

BATH AND NORTH EAST SOMERSET COUNCIL

LOCAL SAFEGUARDING CHILDREN BOARD

Tuesday 3rd September 2013

Present:-

Jim Gould (Independent Chair)
Ashley Ayre (Strategic Director, People and Communities)
Richard Baldwin (Divisional Director, Children and Young People's services)
Mike Bowden (Divisional Director, Service Development)
Peter Brandt (Avon & Somerset Probation)
Gill Brook (NHS England)
Dr W Bruce Jones (AWP)
Sally Churchyard (11-19 outcomes (including YOS))
Dawn Clarke (B&NES CCG)
Simon Crisp (Avon & Somerset Police)
Jennifer Daly (named nurse, safeguarding children RUH)
Clive Diaz (B&NES Children's services – Quality Assurance Manager)
Julie Downey (Interim Head of Safeguarding B&NES)
Rachel Grant (Children and Young People's Network)
Chrissie Hardman (Sirona Care & Health)
Anita Johnson (Great Western Hospital, Swindon)
Hilary Marcer (Paediatrician, B&NES PCT)
Sarah McCluskey (B&NES Partnership Development Officer)
Tony Parker (B&NES Children's services – Learning & Inclusion)
Duncan Stanway (Barnardo's)
Sophia Swatton (B&NES CCG - Deputy designated nurse, safeguarding children)

For item 6 & 7: Jackie Deas

For Item 7: Michael Sidey & Rosie Hodgson

For item 13: Liz Spencer – MAPPA presentation

Apologies:- Sue East (B&NES Primary Heads), Helen Blanchard (Head of Nursing RUH), Victoria Penaliggon (CAFCASS), Simon Lenton (B&NES PCT), Vicky Tinsley (maternity services, RUH), Jenny Theed (Sirona Care & Health), Lynne Scragg (City of Bath College), Councillor Dine Romero (Executive Member for early Years, Children and Youth)

17 WELCOME, INTRODUCTIONS AND DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

The Chair welcomed everyone to the meeting and members made introductions.

18 EMERGENCY EVACUATION PROCEDURE

The Democratic Services Officer drew attention to the emergency evacuation procedure.

19 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

The Chair declared a non-prejudicial interest in his capacity as Chair of the Plymouth LSCB and LSAB. He is also vice patron of Tomorrow's People (a voluntary organisation.)

There were no other declarations of interest.

20 MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING ON 4th JUNE 2013

The minutes of the last meeting were agreed and signed as a correct record by the Chair to include a minor amendment in Paragraph 14 whereby the phrase 'made no mention' was replaced by 'is less prescriptive about'.

21 ACTION LOG AND MATTERS ARISING

The Chair went through the Minutes and Action Log for any matters arising.

Action log		
Note: This action log will be reviewed and updated at each LSCB business meeting		
Actions	Responsible officers	Completion Date
203. Meeting with B&NES marketing and communications about the communications strategy had been helpful. Press officers to join chairs of sub-groups to discuss way forward.	Jim Gould/ Sarah McCluskey	ongoing
207. Recruit an Independent Chair initially just for LSCB but who would eventually chair LSAB as well. Shortlist prepared and interviews scheduled for 17 th September.	Ashley Ayre	September 2013
210. Present progress reports in respect of agency action plans following management review of case study.	Mary Knowles Jones Kearney & Liz	December 2013
217. Policy, Procedures and Performance Monitoring Group to incorporate issues from improvement plans in next Section 11 audit	Mike Bowden	ongoing
221. Update on Ofsted Inspection Improvement Plan	Richard Baldwin	December 2013

Matters Arising

With regard to the issue of the representation of the Ambulance Trust at LSCB meetings, the Chair said he had consulted the other Independent Chairs who all felt that they should be represented.

ACTION: The Chair to write to the Ambulance Trust to encourage their representatives to attend.

Richard Baldwin reported that the Risk Management Panel had developed a Terms of Reference and would be meeting next on 7th October.

22 INDEPENDENT REVIEWING OFFICERS REPORT (REPORT 6)

Jackie Deas (Deputy Head of Safeguarding) introduced this item which reported on activity and service improvement issues reflected in the Independent Reviewing Service workplan. The reviewing officers' remit was to challenge children's services and be a critical friend on behalf of children in care. The service needed to know how often the Board wanted reports and what issues they would like the officers to focus on.

The Chair asked about the status of Child Sexual Exploitation (CSE) and child and adolescent mental health services for B&NES children who are placed out of the area. He was informed that the services are very patchy and that an audit is underway to elicit more detail. Concern was expressed about the inconsistency of service provision given the children's vulnerability.

