

**BRIGHTON & HOVE LOCAL SAFEGUARDING  
CHILDREN BOARD**

**Tuesday 6 December 2016. 1pm-4pm  
The Great Hall, Moulsecomb North Hub**



**Attendees**

Graham Bartlett	LSCB Independent Chair (Chair)
Claire-Louise Mackay	LSCB Senior Administrator (Minutes)
Darrell Clews	LADO, Brighton & Hove City Council
David Feakes	Head of Safeguarding, Sussex Community NHS Foundation Trust
David Kemp	Head of Community Safety, ESFRS
Deb Austin	Head of Safeguarding, Brighton & Hove City Council
Debi Fillery	Named Nurse, BSUH
Debbie Piggott	Head of Service for Assessment, Rehabilitation and IOM, KSS CRC
Dion Page-Hammond	Education Safeguarding Officer, Brighton & Hove City Council
Fiona Johnson	Chair of Child Death Overview Panel
Gail Gray	Chair, Violence against Women & Girls Forum
Helen Gulvin	Assistant Director Children's Services: Safeguarding & Care
Jamie Carter (Dr)	Designated Doctor for Child Protection, Brighton & Hove CCG
Jason Tingley	Sussex Police Lead
Jayne Bruce	Deputy Director of Nursing Standards and Safety, SPFT
Jo Lyons	Assistant Director Children's Services: Education & Inclusion
Jo Tomlinson-Howe	Designated Nurse, Brighton & Hove CCG
Kerry Clarke	Public Health Strategic Commissioner Children's Services, BHCC
Lucy Bryson	Community Safety Manager, Refugees & Migrants
Mark Burden	Senior Operations Support Manager, NPS
Mark Melling	Named Nurse, SPFT
Mary Flynn (Dr)	Named Doctor, Brighton & Hove CCG
Peter Wilkinson (Dr)	Acting Director of Public Health
Pinaki Ghoshal	Executive Director of Children's Services, Brighton & Hove City Council
Richard Chamberlin	Roedean School
Stephen Terry	LSCB Lay Member
Steve Marshall-Taylor	Brighton College
Terri Fletcher	Director, Safety Net. Community & Voluntary Sector Representative
Tom Bewick (Cllr)	Lead Member, Children's Services, Brighton & Hove City Council
Yvette Queffurus	Named Nurse, Sussex Community NHS Foundation Trust

**Apologies Received**

Andrea Saunders	Director of Public Protection, National Probation Service
Anna Gianfrancesco	Service Manager, YOS
Elizabeth Cody	Brighton College
Helen O'Dell	Interim Chief Nurse, BSUH
Jane Mitchell	Safeguarding Lead, SE Ambulance Service
Mia Brown	LSCB Business Manager

Natasha Watson	Managing Principal Lawyer, Brighton & Hove City Council
Nigel Nash	Service Manager, CAFCASS
Peter Castleton	Head of Community Safety, Brighton & Hove City Council
Rebecca Conroy	Principal, City College
Soline Jerram	Director of Clinical Quality & Primary Care, Brighton & Hove CCG
Tracy Bowers	Hertford Infant School
Tracy John	Head of Housing, Brighton & Hove City Council

## 1. Welcome and Introductions

1.1 Graham Bartlett welcomed the group, and introductions were made. Jayne Bruce and Mark Melling were welcomed as representatives from Sussex Partnership Foundation Trust, and apologies were read.

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 13 September 2016 were agreed for accuracy.

## 3. Matters Arising

3.1 The LSCB considered the circulated update on matters arising from the last LSCB meeting on 13 September 2016.

3.2 (Item 11.5 – VSCG response to capacity of The Wise Project) In Andrea Saunders absence Deb Austin fed back on this action. A small working group of members from the Vulnerable Children and CSE Strategic Group met to consider evidence provided by The WiSE Project alongside recent initiatives that have been developed across Sussex to address the needs of a range of children and young people considered vulnerable to exploitation (in all its forms). The meeting was chaired by Andrea Saunders, and was attended by colleagues representing Police, CCG, BHCC Children's Safeguarding and VAWG Commissioning. For a number of years WiSE has delivered specialist provision across the city, funded by a number of agencies including Sussex Police, and more recently the CCG and Children's Services. Near the end of 2015/16 financial year WiSE approached BHCC requesting urgent additional funding to retain this service. At this point it was evident that there was no exit strategy in place and some funding was sourced by Children's Services, with a view to this being a one-off contribution. As the 2016/17 year draws to a close, the Vulnerable Children and CSE Strategic Group felt it was necessary to draw the Board's attention to the potential ending of this service, and invited the Board to consider whether the future service provision meets the needs of these young people.

3.3 The meeting reviewed reports provided by WiSE, on their case work service and other funded projects they provide across the city, and considered the developments in Social Work practice within the council including the introduction of the Adolescent pod, and the additional services provided by Missing People's return home interviews service. The meeting concluded that although the WiSE case work service for victims of CSE was considered to have met a gap in provision in the city at its inception, by providing one to one support to young people effected by CSE, it felt that this particular service was no longer required beyond this business year, and proposes that WiSE are given notice of funding ceasing. This is only for the 0.6FTE position for case work within the city, and the Board should be aware that they receive funding from other sources for the other aspects of their work.

