

BATH AND NORTH EAST SOMERSET COUNCIL

LOCAL SAFEGUARDING CHILDREN BOARD

Tuesday 3rd June 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 YOT for this meeting*)
Mike Bowden
William Bruce-Jones (AWP)
Dawn Clarke (CCG)
Simon Crisp (Avon & Somerset Police)
Clive Diaz (B&NES Children's services – Quality Assurance Manager)
Julie Downey (B&NES People and Communities)
Caroline Dowson (B&NES People and Communities)
Fiona Finlay (RUH)
Rachel Grant (Children and Young People's Network)
Chrissie Hardman (Sirona Care and Health)
Jill Hollin (Lay member)
Anita Johnson (RUH Midwifery Services)
Roz Lambert (Children and Young People's Network)
Bruce Laurence (B&NES People and Communities)
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)
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)
Sarah Thompson (safeguarding Head – South Western Ambulance Service)
Alison West (NHS England)
Observer: Councillor Michael Evans (Shadow cabinet member, B&NES)
For Item 4: Spencer Hird (CAFCASS)

Apologies:- Michelle Maguire(Oxford Health) .

1 WELCOME AND INTRODUCTIONS

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

2 EMERGENCY EVACUATION PROCEDURE

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

3 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.

4 MINUTES, ACTION LOG AND MATTERS ARISING

The minutes of the last Board meeting of 4th March 2014 were agreed with 2 minor amendments 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	ongoing
217. Policy, Procedures and Performance Monitoring Group to incorporate issues from improvement plans in next Section 11 audit	Mike Bowden	3 rd June
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	Ongoing
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
232. Transitions & Safeguarding – Mike MaCallam to contact other groups about this issues and report back to September LSCB	Mike MaCallam	September 2014
233. Julie Downey to present progress on the Core Pathway	Julie Downey	September 2014

234. Clive Diaz to report on development of Communications group	Clive Diaz	September 2014
235. Julie Downey to report progress on schools/academies audit	Julie Downey	December 2014
236. Mike Bowden to bring a budget options paper to September LSCB	Mike Bowden	September 2014

5 TRANSITIONS AND SAFEGUARDING

Mike McCallam introduced this item which informed the Board about the current position relating to managing the safeguarding of young people in transition to adulthood. Actions to prevent young people falling through the net had been identified, but the group were struggling to make progress due to capacity and workload constraints. There were as yet no terms of reference for this piece of work, but he felt it must have input from the CCG. Dawn Clarke agreed that providers would want to participate. Mike MacCallam said it would be good to have a nominated representative from the CCG. Judy Lye-Foster asked what involvement further education had with this issue and was informed that the initial discussions had been about social care, but that, if appropriate, education could be part of the wider discussion.

ACTION: Mike McCallam to contact other groups about this issue and report back to the September LSCB.

6 SOUTH WEST AMBULANCE TRUST

Sarah Thompson (safeguarding lead) of the South West Ambulance Trust gave a presentation on the work of the trust. She informed the Board that most staff were at Level 1 regarding safeguarding training, with nursing staff at Level 2. They routinely record all calls in case there is a safeguarding issue or a child death. They had had over 6000 referrals for safeguarding in the past year, a 207% increase over the previous year.

The Chair thanked Sarah for her presentation and commented that he was impressed by the depth of analysis and the potential usefulness of the data for the Risk Group.

7 SERIOUS CASE REVIEW SUB-GROUP

Julie Downey introduced this item and informed the Board that the Child Protection training had been revised with regard to risk assessment. The Core Pathway was still being worked on and the draft learning and improvement framework would be presented to the SCR sub-group in June together with the draft SCR process.

8 PROFESSIONAL PRACTICE SUB-GROUP (REPORT 8)

Duncan Stanway introduced this report. A recent review found that there was not a strong enough audit trail from the meetings, so the aim was to improve that. The

quality of reports from Child Protection conferences were improving with a sharper focus on plans for the future. It was agreed that the group's themes need to reflect what agency workers are experiencing on the ground. With regard to the issues of culture and identity, Mike Bowden added that the procurement process for interpretation and translation was being improved. Ashley Ayre informed the meeting that the report on Adult Mental Health Services would be presented to the September LSCB – Richard Baldwin to take the lead.

9 PROPOSED B&NES LSCB COMMUNICATIONS FUNCTION (REPORT 9).

The Chair introduced this item which proposed the establishment of a communications function within the revised structure of the LSCB which would disseminate the Board's work to the wider public. He suggested that a group be set up to take a lead on developing a communication strategy with families, children and the public. Clive Diaz offered to chair the group and Dawn Clarke and Sophia Swatton also offered to be involved.

