

**BRIGHTON & HOVE LOCAL SAFEGUARDING
CHILDREN BOARD**

**Tuesday 1st December 2015. 1pm-4pm
The Great Hall, Moulsecoomb North Hub**

Attendees

Name	Designation
Alex Patterson	Community & Voluntary Sector Representative
Andrea Saunders	Director of Public Protection, National Probation Service
Claire-Louise Mackay	LSCB Senior Administrator (Minutes)
Darrel Clews	LADO, Brighton & Hove City Council
Dave Hunt	LSCB Learning & Development Officer
Deb Austin	Head of Safeguarding, Brighton & Hove City Council
Debi Fillery	Named Nurse, BSUH, NHS Trust
Dion Page-Hammond	Education Safeguarding Officer, Brighton & Hove City Council
Ella Richardson	LSCB Lay Member
Ellen Mulvihill	Head of Behaviour & Attendance, Brighton & Hove City Council
Fiona Johnson	Chair of Child Death Overview Panel
Gail Gray	Chair, Violence against Women & Girls Forum
Gerry Brandon	Head of Service: Leaving Care, Contact & Social Work Pods 6-9, Brighton & Hove City Council
Graham Bartlett	LSCB Independent Chair (Chair)
Helen Gulvin	Assistant Director Children's Services: Safeguarding & Care
James Rowlands	Violence Against Women & Girls Commissioner, Brighton & Hove City Council
Jennie Harmston	Head of Safeguarding, Sussex Community NHS Trust
June Hopkins	Designated Nurse Brighton & Hove CCG
Nicola Maxwell	Resettlement Director, Kent Surrey & Sussex Community Rehabilitation Company
Nigel Nash	Service Manager, CAF/CASS
Mia Brown	LSCB Business Manager
Paul Furnell	Sussex Police Lead
Peter Castleton	Head of Community Safety, Brighton & Hove City Council
Pinaki Ghoshal	Executive Director of Children's Services, Brighton & Hove City Council
Richard Chamberlin	Roedean School
Sue Kelly	Named Nurse, SPFT
Tina James	Quality Assurance Programme Manager, Brighton & Hove City Council
Tracy Bowers	Hertford Infant School

Apologies Received

Andy Reynolds	Director of Prevention and Protection, ESFRS,
Anna Gianfrancesco	Service Manager, YOS
Ann White (Dr)	Named Doctor, SCT/BHCC
Eddie Hick	Child Protection and Safeguarding Manager, Sussex Police
Helen Greatorex	Executive Director of Nursing & Quality, SPFT
Jane Mitchell	Safeguarding Lead, SE Ambulance Service
Jamie Carter (Dr)	Designated Doctor for Child Protection, Brighton & Hove CCG
Jo Lyons	Assistant Director Children's Services: Education & Inclusion
Leonie Perera (Dr)	Named Doctor, RACH/BSUH
Mary Flynn (Dr)	Named Doctor, Brighton & Hove CCG
Natasha Watson	Managing Principal Lawyer, Brighton & Hove City Council
Rebecca Conroy	Principal, City College
Richard Bates	Sussex Police
Sherree Fagge	Chief Nurse, Brighton & Sussex University Hospitals
Soline Jerram	Director of Clinical Quality & Primary Care, Brighton & Hove CCG
Susan Marshall,	Chief Nurse SCT
Terri Fletcher	Director, Safety Net. Community & Voluntary Sector Representative
Tom Bewick (Cllr)	Lead Member, Children's Services, Brighton & Hove City Council
Tom Scanlon	Director of Public Health, Brighton & Hove City Council
Tracy John	Head of Housing, Brighton & Hove City Council
Yvette Queffurus	Named Nurse, Sussex Community NHS Trust

1. Welcome and Introductions

1.1 Graham Bartlett welcomed the group. Ellen Mulvihill explained that she was attending on behalf of Jo Lyons to represent Education and Alex Patterson was attending on behalf of Terri Fletcher to represent the Community and Voluntary Sector. Richard Chamberlin, from Roedean School, and Tracey Bowers from Hertford Infants were introduced as new members. Dave Hunt, the LSCB Learning & Development Officer, and Gerry Brandon, Head of Service for Children's Social Care were greeted as observers.

