things outside closed it is important to take time off and away from the computer.

Please do contact us should you have any questions.

Yours faithfully,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'David Peplow'.

David Peplow, Independent Scrutineer

On behalf of the Wandsworth Safeguarding Children Partnership