3.4 Terri Fletcher<sup>1</sup> raised concerns that this meeting was reaching a funding decision when the Board has no duty to commission services. It was clarified that the Vulnerable Children and CSE Strategic Group were acting on concerns raised at their meetings that the Wise Project capacity for casework was drawing to a close, and arranged the meeting to seek assurances that this would not leave a gap in the city for vulnerable children. Deb Austin said that the funding provided could be redirected into other areas where there is a gap, whether this be around awareness raising or the night-time economy, and the Vulnerable Children and CSE Strategic Group will develop a proposal for a service to address these unmet needs for the next Board's consideration and endorsement.

<sup>1</sup> Challenge –Board involvement in commissioning discussions

3.5 (Item 13.1 – CSE Audit) Deb Austin said that a date has been set in the new year for Chrissy Bulling, Lead Practitioner, to facilitate an event to share the learning and best practice from this audit with the front-line practitioners involved, and to embed the principals of the See Me Here Me Framework.

3.6 (Item 13.3 – CSE Audit) Jo Lyons provided an update on how awareness of CSE is being raised in special schools, and said that this model can be adapted if the learning event highlights any other areas that require a focus.

3.7 (Item 14.1 - Management Information Report: Part B themed data set on CSE) Jason Tingley said that the issue with the data from the police may have been linked to Aimee Streeter, the CSE Analyst, leaving at this time, but gave assurance that the Performance Team can share data at any time. Eddie Hick is doing some wider work to provide the same data to all LSCBs and Safeguarding Adult Board's across Sussex, and this will be signed off in January.

3.8 (Item 15.7 - Management Information Report: Part A) Daryl Perilli is in contact with Missing People regarding their data and an exception report will be considered by the Monitoring & Evaluation Subcommittee.

#### **4. Update from Leadership**

4.1 The Leadership Group last met on Wednesday 2 November 2016, and the minutes have been circulated to all Board members.

4.2 We are now advertising for new Lay Members to join the Board, and an interview date has been set for 24 January 2017, where our current Lay Members will assist Graham Bartlett, Deb Austin, Terri Fletcher and Mia Brown with the selection process. We hope to also engage some young people to take part in this. If the Safeguarding Adults Board agree at their meeting on Monday then we may incorporate the recruitment of their Lay Members with this day.

4.3 The Leadership Group discussed the feedback from the LGA Peer Review, and we had planned to have a substantive item at Board on this but we have yet to receive their final letter.

4.4 Following David Liley's presentation to Board in September the Leadership Group decided not to accept the proposal that Healthwatch become a member of the Board at this time. They echoed concerns raised by other Board members over what Healthwatch can bring to the Board, and Graham Bartlett has written to say that we will revisit this decision when they are better able to evidence how they engage with children & young people. David has replied to ask Graham for a meeting to discuss this further.

4.5 David Feakes asked if Healthwatch were asking for payment to attend meetings, as they do in other authorities. Graham Bartlett confirmed that this was not discussed and that they are not remunerated for sitting on the adults' board.

#### **5. Child Death Overview Panel Annual Report 2015-16**

5.1 Fiona Johnson was welcomed to the meeting to present the CDOP Annual Report. This is the eighth report from the panel so they are beginning to gather data that has statistical significance.

5.2 There were two recommendations to the LSCB from the CDOP last year. The first was to ask agencies to review the guidance that is given to parents and young people about ensuring personal safety if they do use drugs or alcohol, following the death of a young person falling off a cliff after using recreational drugs. This will be taken forward by Public Health across the city.

5.3 The second recommendation was to improve communication between agencies around end of life care planning for children with life limiting conditions where there is a Do Not Attempt Resuscitation agreement in place, so that all agencies are aware, and the emergency services in particular. This is a national issue and needs to be addressed for the benefit of families in these difficult situations.

5.4 The CDOP has also made a series of recommendations to individual agencies as required.

5.5 The CDOP is facing impending changes due to national developments, noticeably the change in oversight from the Department for Education to the Department of Health as proposed by the Wood review. There is also consideration that the panels should cover wider populations, although if the East Sussex & Brighton & Hove CDOP merged they would meet this recommendation.

5.6 Local developments include looking at the learning from the deaths by suicide or where self-harm was a factor. Public Health are taking this forward, and Fiona Johnson recommended that they look at the young people who died just after they turned 18 as well as those cases that have been reviewed by CDOP and the LSCBs.

## **6. Early Help Update**

6.1 At our June meeting the Board agreed to take on governance of early help arrangements from the Early Help Partnership Board which was led by Children's Services. Working Together is clear that the LSCB have a statutory responsibility to oversee early help arrangements in the city. A meeting was arranged to discuss how best to do this, with Helen Gulvin and Jo Lyons, and it was agreed that we should not undertake another vast mapping exercise of how early help functions, but instead strive to identify different themes connected to this work and examine them for gaps.