1.2 Graham Bartlett reminded all members to declare any conflicts of interest should they arise.

2. Minutes of Last Meeting

2.1 The Minutes of the last LSCB meeting on the 22nd September were agreed for accuracy.

3. Matters Arising

3.1 The LSCB considered the circulated update on matters arising from the September 2015 LSCB.

3.2 (Item 3.7 – Paediatric SARC Update) Following on from discussion at our last meeting, and consideration by the Monitoring & Evaluation Subcommittee, the Paediatric SARC have been asked to escalate to the Service Manager, MASH any cases that occur where a strategy meeting has not taken place before they consider the case. The SARC Board are currently overseeing the development of a Child and Young Person Sexual Assault Health Needs Assessment. This work has been ongoing since the summer and is due to be finalised early in 2016. One element of the HNA will be to analyse the number of S47 inquiries during the last quarter and comparing to the level of involvement of the Paediatric SARC (strategy meetings, medical assessments etc.) Children’s Services will also be conducting an audit which will look at strats and professionals involvement (with a sample of CSA cases). Findings will be presented to Monitoring & Evaluation.

3.3 (Item 6.1 – LSCB Business Plan) The Participation & Engagement Subcommittee expressed some concerns about managing any potential disclosures should they consult with children on the themes of the Business Plan as requested. Since the last P&E Ellen Mulvihill has agreed to lead on another way to progress this important task. She will ensure that input from children and young people is added to the Business Plan before the Board considers it for final sign off at our March 2016 meeting.

3.4 (10.6 – Baby Liam Publication) **Action: Peter Castleton agreed to take forward the action to review the information Public Health commissioned services provide new parents with regard to not shaking babies. He will provide a written response.**

3.5 (13.12 – Part B Data Set on Substance Misuse) Daryl Perilli has provided some additional information for the Part B data set on substance misuse as requested. **Action: Outstanding information will be circulated when available.**

4. Management Oversight, data management systems

4.1 Firstly, Graham Bartlett reminded the Board that the Baby Liam report had been seen by the Board on numerous occasions before publication, including at our last meeting and the dedicated extraordinary LSCB in November 2014. He was therefore concerned to receive feedback after publication that there was an issue with some factual content in the report. He requested Board members ensure that they are happy with the content of these reports before they are formally signed off in the future, particularly as we have two more SCRs drawing to a close in the new year.

4.2 There were findings related to management oversight and data management systems not providing consistent organisational support in both the Baby Liam SCR and the Ben Learning Review. In the Baby Liam review it was an issue that was specific to Probation, and this has been resolved in the action plan, but it is a reminder that all organisations need tight data management systems in place to support effective safeguarding.

4.3 Issues have also been identified relating to the quality and depth of supervision, and that there is some inconsistency in how this supports staff across agencies. All agencies were asked to provide assurance that suitable standards were being met in two new questions to the Section 11 update in March 2015. However, the Monitoring & Evaluation subcommittee are still not satisfied that this is not an issue for some partners. This will be worked into the 2016 section 11 audit tool.

4.4 Graham Bartlett acknowledged that the local authority move to a new relationship based model of social work practice, and the reflective supervision that they have adopted to support this, will lead to improvements for this agency.

4.5 Deb Austin said that the forward facing system has been built with data management at the forefront and will be able to issue reminders for when actions are due and make sure that case work is progressed. Ella Richardson asked that considering IT systems are not compatible across agencies, are we assured that information relating to child welfare is shared and recorded properly. Graham Bartlett explained that this is a focus of all multi-agency audits that the Monitoring & Evaluation subcommittee undertake, and it is a question that always needs to be kept in mind when considering the effectiveness of partnership working.

