



July 2026 LEAPP Alliance Report

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To: Supporters of the LEAPP Alliance

My update of activities in the LEAPP Alliance in June 2026!

Highlights

- An article has been published in the New Statesman "[Revealed: Britain's lead poisoning legacy could still be affecting children](#)"
- We are forming a management committee
- The planned MPs briefing has been re-schedule to October/November
- Submit your entry for the lead-themed Volcano Art Prize

Campaign

Management Committee

We would like to form a management committee for the reformed LEAPP Alliance. The intention is that this will be more active than the previous steering group with meetings every month. I have sent an invitation to UK-based allies, together with a terms-of-reference document.

Policy and Advocacy Manager

Niamh O'Regan has continued to do great work for us. However, she is only available for another month so we will be recruiting someone else.

MPs' Briefing

Aveek, Lee, Lauren and Niamh are planning an MPs' briefing in Westminster. It is probable that this will now be at the end of October or early November. This may coincide with the annual WHO International Lead Poisoning Prevention Week.

PALs

A couple of people joined after last month's update so I thought I could repeat 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.



How lead exposure in children can be fixed

I thought this was interesting and perhaps applicable in the UK. This [podcast from Robbie Barbero](#) explains how "eliminating elevated lead levels in American children not a moonshot but a slam dunk. This is a conversation about a solvable problem. "

Volcano Art Prize

Volcano Art Prize (VAP) is an annual digital art competition for environmental art organised by The LEAD Group in which winning entrants will be awarded with cash prizes or mugs printed with their own image by the sponsor Pictureproducts. The entry deadline is midnight at the end of the day in your time zone on Monday 24th August 2026. You can submit your entry here <https://volcanoartprize.com/submitentry/>



2026 Volcano Art Prize entry

Artist: Tim Pye

Title: Don't dry-sand old paint

Lead Safety Message: According to [Niamh O'Regan](#) and [Aveek Bhattacharya](#) in the New Statesman article [Revealed: Britain's lead poisoning legacy could still be affecting children](#):

"The UK has some of the oldest housing stock in the world." Old paint is invariably lead paint so don't dry-sand it!

Description of Work: Gif.

<https://volcanoartprize.com/portfolio-item/dont-dry-sand-old-paint/>

News Media

New Statesman

[Niamh O'Regan](#) and [Aveek Bhattacharya](#) have written an article for the New Statesman titled "[Revealed: Britain's lead poisoning legacy could still be affecting children](#)". This includes an interactive map showing which parliamentary constituencies could be most affected, but it is important to recognise that they say that these estimates are illustrative and not based on a prevalence study.

TED Talk

Although not specific to the UK, I would like to share with you the excellent TED talk by Drew McCartor, President of Pure Earth. This can be found here [The deadly threat affecting millions — and how to prevent it](#).

The Sun

I have been contacted by a journalist with *The Sun* who is interested in lead exposure from food grown in contaminated fields near to industrial locations. We will see how it goes.



Government

I do not have anything to report on government activity except that the planned Lead Exposure, Public Health Interventions and Surveillance (LEPHIS) steering group meeting has been put back until August 2026.

Business and Professional

Leigh Day

We had a useful online meeting with three people at Leigh Day Solicitors. The meeting was also attended by Simon Reddy and Niamh O'Regan. The outcome was generally positive and the Leigh Day attendees agreed that lead exposure claims are something they should be looking into, I sent a briefing pack focussing on relevant legislation. I hope that Leigh Day will create a specialist practice to help with lead exposure and contamination cases.

Law Society

We still need to respond to the letter from a Policy Adviser at The Law Society to our letter of October 2025 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.

Research

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. The response is promised by 15th July 2026.

Most of my time recently has been taken up trying to persuade, without success, the ECLIPS team to take urgent action based on the blood lead concentrations found so far.

Coefficient Giving

I joined a webinar titled "Research Grants to Build Evidence on Global Lead Poisoning" from Coefficient Giving. I concluded that this would not be an appropriate source of funding for the next phase of the ECLIPS project because they are looking to fund projects in countries bearing the highest burdens from lead exposure or research into new ideas. We need a UK prevalence study using tested methods.

Lead Exposure from Battery Recycling

An article by Lee Crawford, James Hu and Theo Mitchell titled ["Beyond hotspots: Estimating](#)



[population lead exposure from battery recycling](#)" has been picked by several news media.

Actions

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

- Organise a management committee - **ongoing**
- 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, to do**
- Have meeting with the partner from Leigh Day – **done**
- Investigate the emerging healthy homes standards - **to do**
- Try Lauren's HTML on our website hosting platform - **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

3057 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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World Cup

This is how Pure Earth Mexico are using the World Cup to promote lead poisoning prevention. "Lead Out. From our homes and our lives". Top tip - don't kick a lead football.



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