Richard Baldwin commented that thresholds were key and that it was vital to ensure that the B&NES threshold levels were correct.

ACTION: Requested that the audit be presented to the March 2014 LSCB meeting.

23 CHILD PROTECTION CHAIRS REPORT. (REPORT 7)

Michael Sidey (Independent Chair for Child Protection) introduced this report. He reported that the figures were improving but that it was difficult to engage with people who had previously had a negative experience of the system. They find it hard to trust the service as they have not had positive role models. The offer of advocacy for young people was being promoted to increase their participation at conferences. Jackie Deas added that they wanted to reach out to young people who were attending conferences and thereby promote the voice of the child. Richard Baldwin commented that overall the reports were positive and that Ofsted were keen for advocacy to be developed.

The Board agreed to support the workplan but requested that more be done to encourage fathers to engage in the process.

24 TRAINING AND WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT SUB-GROUP UPDATE (REPORT 8)

Sophia Swatton introduced the reports. Representatives were still being sought from the police and AWP. She drew the Board's attention to the information on the Safe Network and suggested that they be invited to a future LSCB meeting.

Self-Assessment Tool - Noted that Simon Ratcliff had produced this tool based on guidance in WTSC. The Board were happy with the reporting format.

Agency Contributions - Ashley Ayre gave a breakdown of the financial contributions of the various agencies (see letter from Maurice Lindsay 19/03/2013). Sophia Swatton brought to the attention of the Board that agency contributions to safeguarding training had not changed for some time and needed reviewing in the

light of all the organisational changes. The chair replied that they needed to look at the budget and approach new members. No formula for the funding had been given, so the Board would need to create one which might involve setting a percentage contribution from the agencies for the next 2-3 years. The Board agreed that there was a need to look at the whole LSCB contribution, not just training.

Training venues – it was agreed that the hiring costs for the Guildhall were too expensive. It was suggested that training events could be held in youth or community centres for which there would be no charge.

Ashley pointed out that there could be contributions in kind as well as monetary contributions. This would be looked at in the October budget meeting. It was agreed that CSE training should be included in the LSCB training programme.

ACTION; Mike Bowden to look into this. Sophia Swatton to bring back training budget to LSCB in December.

Also agreed that:

- i) Safe Network be asked to give a presentation to the December LSCB meeting.
- ii) An update on the LSCB workplan (including working with LSAB about shared training) would come to the December Board meeting.
- iii) With the emphasis on early help in WTSC 2013, it was agreed that CAF and integrated working should be brought under LSCB remit.

25 JOINT CHILDREN'S SERVICE/ HEALTH REVIEW ON PROGRESS WITH INSPECTION PLANS - UPDATE (REPORT 9)

Sophia Swatton introduced the report. The Chair informed the meeting that the Improvement Plan was still ongoing and that there would be a full update in March 2014. The red areas were being worked on.

The Board agreed to note the findings of the report.

26 REPORT FROM THE POLICY, PROCEDURE AND PERFORMANCE MONITORING SUB-GROUP (REPORT 10)

Mike Bowden introduced the report and highlighted some of the issues around the Section 11 audits. He stated that there were some positive performance indicators.

Rachel Grant commented that it would be useful to have the voluntary organisations separately identified. The Chair welcomed the spread of different agencies that were using the CAF and praised the clarity of the statistics. Clive Diaz added that the fact that the decreasing number of looked after children might be as a result of changed thresholds. Richard Baldwin said that, in his opinion, it might be because the risk was being held in the Child Protection plans rather than bringing children into care.

Ashley Ayre commented that there should be more discipline around completing the Section 11 audits, though it was not helped by the fact there was no countrywide standard for the submission dates. Julie Downey offered to send the

requests out in November with a January submission deadline; the report would then come to LSCB in March 2014.

27 SERIOUS CASE REVIEW ACTION PLAN. (REPORT 11)

Mike Bowden introduced the Plan and circulated copies of the inspection criteria, the SCR overview report and a draft press statement to members. The Review would be published on the LSCB page of the Council's website on 5th September. A press conference would only be held if necessary.

The Chair commended the report for addressing the main issues. It would also be considered at the Chairs and sub-group meeting and the outcomes would come back to the LSCB.

Sophia Swatton informed the Board that the NSPCC was looking for LSCBs to pilot how learning from SCRs was embedded and asked if the Board were interested in taking part. Richard Baldwin agreed to consider this and give a view by 6th September.

ACTION: All agreed to implement the recommendation at Paragraph 3(i) concerning training, but to involve all staff.

28 CHILD SEXUAL EXPLOITATION (REPORT 12)

Duncan Stanway introduced the report and said that significant progress had been made with an increase in recognition of the issue amongst the workforce.