4.6 Helen Gulvin said that Children's social work is dependent on the wider data handling systems that are in place within the local authority. She said that last year they undertook a large piece of work to try to make it easier for staff to access information by engaging a team of six people to rescan the IDOX documents and file them appropriately, but this work is still ongoing. They also need to undertake some additional work on the shared folders but this cannot be put right until there is one programme across the whole of the local authority. Pinaki Ghoshal said that although this information is all historic it is very important when assessing risk and it is a concern if relevant staff cannot easily find it. This is why they have spent a substantial amount of money on the work to reorganise it so far. **Action: Helen Gulvin will update the Board on the timescales for this reorganisation.**

4.7 In response to the question about sharing information between agencies Pinaki Ghoshal said that there is nowhere in the country where all key partners have one system that works across agencies. However, with the MASH we do have all agencies in one room to allow all available information to be accessed when a referral is made.

4.8 Peter Castleton said that ESINs is a good solution, but that many users will still keep their in-house legacy systems as it is not easy to transfer information over. This can lead to duplication of work.

4.9 Graham Bartlett said that the board must develop a culture of information sharing that is, as far as is practicable, supported by IT systems. He asked that this be tested each time we undertake an audit or review. A Finding from the Liam SCR showed that whilst professionals were talking to each other and sharing information this was then not documented.

4.10 Deb Austin explained the CPIS initiative, which will link the NHS Spine system with Children's Services databases so that when a child presents at the hospital it can be immediately flagged if they are on a child protection plan or are looked after, or if they have been within the past year. Debi Fillery said that BSUH is engaging with the CP-IS project however the IT system does not allow for immediate access and therefore staff need to have a smart card which is being arranged for key people in midwifery, paediatrics and A&E. The current system of manually flagging local children with a CP plan in Sussex will continue as this enables easy identification. BSUH staff will therefore only need to use the slower smart card system for children out of area.

5. Child Death Overview Panel Annual Report 2014-15

5.1 Fiona Johnson was welcomed to the meeting to present the annual report of the Child Death Overview Panel. She explained that this follows the same format as the previous CDOP Annual Reports but she is intending to modernise and update the format for this year's, perhaps through working with Public Health. She will also be able to include more comparison with national and regional data, although she advised that there is still a limited amount of this available.

5.2 There are two recommendations for the LSCB to consider in this report:

- That the LSCB to seek re-assurance from Brighton & Sussex University Hospital Trust that their services are operating in accordance with NICE

guidance on Feverish Illness in Children (2013) and how this is being monitored. LSCB to request the Clinical Commissioning Group and NHS England Area Team provide a reminder to all health professionals of the importance of listening to parents when they report that their children are acutely unwell and that they encourage parents to bring the child back for further assessment if the child's health does not improve or deteriorates. June Hopkins said that BSUH have given assurance on both points and has had sight of an e mail trail from all service leads confirming they have received the reminder.

- That the LSCB should request regular updates from the Clinical Commissioning Group on the implementation of the Action Plan relating to communication difficulties between community services, local hospital and tertiary centre until all the recommendations are achieved. June Hopkins said that part of the CCG action plan was to contact NHS England regarding this issue which was completed. It has also been raised through the Designated network. Health providers have been asked to alert the CCG to any new cases where communication is an issue and as far as the CCG are aware there have been no new cases in the last 18 months.

5.3 Jamie Carter has raised a concern that the rapid response to child death in recent cases has not been as effective as previously. He thinks that the changes to the SIU and the introduction of the Pods have led to a wider pool of both police and social work colleagues potentially being involved in this process, and there is concern that they may not have the specialist experience of this work or a thorough understanding of the rapid response protocol. Fiona Johnson said that she thinks there was one child where there was a problem, but assured the Board that members of the CDOP would say that Brighton & Hove has the most effective rapid response across the county. She does not know the details of this specific case but Eddie Hick will be discussing this with Anne Livesey outside of the CDOP meeting. Graham Bartlett said that as staff changes occur there will be a risk.

