



June 2026 LEAPP Alliance Report

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To: Supporters of the LEAPP Alliance

With two workshops, a conference, and dinner briefing it has been “lead-heads assemble” since my last update. It has been a real privilege to meet some of the greats of lead poisoning prevention.

The acceleration of lead poisoning prevention initiatives continues - hitting velocities I could only have imagined when I started on this journey 12 years ago.

Highlights

- Niamh O’Regan has started as our Policy and Advocacy Manager funded by Coefficient Giving and is already making a difference.
- The Pure Earth/Centre for Global Development - Second Annual Research Conference on Global Lead Exposure was wonderful and inspiring.
- A very interesting and useful workshop on Lead & Health was hosted by Professor Seif Shaheen of Queen Mary University London.
- Tekin Djemil, of EnviroHive Ltd, gave a presentation to the ECLIPS team about the Fellowship of Lead Paint Assessors ([FoLPA](#)).
- A briefing for MPs is being planned.
- I am expecting to talk to a partner at Leigh Day about developing an expert legal practice.

Campaign

Policy and Advocacy Manager

Niamh O’Regan has started as our Policy and Advocacy Manager funded by Coefficient Giving organised by Aveek Bhattacharya. Niamh will be in post for 2 months. In the meantime, we will be seeking to hire someone for the rest of the two-year period.

PALs

Just a reminder that if you would like to share your experience of the effects of lead on you and your children in a private forum, please apply to join the [Parents Against Lead](#) Facebook group.

MPs’ Briefing

Aveek, Lee, Lauren and Niamh are planning an MPs’ briefing in Westminster. It is probable that this will be in September.



News Media

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[Inside the fight against the global \\$6 trillion lead poisoning problem](#)

Nick Ferris, The I, Wednesday 03 June 2026

This was a report about the Research Conference on Global Lead Exposure. Perhaps Nick Ferris would also like to report on lead hazards in his own country.

New Statesman

Niamh is writing an article for the New Statesman. I have not yet seen it, but I am looking forward to reading it.

Government

HSE Consultation

I responded to the Health and Safety Executive consultation on the [Control of Lead At Work Act](#). I commented on the proposed change in the action blood lead concentration in women of reproductive capacity. The consultation proposed lowering it from 25 to 5 µg/dL. I suggested that this should be further lowered to 2 µg/dl to provide a margin of safety. This is above the child UKHSA investigation level, above the TOXBASE action level, and above the level where the UKHSA have stated “BLCs of as low as 2 µg/dL have been reported to cause developmental neurotoxicity”. Most lead in maternal blood is passed to the unborn baby.

DEFRA

A further response has received from DEFRA regarding withdrawal of their leaflet on how to decorate safely. They declined to reinstate the leaflet stating that “it is widely recognised that lead is toxic” and “concerns over the presence of lead paint should be referred to a relevant professional specialist”. This is not satisfactory as, in my experience, hazards from lead paint are not well known and there are very few specialists in the UK.

We will continue to see what we can do about this. Their letter is attached.

Business and Professional

Leigh Day

I met with a partner from Leigh Day solicitors at the global lead conference. I have arranged an online meeting and hope to discuss whether Leigh Day could develop an expert practice in lead poisoning and contamination cases. I am sometimes asked if I can direct enquirers to legal representation so this would be very useful.

“Leigh Day is a law firm established to combat injustice. Championing the underdog, the firm stands against entities and their wrong doings.”

Law Society

We still need to respond to the letter from a Policy Adviser at The Law Society to our letter of October last year and also try to ensure that the Ministry of Housing, Communities and Local Government includes information on lead hazards as part of the requirements of ‘material information’ for buyers.



FoLPA

Tekin Djemil, of EnviroHive Ltd, gave a presentation to the ECLIPS monthly management meeting about the Fellowship of Lead Paint Assessors ([FoLPA](#)). He explained that there are similar bodies for other environmental hazards, e.g. asbestos, legionella, but not for lead. He noted that responses to lead exposure in the UK are usually downstream. We are not so good at managing pre-exposure risks in the pre-construction phase or renovations and are behind the USA and Australia in this. Tekin aims to provide methodology for assessing lead hazards before disturbing lead paint.

I very much welcome this initiative as the UK has been poorly provisioned with lead risk assessment and mitigation services.

Research

Briefing

I attended a briefing hosted by Pure Earth. I was impressed by presentations from Lee, Howard Hu, Chris Kinally. Drew McCartor repeated his excellent TED talk which should be available to stream soon.

CGD Conference

The Centre for Global Development "[Second Annual Research Conference on Global Lead Exposure](#)" was held in London from 3rd to 4th June.

The slides from the conference are [here](#) a video of the entire conference [here](#). The message from Phyllis Omido (the “East African Erin Brockovich”), the first presentation, made me tearful both in the conference and on viewing it again. It was very inspiring and I recommend you watch it.

Lead and Health Workshop

I was honoured to be invited to present at a workshop on Lead and Health organised by Professor Seif Shaheen at Queen Mary University of London. This featured a presentation on population strategies by Bruce Lanphear, Simon Fraser University, Canada together with talks on the links between extremely low exposure on working memory, fine motor skills and pre-natal kidney size; statistical and laboratory challenges; risk factors in south Asian communities; toxin release from landfills; exposure from old mines; lead and learning; ECLIPS and the LEAPP Alliance.

ECLIPS

I am only permitted to report that the ECLIPS pilot is proceeding as planned and most blood samples have been returned, but, as yet, we do not have complete data to release. The next phase is seeking participants via health care and special education settings. I am in the process of submitting a freedom of information request that may enable me to say more.



Actions

The list of opportunities to influence health and housing policy managers continues to grow. Far more than I take action on alone. Here are some of the things I am doing.

- Complete the HSE CLAW consultation - **Done**
- Respond to requests for help or advice from individuals as they arise and send test or sampling kits if appropriate - **ongoing**
- Continue to support the ECLIPS project - **ongoing**
- Work with television producers - **ongoing**
- Ask the Law Society again about including lead hazards in standard forms completed by vendors on sale of homes – **Passed to Niamh**
- Keep telling Chris Packham that he should help us because he knows lead is toxic and is linked to the conditions he covered in his "Our ... minds" television series - **ongoing**
- Have meeting with the partner from Leigh Day – **to do**
- Investigate the emerging healthy homes standards - **to do**
- Ask the Ministry of Housing, Communities and Local Government to include lead hazards as material information in house selling reports - **to do**

UK National Screening Committee Counter

3030 days since the last review on screening children for lead in their blood closed - and recommended against screening.

4-5 years overdue for review.



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