

BATH AND NORTH EAST SOMERSET COUNCIL

LOCAL SAFEGUARDING CHILDREN BOARD

Tuesday 9th September 2014

Present:-

Reg Pengelly (Independent Chair)
Ashley Ayre (B&NES- Strategic Director for People and Communities)
Richard Baldwin (Divisional Director, Children and Young People's services – *also representing YOS for this meeting*)
Mike Bowden
William Bruce-Jones (AWP)
Dawn Clarke (CCG)
Kevin Day (National Probation Service)
Mick Dixon (Avon Fire & rescue)
Julie Downey (B&NES People and Communities)
Caroline Dowson (B&NES People and Communities)
Fiona Finlay (B&NES CCG)
Chrissie Hardman (Sirona Care and Health)
Lesley Hutchinson (B&NES interim head of safeguarding & Quality Assurance)
Roz Lambert (Children and Young People's Network)
Bruce Laurence (Director of Public Health)
Mary Lewis (Deputy Director of Nursing RUH)
Judy Lye-Foster (City of Bath College)
Mike MacCallam (B&NES People and Communities)
Sarah McCluskey (B&NES Partnership Development Officer)
Pete Mountstephen (B&NES Primary Heads)
Liz Richards (AWP B&NES)
Cllr Dine Romero (Cabinet Member for EYC & Y)
Isobel Sanderson (Senior Named nurse – Oxford Health & CAMHS)
Duncan Stanway (Barnardo's)
Sophia Swatton (B&NES CCG - Designated nurse, safeguarding children)
Naina Thomas (Lay Member)

For item 2: Janice Pearson (PPU)

For item 14 : Dr Justin Daddow (CAMHS)

For Item 16: Rachel Allen-Ringham

Apologies:- Michelle Maguire(Oxford Health), Rachel Williams (PPU), David Gee (CAFCASS), Sarah Thompson (SWAST), Kevin Elliott (NHS England), Donna Redman (RUH), Naina Thomas (Lay member), Sally Churchyard (B&NES YOT).

18 WELCOME AND INTRODUCTIONS

The Chair welcomed everyone to the meeting. Members made introductions.

19 EMERGENCY EVACUATION PROCEDURE

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

20 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

The Chair declared a non-prejudicial interest in his capacity as a lay member of the Dorset LSCB and the Pan-Dorset CDOP. He is also an independent safeguarding consultant. Apart from the Safeguarding E-Academy, none of his clients function in the B&NES area.

There were no other declarations of interest.

21 MINUTES, ACTION LOG AND MATTERS ARISING

The minutes of the last Board meeting of 3rd June 2014 were agreed and signed as a correct record by the Chair.

The Chair went through the Minutes and the 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. The Chair has met with chair of LSAB to explore joint aspects between the 2 boards.	Reg Pengelly/ Sarah McCluskey	March 2015
224. Identify issues not covered in current LSCB programme e.g. CSE, internet safety	Rachael Williams & Richard Baldwin	Ongoing
225. Suggestions for future working with Children England. Nothing to report at present, but hope to progress soon.	Mike Bowden	Ongoing
227. Berwick Report – learning and improvement strategy. To come to Development Day	Richard Baldwin	On agenda
231. All agencies to feedback Ofsted evidence to Sarah. Not many responses – details of any challenges for agencies welcomed as the documentary evidence is needed for Ofsted.	All agencies	By 19 th March 2015
232. Transitions & Safeguarding – Mike MaCallam to contact other groups about this issues and report back to September LSCB	Mike MaCallam	Deferred
233. Julie Downey to present progress on the	Julie Downey	On agenda

Core Pathway		
234. Clive Diaz is leaving; Richard Baldwin to take over development of Communications group.	Richard Baldwin	September 2014
235. New schools/academies audit to go out mid-October to be returned by mid-November. Report to board in Dec.	Julie Downey	December 2014
236. Mike Bowden to bring a budget options paper to September LSCB	Mike Bowden	On agenda

22 PRESENTATION BY THE COUNTER TERRORISM INTELLIGENCE UNIT

Janice Pearson of the Counter Terrorism Intelligence Unit, gave a presentation on the Prevent and Channel system as operated by the police. She informed the meeting that they had handled 32 cases in the South West since 2012 and were mainly concerned with preventing the radicalisation of individuals in this country and the re-education of those who were returning from fighting Jihad abroad.