5.4 There is an outstanding issue of training in the Rapid Response Protocol, and whilst this has taken place in West Sussex it still needs to take place in East Sussex and Brighton & Hove. June Hopkins said that the Learning & Development Subcommittee have been trying to organise this training over the last two years but were advised that there was not the capacity to provide this within the police, and they are concerned that further cuts will impact further on their ability to deliver this. **Action: June Hopkins & Mia Brown will make sure this continues to be a priority on the Learning & Development subcommittee's agenda for resolution as soon as possible.**

5.5 Fiona Johnson explained more about the specific case that the second recommendation refers to. As the first section of the CDOP report is a public document it needs to be oblique to avoid identification. She assured the Board that the Case Review Subcommittee is overseeing the action plans from the two single agency learning reviews into this case.

5.6 Graham Bartlett asked why there were not any suicides recorded in the cases considered by the CDOP. Fiona Johnson explained that Ben's case will be in this year's report, as the review was completed in 2015-16. She thinks that this will eventually be coded as a suicide as this was a precipitating factor to his death.

5.7 Ella Richardson asked about the panel issues regarding the impact of public health. Fiona Johnson explained that this was only an issue in East Sussex so no recommendation was made for us to consider.

6. LSCB Constitution

6.1 The LSCB Constitution has been updated until December 2017. The only change is in paragraph 4.4 where more detail has been included to explain the communication between the Safe in The City Partnership and the LSCB. This full proposal will be presented to the Safe in The City Partnership on 15th December 2015 and then circulated to the Board to agree.

6.2 Pinaki Ghoshal suggested that we should include more information about our relationship with the Safeguarding Adults Board. Graham Bartlett agreed that once the arrangements are in place that this should be incorporated. He explained that he has proposed to combine the two boards' business support functions and that he is also in discussion with partners about the funding arrangements of the SAB. In other local authorities the chairs of each board will sit on each others boards as observers, and it was agreed that it should be written into our constitution that this will occur as and when the chairing arrangements change.

6.3 The Constitution was agreed. **Action: Mia Brown to circulate for all partners to sign up to.**

7. LSCB Train the Trainer

7.1 Dave Hunt explained that the delivery of the LSCB Training programme depends on the good will of the few remaining members of the training pool, and he is trying to rejuvenate the numbers of trainers. He has circulated a request for applications and has had a good response so far. He would like approval to spend money from the Learning & Development budget to engage an external trainer to provide the successful candidates with an accredited qualification. He has negotiated a discount from this provider and assured the board that this will reduce the need to pay for trainers to deliver our courses. Anyone who completes the train the trainer training will be asked to sign a contract to agree to deliver an minimum amount of training on behalf of the LSCB to ensure that we get value for money. They will also be asked to confirm with their manager that they will have the time released to do this.

7.2 Graham Bartlett said that he is in support of this as we need to increase the number of trainers to continue the programme. June Hopkins said that the Learning & Development Subcommittee will need to sign off this expense as they are responsible for overseeing how their budget is spent.

7.3 Pinaki Ghoshal said that every spend of the budget should not need to be considered by the Board, and Graham Bartlett agreed and explained that this has been tabled to ask for members to support the development of the training pool by agreeing that successful applicants can be supported to be released from work to lead our courses and attend the training pool meetings.

7.4 Jennie Harmston asked if it is possible for SCT to get information about which of their staff have attended LSCB training as they do not get a certificate or recognition to take back. Dave Hunt said that they do get a physical certificate at the end of the sessions, and they will also be able to download this once the new Learning Management System is in place. He suggested that their Workforce Development team should link in with the council Workforce Development team to get this information as they administrate our bookings.

7.5 Graham Bartlett said that in 2016 the LSCB and the Safeguarding Adults Board will be undertaking a Training Needs Analysis to identify where there are any gaps or duplication of efforts which may lead to some cost saving and efficiencies.

8. Private Fostering Annual Report 2014-15

8.1 Tina James joined the meeting to present the Private Fostering Annual Report. This has been to the Vulnerable Children & CSE Strategy Group for full consideration and challenge, but it is a statutory requirement for it to come to the full Board. Pinaki Ghoshal said that it is very important that the report comes here as it is important to understanding these children and it is a reminder to agencies of the need to seek to identify those who are privately fostered.