It had been agreed that CSE would be included in the LSCB training programme and that in future, young people would be included in the membership of the Risk Panel which would help to identify and tackle perpetrators. Other issues were finding the expertise to deliver training in this area and the need for dedicated responders to give support that CSE victims require. Research had found that the best way to protect vulnerable children is for them to establish a relationship with a specific worker.

Rachel Grant added that the changes to safeguarding roles meant that there was a need for greater awareness raising in schools. Ashley Ayre said he would commit to maintaining the current CSE service until the end of March 2014, but that there would need to be a detailed specification drawn up to identify how work with vulnerable young people at risk of CSE could be developed. Jennifer Daly added that good work was being done in Devon where the local LSCB liaised with the health and sexual health departments for joint training. Clive Diaz suggested that the Board draw in expertise from the BASE group in Bristol who have worked in this area for many years.

29 PRESENTATION ABOUT MAPPA (MULTI-AGENCY PUBLIC PROTECTION ARRANGEMENTS)

Liz Spencer gave a presentation to the Board on MAPPA.

The Chair thanked Liz and suggested that joint MAPPA training with the LSAB would be advisable.

Action: Sophia Swatton to take back to the safeguarding training and workforce development sub-group.

30 REVISED B&NES THRESHOLD DOCUMENT (REPORT 14)

Richard Baldwin introduced the updated report and recommended it to the Board. Once approved, it will be launched to all agencies. Ashley Ayre informed the members that when the service has been inspected, there had been clear evidence that the B&NEs thresholds were widely used. Sophia Swatton suggested that the B&NES continuum of care model was included for clarity.

It was agreed to approve the report.

31 REVIEW OF MACIE TRAINING EVENT – JUNE 13 (REPORT 15)

Richard Baldwin reported in this training event which had been held in June. He said it had highlighted key themes of which the Board needed to be aware. He would circulate the final report to all agencies.

32 LSCB STAKEHOLDER EVENT (REPORT 16)

Sarah McCluskey introduced this report.

The Board agreed:

- That the theme would be ‘How do we creatively engage, even better, with children and young people?’
- to invite children and young people to participate
- to use the ‘Open Space’ format
- to allocate a budget of £1200.

33 BRIEFING ABOUT FORTHCOMING HMI PROBATION INSPECTION

Sally Churchyard informed the Board that bath & North East Somerset is one of the six areas to participate in this inspection, which will look at the work of the Youth Offending Service (YOT) and the Probation trust in this area. The inspection will take place during the week beginning 28th October and will last for four days.

With the YOT, Inspectors will focus on up to 7 statutory cases where the young people also have child protection plans. They will also look at a wider sample to ensure that any safeguarding and child protection concerns have been addressed and they will review all referrals to Social Care in the last 12 months. Sally circulated copies of the criteria for information.

Inspectors have asked for information in advance, including minutes of LSCB meetings and sub-group meetings in the last year plus the training plan and records of SCRs. They have also asked to meet with representatives from the LSCB on either the afternoon of Wednesday 30th October or the morning of Thursday 31st October – Sally would be very pleased to hear from anyone who would like to be involved in this. If anyone would like clarification about any aspect of this Inspection, please let Sally know, as she can raise it at the advance meeting with the Inspector on 16th September.

There will be a report back about learning from this inspection at the LSCB's December meeting.

34 VERBAL UPDATE ON WINTERBOURNE VIEW REPORT

This report would now come to the December 2013 LSCB meeting.

35 WORK PROGRAMME

The Board noted that the recruitment of lay members for the Interview Panel was under way. Anita Johnson suggested that it would be better to recruit 2 members who could then support each other and also act as each other's substitute.

36 ANY OTHER BUSINESS

Anita Johnson informed the Board that Great Western Maternity Services, in partnership with the principal social worker for Wiltshire, were developing an unborn baby protocol. They were looking for LSCB support for this as other LSCBs were already involved. Clive Diaz offered to liaise.

Sophia Swatton informed the Board that her term as a member of the Child Death Overview Panel (CDOP) was coming to an end and currently no substitute from B&NES had been nominated. Richard Baldwin offered to take that forward.

The next meeting of the Board would take place on **Tuesday 3rd December 2013 in Room 8, Riverside** (not in the Council Chamber as advertised)

Presentation to the retiring chairman

On behalf of the Board, Ashley Ayre made a presentation to Jim Gould, who is retiring as Chairman after three years with the LSCB. He thanked Jim for his hard work and commitment to the Board which had gone well beyond his original temporary appointment and wished him well for the future.

The meeting ended at 4.20pm.

Chair (person).....

Date Confirmed and Signed.....

Prepared by Democratic Services