Ms Pearson advised the board that these issues should be incorporated into its policies, procedures and training so that agencies were made aware of the problem. The Chair agreed with this recommendation and suggested that it be included in routine training courses.

23 6-MONTHLY REPORT OF THE TRAINING & WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT SUB-GROUP – TRAINING STRATEGY (report 7)

Sophia Swatton presented the draft training strategy 2014-17 to the Board and asked that agencies return their comments about the report to her as soon as possible. Lesley Hutchinson suggested that a timetable showing the recommended frequency of training sessions be included.

24 REPORT FROM THE POLICY, PROCEDURE & PERFORMANCE MONITORING SUB-GROUP (report 8)

Mike Bowden introduced this item and drew the Boards' attention to the emerging police data on children going missing and child sexual exploitation (CSE). With regard to the performance indicators, he reported that there had been a reduction in contacts and referrals, although this may be as a result of changes to recording practice. Further investigation regarding this issue was being undertaken. The percentage of children seen within 5 working days of referral had fallen, but action was being taken to address this, but there was good news about the falling numbers of open Child Protection plans and the reducing numbers of repeat plans. The Chair expressed concern about the possible implications of anomalies within some of the figures and asked that an explanatory report come to the next meeting in December.

The Board noted the policies and procedures that the sub-group had approved on behalf of LSCB – i.e. the Serious Case Review Process, Learning and Improvement Framework and Managing Allegations Protocol.

25 REVIEW OF LSCB BUDGET ARRANGEMENTS (report 9).

Mike Bowden introduced this item and informed the board that, having investigated the practices of other LSCB's, there was no prescribed pattern regarding budget arrangements. He asked the Board to consider the proposals, especially the issue of the training underspend and how that money could be best used to positive effect. He also suggested allocating a contingency budget to be put towards the running costs of Serious Case Reviews.

Dawn Clarke said that it was a helpful report and the CCG would support the recommendations. Mary Lewis asked about the budget for the LSAB and suggested that it would be useful to know the budget total for both boards and to look at the agency contributions.

The Chair commented that the way that guidance on the way that the board should organise its funding had never been very clear and that he would like a discussion on the issue of the partners' duties to the LSCB. From that, he hoped to develop a memorandum of understanding that set down what's expected of the various agencies. The meeting agreed unanimously with the proposals.

26 DEVELOPMENT DAY (REPORT 10)

A paper on the agenda for the development day (9th October) was circulated by Lesley Hutchinson. She outlined the proposed agenda for the day which asks the Board to consider the interface it has with other strategic boards and to identify shared priorities. The independent facilitator would be Robin Cowan. Bruce Laurence commented that the agenda items were all high level issues and he would welcome some more grounded themes. Lesley noted these comments and said she would take them to the planning session on 17th September.

27 UPDATE ON STAKEHOLDER EVENT (NOVEMBER 27TH)

Richard Baldwin introduced this item and said the day would focus on Early Help which was a safeguarding priority. There would be a more formal structure to the day with guest speakers and issues highlighted would inform the Early Help Strategy for B&NES.

Cllr Dine Romero asked whether councillors counted as stakeholders and whether they could be invited and was informed that they were welcome to attend.

ACTION: The Risk Group to look at developing a consistent CSE policy for schools.

28 LSCB – NEW MEETING STRUCTURE.

The Chair introduced this item and informed the Board that the next meeting in December would take a holistic look at safeguarding and child protection in the first part, with the usual papers being presented in the second half. Duncan Stanway

added that the PPG sub-group would lead the discussion on their review of Child Protection conferences.

29 APPARENT SUICIDES OF YOUNG PEOPLE (PRESENTATION)

Dr Justin Daddow (a child psychologist with CAMHS) gave a presentation on the statistics relating to apparent suicides of young people in the Oxford Health area.