8.2 Tina James said that where there are questions in the report these have been followed up, especially around notifications i.e language schools. It is important to remember to revisit settings to remind and refresh them after initial awareness raising. Work has also been carried out with the designated teachers in schools. Tina did a joint presentation to language schools with the LADO, which was very well attended. Only one language school said that they have children staying for longer than 28 days. They have also had a referral from a deaf school about a 17 year old which demonstrates that they understand the legislation as the definition is "a child under the age of 16 (18 if disabled) who is cared for and accommodated by someone other than a parent or close relative for more than 28 days".

8.3 Although the LSCB Private Fostering training has not been running there are plans to include this subject in a new course about "Hidden" children which will also promote safeguarding home educated children, traveller families and other less visible groups as well as encompassing modern slavery and other concerns. Dave Hunt will be working with colleagues on this training offer and it is anticipated that this will appeal to staff from many agencies.

8.6 Deb Austin said that they have seen an increase in the number of notifications year on year, from 4 up to 45 last year. This is a good indication that staff are more alert to private fostering, but it is important to continue this momentum.

8.7 Mia Brown said that questions on private fostering are also going to be included in the Section 11 audit next year.

8.8 Graham Bartlett thanked Tina for presenting the report and for her ongoing work to monitor and promote this issue.

9. LADO Annual Report 2014-15

9.1 Darrel Clews joined the meeting to present the LADO Annual Report for 2014-15. Graham Bartlett said that it is a statutory requirement for the LSCB to consider this report, but that it is also very important for all Board members to understand what Darrel's role is.

9.2 Referrals to the LADO have continued to increase, a trend that is continuing this year. Many of the referrals indicate that people understand safer recruitment better. It is difficult to get comparative data across the country, so we cannot easily judge how we are doing compared to statistical neighbours, but the LADOs across Sussex are working together so there will be parity in their reporting.

9.3 Darrel has been working with the Hackney Carriage Service, who are subject to DBS checks to ensure they are fit to be issued with a licence, and has developed a close working relationship with them. Peter Castleton said that the decision making around this can be really difficult and that the enhanced DBS reports can be rather non-committal. He asked police colleagues whether any further information can be given, particularly as some of the offences may have occurred a long time ago. This was discussed and it was agreed that more information may be needed to assist risk assessment, and Darrel Clews said that since the ending of the Notifiable Occupation Scheme that he thinks the police can struggle with knowing who to disclose to. Graham Bartlett said that the guidance with convictions and arrests is clear, but there will be less clarity with the softer intelligence. Paul Furnell said that this is the first he

has heard of these difficulties and that the police would want to share information whenever possible. **Action: Paul Furnell to continue discussions on Police disclosures to the DBS with Darrel Clews, Pinaki Ghoshal and Peter Castleton outside of the LSCB meeting.**

9.4 The number of referrals against foster carers has actually decreased this year although the number looks high as for the first time both of the adults in a couple who foster will be recorded individually even if the allegation only relates to one of them.

9.5 The updated Keeping Children Safe in Education by the department for Education states that staff should not be suspended for malicious allegations. There are lessons to be learned for LADOs when looking at the management of cases where staff were suspended and later reinstated.

9.6 Darrel Clews has been meeting staff in many settings throughout the year to raise awareness of the LADO role, including the Early Years Forum and a practice learning event.

9.7 **Action: Darrel Clews will provide Debi Fillery and colleagues with a breakdown on the data re health. He will also break the CVS into further detail for these representatives to better understand referrals from their sector.**

9.8 Graham Bartlett questioned the number of substantiated referrals from early years as this looks quite low. Darrel Clews explained that many of these referrals are about suitability, for example professional conduct that is not best practice like shouting at a child. Most of these lead to internal disciplinary procedures.

