

COVID Email Update 26 April 2021 (dyslexia friendly version)

Good morning to you all, I hope you and your families are all doing okay.

Last week's news of the conviction on all three counts of Derek Chauvin for the murder of George Floyd created a huge wave of emotion, for everyone but particularly for our Black community. John Amaechi described it as "*before the verdict I thought I would feel relief, hope..... but when the verdict came through, I felt surprise that justice had been done*". Ben Lindsey described it as "*justice but I still feel numb*". I was thinking that night about our FSCF family, and how you were feeling in that moment.

Whilst due process was followed and the evidence rightly and thankfully prevailed for George Floyd's family, John's words that "*accountability for one is not justice for all*" resonated strongly for me. Nor can we ignore that the verdict came down 24 hours before Stephen Lawrence Day, highlighting the movement that followed Stephen's death which is still fighting for racial justice and equity 28 years later. I think Barack and Michelle Obama's statement below summed it up, and we can replace the word American with British and it would still be true.

True justice requires that we come to terms with the fact that Black Americans are treated differently, every day. It requires us to recognize that millions of our friends, family, and fellow citizens live in fear that their next encounter with law enforcement could be their last. And it requires us to do the sometimes thankless, often difficult, but always necessary work of making the America we know more like the America we believe in.

As ever, if the news cycle last week affected you, please do reach out to a friend, your line manager, whoever you trust to explore that with you, I look forward now still more to our own event on 4 May where we will decide together what our service goals for racial justice will be. Because the work goes on. And I got extra motivation from the unveiling of this memorial to Cherry Groce in Windrush Square in Brixton this weekend. The shooting of Cherry Groce by police sparked the Brixton uprising in 1985. Feels like

these messages are ones to hold onto in our racial justice work (credit to Nadine White, Race Correspondent at the Independent, for the image below shared on social media).



Updates for you this week:

Recording of Our Whole Service Briefing on Updated PPE Guidance

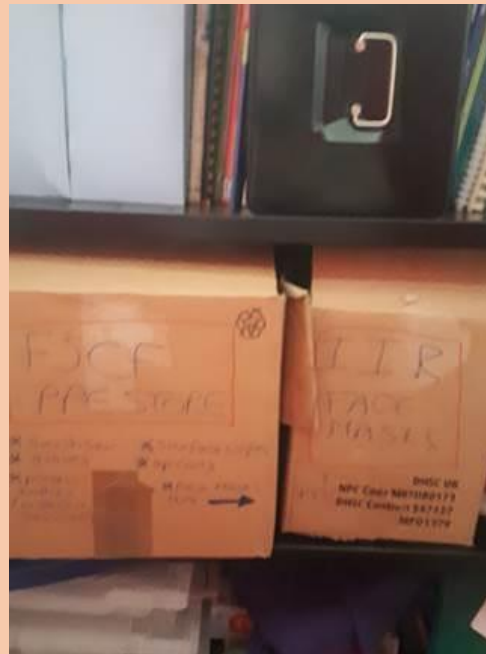
Thanks to everyone who was able to attend our whole service briefing on Wednesday last week. I know it was very short notice, but given that the change to PPE use affected face-to-face visits, I wanted to make sure you had the information as soon as I got it.

The briefing also covered updated changes to guidance on positive lateral flow tests, and a review of the national lockdown lifting.

The briefing was recorded and you can watch it here <https://web.microsoftstream.com/video/ae0409d8-af04-44a5-b538-2700905bad77> or you can read the slide pack on the Guidebook here

<https://ascpractice.camden.gov.uk/media/2753/change-to-ppe-guidance-whole-service-briefing-21-april-2021.pdf> If you have any questions or worries about any of this, please do talk with your line manager or drop me a line.

Just for ease for anyone new to 5PS, here are a couple of photos of where the FIF cupboard is on the 9th floor, and what our (fancily titled cardboard box) PPE store looks like, so you know what you're looking for – our cupboard is the one with the red circle on it:



Secondary School Summer Schools

A heads up that the Department for Education (DFE) is planning to provide secondary schools with funding to deliver face-to-face summer schools this year. This is part of their plans to support children with their wellbeing and to help catch up on missed face-to-face learning. At this stage, secondary schools are being invited to tell DFE if they wish to take part. As soon as I have more news on this, and what it means for Camden's 10 secondary schools, I will let you know.