30 HMIP THEMATIC INSPECTION (REPORT 15)

Richard Baldwin introduced this report on behalf of Sally Churchyard. The Board was asked to note the report, including the examples of good practice in the local YOS and consider how it can improve the oversight of safeguarding of young people. Board members were complimentary about the report findings for the B&NES area.

31 CSE STRATEGY B&NES 2014 (REPORT 16)

Richard Baldwin and Rachel Allen-Ringham introduced this draft report about child sexual exploitation within the authority. The numbers are fairly low, but it was important that training on this issue should be mandatory across agencies as it had been shown to be an effective mechanism to reduce the risk of CSE. Ashley Ayre counselled against a knee-jerk reaction – the issue needs to be woven into the general strategy, not highlighted and treated differently. Cllr Romero asked whether the report was proportionate to the situation to which Rachel Allen-Ringham replied that it was important that the issue does not get over-emphasised but the authority had to respond. Duncan Stanway said that the rise of peer sexual abuse highlights the importance of schools' engagement with the CSE agenda. Mary Lewis added that a postcard summary for staff, giving points to be aware of, would be useful for staff.

The Board agreed to adopt the strategy as a working draft.

32 ANNUAL REPORT 2014-15 AND WORK PROGRAMME 2015-16

Lesley Hutchinson introduced this report which required the Board to consider the future content and structure of Annual Reports. She suggested that the partner reports should be included within the Annual Report – this would show the work done by the sub-groups and would indicate that the Board were looking at the right themes. There was also the issues of whether the Annual Report should still be published in April, or whether it should be deferred till June.

The Chair thanked Lesley for the report and said he looked forward to the next report which would show what had been achieved. It was agreed that the report publication would be deferred till June 2015.

33 SERVICE USER PERSPECTIVE ON CP CONFERENCES IN B&NES

Richard Baldwin introduced this report on behalf of Clive Diaz. He referred the Board to the recommendations for social workers and child protection (CP) conference chairs with reference to the conferences being made more friendly and approachable. It was also important to share reports with parents in good

time before the conference. The practice of CP chairs visiting parents before conferences should be encouraged.

Duncan Stanway commented that these responses echoed work done in the PPG. The fact that parents want clarity is a lesson for a whole range of other professionals working in this area. Roz Lambert asked strategies were in place to ensure that the voice of the child and parent were listened to. Richard Baldwin replied that these issues would be added to training sessions – including the way that the authority writes to families and also looking at piloting family group conferences. Ashley Ayre agreed and said that the Voice of the Child initiative resulted in an improvement in the quality of assessments. The Chair stated that it was a credit to the authority that it gave Clive Diaz the opportunity to conduct the research.

34 UPDATE LSCB LINKS WITH YOUNG PEOPLE (REPORT 20)

Sarah McCluskey reported that she and Briony Waite were working with the Young Peoples Equalities Group and had been looking at ways to get young people’s perspective on safeguarding into the content of Board meetings. Naina Thomas, Lay Member of the LSCB had also been involved with the YPEG. The Chair said that he had met the group and that they felt it had been a positive experience.

35 REPORTS FOR SIGN OFF/ INFORMATION

The reports from Julie Downey (Learning and Improvement Framework, Early Help Standing Item, Safeguarding report, HMIC CP report and ‘Top Tips for LSCB’s’ in regard to CYP) were received and noted by the Board. The Chair commented that the Learning and Improvement Framework was one of the best that he had ever seen.

The next meeting of the Board will take place on **Tuesday 2nd December 2014 in the Conference Room, Civic Centre, Keynsham.** (Directions to this new venue will be provided with the agenda despatch)

36 ANY OTHER BUSINESS

Sophia Swatton sought clarification on the potential for closer work with the Safe Network. It was agreed that this would be best covered in a separate dialogue between Sophia and Mike Bowden after the meeting.

The meeting ended at 4.55pm.

Chair (person).....

Date Confirmed and Signed.....

Prepared by Democratic Services