9.9 Darrel Clews explained that new statutory guidance from the Department for Education 'Disqualification under the Childcare Act 2006', published in February 2015 refers to Risk by Association (RBA). This extended previous guidance for early years settings to include schools with pre-school and reception classes for under 5yrs, but also schools who organise or host pre-school and after school care for children under 8 yrs. Staff are required to declare if they are living in a household with an individual convicted of certain offences that are not considered spent conviction (Rehabilitation of Offenders Act 1974). This being the case, then staff have to seek a Waiver from Ofsted or the Department for Education to continue working in such settings. There was a Freedom of Information request by the Department for Education and Ofsted to look nationally at how many staff in schools had issued waivers for risk by association, including those who provide childcare in a school at breakfast or after school clubs, but so far, despite the number of referrals nationally none of these waivers have been required.

11. MARAC Annual Report 2014-15

11.1 James Rowlands fed back on the table discussion of the MARAC Annual Report for 2014-15. He explained the current partnership arrangements as from the 1st September 2015 the responsibility for the management of the MARAC has transferred to the Joint Domestic, Sexual Violence & Abuse and Violence against Women & Girls (VAWG) Unit. The Unit has been established between Brighton & Hove City Council and East Sussex County Council and operates within existing community safety arrangements. There is an Action plan in progress to develop and improve a robust framework around the MARAC process.

11.2 Brighton & Hove's MARAC sees 500 cases per year, and approximately half of these families include children. With the high number of cases the child aspect is not necessarily focused on and there is a proposal for a second generation MARAC to be set up, using rag ratings similar to those in used by MAPPA. This would have the capacity to link to Children Service and Early Help 'front doors', as well as arrangements for the delivery of the national 'Troubled Families' programme. The Pan Domestic and Sexual Violence Executive Board have

agreed a model and a working group was convened in November 2015 to begin project development. The aim is for one consistent offer across Sussex

11.3 The Care Pathway has been improved with the PCC funding a children's Independent Sexual Violence Advisor (ISVA) and a Child Independent Domestic Violence Advisor (IDVA). There is further work to manage the overlap between adults and children and to look at how young people come into MARAC.

11.4 Graham Bartlett said that as 51% of MARAC cases had children, and 51% of children on plans have domestic violence as a factor, this will remain a key issue of concern for the LSCB, as well as cutting across the work of both the Safe in the City Partnership Board and the SAB.

12. Core Group & Network Meeting Audit

12.1 Deb Austin feedback on the table discussion of the multi-agency Core Group & Network Meeting Audit, parent's feedback and Action Plan. A key action is to keep the minutes of the meetings simple and Tom Stibbs is leading a review into the Care First paperwork to help shift the focus of the meetings to concentrate on what is, or is not, keeping the children safe and to update the plan.

12.2 A recommend action is to make the chairing arrangements multi agency, as the audit highlighted the difficulty social workers have in chairing the meetings and simultaneously taking minutes. The table discussed this at length but rejected the action as they feel that children's services need to keep the responsibility for owning the child protection plan. They think that the actions associated with reviewing the procedure for minutes and paperwork will help rationalise this burden, and Pinaki Ghoshal said that there is a plan to equip social workers with tablets in the next six months which will make this even easier. Deb Austin said that the key to improving this will be to remove the bureaucracy. **Action: Mia Brown to feedback and take amended action plan back to Monitoring & Evaluation.**

12.3 The feedback from parents gathered as part of this quality assurance activity has highlighted that the experience could be made better for families by setting up the meeting room in a less intimidating way, and they considered where there are more family friendly locations that can be used in the city. June Hopkins said that families should be asked where they feel comfortable before their meetings are moved to new locations. **Action: Mia Brown to take referral to Monitoring & Evaluation to map suitable meeting venues across the city.**

12.4 There was a suggestion from a parent that it would be good to have peer support. This has been tried unsuccessfully in the past but all parents should be reminded that they can bring a supporter to their meetings.

12.5 Helen Gulvin said that many of these findings are also relevant to the way that we manage Child Protection Conferences.

12.6 Graham Bartlett said that he liked the parental input, and that the amount of time for the minutes is a challenge. He agreed that these reports need to add value to the process and allow the meetings to focus on whether the plan is helpful and achieving change. He reminded the Board that information sharing should still be taking place between these meetings.

