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Dear Colleagues

Subject: Recent High Profile Child Deaths

You will be aware of a number of recent high-profile cases, including the murders of Arthur Labinjo-Hughes and Star Hobson.

The Wandsworth Safeguarding Children Partnership Executive, made up of senior leaders from the Local Authority Children's Social Care, the Metropolitan Police, The Clinical Commissioning Group and senior leaders from local schools, want to convey our sincere appreciation for the work all partners have been doing and will carry on doing to safeguard children in Wandsworth.

We continue to be impressed and appreciate the achievements of partners and especially so in the last 18 months. You demonstrate resilience and flexibility through the continually changing landscape. We also acknowledge that recent concern about the omicron variant places even more pressure on you.

We are proud of the commitment and drive we see among professionals and volunteers in Wandsworth and we know that this will continue. We know that it can be difficult, complex and frustrating at times.

Recent national media attention on rare cases can obscure the positive outcomes we see practitioners achieve everyday. In Wandsworth we recognise and appreciate the hard work and the positive impact you have on safeguarding children.

We hope that some of you will be able to have a break and enjoy time with family and friends enjoying a rest from work over the Christmas period.

We thank all of you who will be working during the holidays ready to help others.

Thank you for everything you are doing for children and young people in Wandsworth.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'David Peplow'. The signature is stylized with a large 'D' and a long horizontal stroke at the end.

David Peplow
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On behalf of the Wandsworth Safeguarding Children Partnership