ACTION: Clive to email all agencies for suggestions for improving communications.

10 SECTION 11 UPDATE (REPORT 10)

Julie Downey introduced this report and informed the Board that there had been an improvement since last year. It was planned that every agency would receive a score sheet with comments and suggestions if they had not already identified actions. Julie commented that this had generated a lot of work and suggested that next year common themes are identified and a full audit is done in 2016. By that time, other Local Authorities will have adopted the same tool. Dawn Clarke suggested that agencies take part in peer reviews of their Section 11's – the Chair agreed that this was a good idea and asked Julie Downey to consider its feasibility.

Julie Downey added that schools and colleges also needed to be on-board with this process. Schools should undertake an annual audit which is sent to the local authority's Head of Safeguarding, but this is not happening. It had been decided that the new audit tool (adapted from the Bristol model) be circulated to schools. It could also be sent to colleges as well.

ACTION: Chair requested that the audit tool be sent to B&NES colleges.

11 CSE UPDATE

Richard Baldwin introduced this item and informed the Board that the police have collated information on CSE across the Avon county area which informed the work of the Risk Management Panel. It had been agreed that a commission for a CSE risk strategy would be written and the draft would hopefully be ready for the September LSCB meeting. Richard had met with Rachel Williams (Police) and she had offered support with the formation of the LSCB CSE sub-groups. The challenge is to make sure that agencies remain aware of the CSE risk and that all staff are attuned to spot the evidence. The Chair commented that e-safety ran through all this and that the strategic grouping of issues was very helpful. Simon Crisp (Police) added that the Avon & Somerset Police Forum were building blocks in the delivery of CSE work with focussed training. Somerset CC have a CSE strategy based on the toolkit from Rochdale, as developed by Barnardo's.

Discussion followed about the need for a CSE/Risk sub-group and also the lack of a systematic approach in raising CSE awareness in schools. Pete Mountstephen commented on the weakness in the school's representation on the LSCB.

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

12 EARLY HELP (REPORT 12).

Richard Baldwin introduced this item and informed the Board that progress had been made in integrating the Early Help offer with voluntary organisations and Children's Services. Caroline Dowson went through the statistical analysis contained in the reports and commented that it was not yet clear what Ofsted were looking for in their Early Years inspections. In the past 7 years, 1527 Common Assessments had been completed and there had been a 122% rise in the work with schools. She had requested feedback from the outcomes of assessments but had few responses. However, there had been a lot of goodwill to the Early Help Without Borders initiative. She was happy to report back to the LSCB on evidence of the impact of Early Help and suggested that Early Help could be taken to a stakeholder event.

13 OPTIONS ON SUPERVISION

Sophia Swatton introduced this item and said that it was clear that different agencies used different methods of supervision. In view of this, the training sub-group would be considering what it can offer at its July meeting. Sophia asked that views on LSCB supervision training be fed back to her.

14 YOS – THEMATIC INSPECTION:PROTECTING CHILDREN (REPORT 14).

Richard Baldwin introduced this report and asked the Board to note the recommendations and the improvement plan.

15 LSCB PROPOSAL FOR SUB-GROUP RE-STRUCTURE (REPORT 15)

Richard Baldwin introduced this report and explained that the aim of the report was to use members' time more effectively by running themed Board and sub-group meetings. There had been a suggestion that the meetings be structured around the 6 themes listed in the annual report. It was acknowledged that the sub-groups were working well and that current good practice would be continued.

Further discussion followed which included concerns from some members about changing the current sub-group structure. In response, the Chair proposed that the current sub-groups remain, but that new sub-groups will be needed for new issues arising. He suggested that the December Board meeting be thematic and that thematic sub-groups start to run in time for next year's business plan. Between now and December, he asked members to consider how these changes could be taken forward to everyone's satisfaction.

Regarding the Budget Proposals, Mike Bowden said that there was pressure on the Budget which was not reflected in the Annual Report. He would bring a paper on this issue to the September LSCB.

16 DEVELOPMENT DAY & STAKEHOLDER DAY

The Development Day (October 9th) would look at the LSCB re-structure proposals, to include re-visiting the values and purpose of the Board and the expectation on members.

The Stakeholder Day (November 27th) would have a theme of Early Help/Neglect.

17 ANY OTHER BUSINESS

Sarah McCluskey reported that she had met with the Equalities Group. They had organised an exercise with young people about safeguarding and child protection.

The next meeting of the Board would take place on **Tuesday 9th September 2014 in Room 8, Riverside.**

The meeting ended at 4.45pm.

Chair (person).....

Date Confirmed and Signed.....

Prepared by Democratic Services