13. Safeguarding in Schools Audit

13.1 Ellen Mulvihill presented feedback from the table discussion of the Safeguarding in Schools Audit. She said that schools are very engaged with this process, and they approach it

as an opportunity for dialogue and to help them identify needs, rather than treating it as a tick box exercise.

13.2 Questions have been added to the audit about FGM, radicalisation and CSE, and these areas are an ongoing challenge for schools to cover and address. Schools want more training on how to manage these concerns and more services commissioning.

13.3 The audit requires information from wider school staff than just the designated teachers, for example the HR team need to assist with questions around management of contractors and safer recruitment, or the PSHE leads need to be consulted about the curriculum.

13.4 The audit shows that Dion Page Hammond's role as Education Safeguarding Officer is very powerful in not just collating the audits but in the follow on work he does, visiting schools to discuss their self-reflection. The networks and subgroups provide more robust forums for challenge and support on these areas as well as an opportunity to share knowledge and best practice.

13.5 The Simple Quality Protects scheme helps organisations marry up capacity with need. Many community and voluntary settings will do this through Safety Net, including nurseries and early years settings.

13.6 Graham Bartlett thanked Ellen Mulvihill and Dion Page Hammond for their work on this audit and said that this has moved on even farther this year.

13.7 Mia Brown asked how they consider self-harm in the audit. Dion Page Hammond explained that it is not included as a single question but is very much on the agenda of the network meetings and awareness has been raised considerably in schools. Further questions on this will be added to next year's audit. Graham Bartlett agreed that it is important to understand the breadth of self-harm and how this must not be normalised in certain environments.

14. Any Other Business

14.1 Graham Bartlett discussed Healthwatch membership and heard that they would like to sit on both the LSCB and the SAB. Although – currently sit on SAB, but not LSCB. Graham Bartlett said it would be good for them to bring the voice of the service user to our meetings. They are a consumer watchdog for health and social care, although they have not focused much on services to children yet. Some Board members were aware of them as a mechanism for independent scrutiny and challenge around health, but were not aware of their remit within social care. June Hopkins said that they speak to Soline Jerram about the services of the health providers.

14.2 Graham Bartlett said that it must be a Board decision, but considers their membership a valuable perspective, although we will need to manage their decisions regarding providers. Pinaki Ghoshal asked if there are other bodies that we should also be considering alongside Healthwatch, and expressed concerns about the membership becoming too large and the meetings unwieldy. Graham Bartlett said that he and Mia Brown had considered this last year, and were concerned about making sure that we have all perspectives present at the Board rather than being concerned about the numbers.

14.3 **Action: The Board requested Mia Brown invite Healthwatch to a future meeting to present their aims and what the organisation does before we consider what they would bring to the meetings and can make a better informed decision.**

14.4 The Learning Together to Safeguard the City fortnight ends on the 10th December. Six sessions have run so far and been attended by over 100 professionals. Board Members were encouraged to submit a blog or an #EveryonesResponsibility photo for the communications around these events.

14.5 June Hopkins said that the Children's Commission Report into Sexual Abuse of Young People was published last week: [Protecting children from harm: A critical assessment of child sexual abuse in the family network in England and priorities for action](#) This shows that this sexual abuse is still under reported, and remains a big issue nationally.

14.6 James Rowlands said that the local needs assessment on CSA is near concluded and will be presented to the Vulnerable Children & CSE Strategy Group in January.

14.7 Jenny Harmston said that this will be her last meeting and thanked colleagues for being so supportive around safeguarding in Sussex. Nicola Maxwell said that this will also be her final meeting as she is leaving post in the New Year.

Next Meeting: Tuesday 1st March 2016, 1pm-4pm The Great Hall, Moulsecoomb Hub North, Hodshrove Lane, Brighton BN2 4SE.

Following meetings, all in The Great Hall, Moulsecoomb Hub North:

- **Extraordinary meeting – Thursday 10th March, 2.30-5.30pm**
- Tuesday 7th June, 1pm-4pm
- Tuesday 13th September, 1pm-4pm
- Tuesday 6th December, 1pm-4pm