Vaccination Information Event Hosted By Camden New Journal

The CNJ are hosting an online vaccination information event this evening 6-7.30pm, with Councillor Gould, Director of Public Health Piers Simey and local doctors and nurses. You can register for the event at [CamdenCovidQandA.eventbrite.co.uk](https://www.camden.gov.uk/camden-covid-qanda)

Vaccination During Ramadan

The NHS has produced videos for members of our Muslim communities about vaccination during Ramadan. The videos are in English, Arabic, Sylheti, Somali, Sylheti and Urdu. You can watch the videos here:

<https://www.eastlondonhcp.nhs.uk/ourplans/ramadan-and-the-vaccine.htm>

Camden Family Changemakers – Final Presentation 28 April

Our Families Changemakers project, where Camden families and students have co-designed what good help should look and feel like after COVID, reaches its finale this week, when our parents and students present to leaders from across Camden (and beyond – we have a few national organisations coming too). You're all invited and it would be really good to have you there. Wednesday, 1-2pm, calendar invite has been sent but let me know if you need it again. Here's a little advance taster of just part of what they'll be presenting!

The Good Help for Families Manifesto

We are the Camden Family Changemakers Expert Parents Group.

We are 20 parents and family members, who come from 12 Camden wards, represent 11 different ethnicities and have children ranging from newborn to young adult.

In January 2021, we came together to create a design vision for good help for families after COVID, whenever that may be.

Our Camden community is special to us. Whatever storms may be coming after COVID, we want to make sure every Camden family has the help and support they need.

Camden is strong. We have come through so much already. The help we all give should make us even stronger.

This is our design vision to achieve good help for families after COVID.



Webinar for Parents - Welfare Benefits Systems and Employment Support

The VRU project for Camden and Islington are putting on a webinar for parents to help them navigate the welfare benefits system and employment support systems. Bit late notice, tomorrow at 10am. More info, and how to book on the attached email.

Camden Guidance on Emotionally Based School Avoidance (EBSA)

Camden now has its own guidance and helpful resource pack on supporting children who don't feel that school is a safe place. Well worth a look as it will be a helpful addition to your kit bag. You can find the new resource pack, and lots of information about EBSA, on the Guidebook here <https://ascpractice.camden.gov.uk/early-help-guide/family-early-help-covid-guidebook/schools/emotionally-based-school-avoidance-ebbsa/#main>

Weekly Survey

This week's family needs survey, for you to raise any issues you're seeing and noticing for families and anything you might need yourself, is now open here [FSCF FAMILY NEEDS SURVEY W/C 26 APRIL 2021](#)

New information uploaded to the COVID Guidebook this week link here

<https://ascpractice.camden.gov.uk/early-help-guide/family-early-help-covid-guidebook/>

Emotionally Based School Avoidance Updated with a new Camden guidance and resource pack https://ascpractice.camden.gov.uk/early-help-guide/family-early-help-covid-guidebook/schools/emotionally-based-school-avoidance-ebsa/#main	Briefing on Change of PPE Guidance on Home Visits Slide pack from the whole service briefing 21 April 2021 https://ascpractice.camden.gov.uk/media/2753/change-to-ppe-guidance-whole-service-briefing-21-april-2021.pdf	
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We are now in week 58 of COVID and our capacity continues to hold steady.

To end this week with another Black pioneer of family welfare work Wayne Reid. Wayne is a social worker and Professional Officer at the British Association of Social Work and is an active and passionate campaigner for racial justice in family welfare work. Wayne's work is relevant to everyone who works with children and families, and he has taught me a great deal in the time I've known him. You can read one of Wayne's articles here <https://www.communitycare.co.uk/2020/12/16/anti-racism-social-work-questions-just-actions-please/>

Stay safe and well, and as always shout if there is anything you need.

Becca