6.2 In order to do this effectively, the Board needs to

- Understand the early help offer (in its broader context)
- Understand early help Pathways
- Understand how effective early help is – preventing strain further down the line
- Recommend what should be measured in terms of indicators, and how the LSCB can support this, including best use of existing measures and qualitative information.

This must be in relation to all early help in the city, from the Universal services up, not just what is provided to those on the edge of social care intervention through the Early Help Hub.

6.3 Mia Brown has looked at the good practice identified in the JTAI inspection in Salford, and has been discussing different approaches with other Board Managers. The proposal put to the Board today is that we set up a subcommittee to adopt a critical friend approach and facilitate a strategic dialogue with commissioners and providers. Their work will seek to draw a multi-agency perspective on the key factors that put children and young people at the highest level of need and the early help offer around these factors. This exercise will aid identification of gaps which to allow the LSCB to take a view of current offers and make commissioning recommendations, as well as looking for assurance on the efficacy of new models of delivery. Peter Wilkinson has agreed to chair this Early Help Governance Group, and following agreement today, a meeting will be convened to look at the Terms of Reference and Membership. Graham Bartlett confirmed that this will not be a replication of the Early Help Partnership Board.

6.4 Helen Gulvin said that we need to have a realistic view around what resources are available, and the group will need to monitor gaps that may emerge as services go through redesign. The Board discussed how whilst this group will inevitably hear about funding pressures from all partners, its role is governance and they will not be in a position to influence budgets, but instead must highlight any gaps to those who are in a commissioning position.

6.5 Jo Lyons said that different school clusters are commissioning different Early Help services, and a strength of the Early Help Governance Group will be if they can look at how we use resources more creatively across the city, and whether these can be more connected rather than standing alone. This group will be in a position to spot potential collaborations as well as gaps, and it can have a dual role in mitigating risk and maximising opportunity.

6.6 Kerry Clark asked if this group will also look at adult services and the support they can offer parents, and Graham Bartlett confirmed that this is the type of joined up thinking that the group will be looking to foster. The Board agreed with the proposal.

## **7. LADO Annual Report 2015-16**

7.1 Darrell Clews was welcomed to the meeting to present the annual report from the Local Authority Designated Officer. The LADOs across Sussex have agreed a unified data set and common language to aid comparison across areas in forthcoming years. They have also agreed some new definitions and categories of employers so that "Sport and Leisure" now include coaches and instructors within the arts e.g. drama and dance, and personal trainers such as fitness, swimming and diving etc. "Uniformed Youth" now encompasses a range of voluntary, youth and armed forces groups which covers cadets and training corps.

7.2 Following comments at last year's LSCB, this year's report includes a breakdown of data across Early Years Services. The trend in total number of referrals increasing has continued this year, although the significant proportion of substantiated, unsubstantiated and unfounded allegations, vs false and malicious, indicate that referrals to the LADO continue to be made appropriately.

7.3 The number of allegations regarding foster carers has increased but it must be noted that where households have a couple as foster carers, they are recorded twice even if the allegation is only against one individual carer. There is no indication that this increase raises any specific themes or issues and appears to be part of the general increase in referrals.

7.4 A worrying trend is that whilst referrals are rising from all other sectors, the number of community and voluntary organisations contacting the LADO is decreasing. Darrel Clews will be working this year to raise

awareness and develop the profile of the LADO in this sector. He is also working with Dion Page-Hammond to increase safeguarding awareness in the language schools in the city.

7.5 During 2014-15 we saw a rise in allegations against teaching staff involving the use of restraint, but it is reassuring that these referrals significantly declined by 50% in 2015-16. All but one of the referrals last year were deemed malicious, unfounded or unsubstantiated.

7.6 The LADO needs to report on the timescales in which allegations are concluded, and this is the first year that he has not met the targets directed by the Department for Education. Darrell Clews said that this is mainly due longer police investigations, and that there have been some issues following the implementation of the Brighton Safeguarding Investigations Unit. The Board were assured that whilst immediate risks are considered and addressed via the MASH, the delays appear to be when there is an investigation against an employee and the immediate risk is deemed low. The cause of this is thought to be staffing issues and competing priorities, and Darrell has discussed this with Lee Horner.

7.7 During 2015-16 Darrel Clews undertook an audit of his role, and over 99% of those who responded to his survey gave positive feedback on their experience of the LADO service.

7.8 Tom Bewick asked the Board if they were satisfied that there is support in place for victims who disclose both current and historic abuse in sport. Terri Fletcher said that sports organisations are less likely to engage with the local CVS umbrella organisation for support as they usually receive this from their national governing body. Jason Tingley said that he wrote to Brighton & Hove Albion and the Sussex Football Association last week following the national news about abuse in football. However, he said that we need to look at how we engage with all sport and leisure organisations, and said there must be a strategic discussion on the processes of investigation and safeguarding with the LSCB and Safeguarding Adults Board so that there is consistent practice and a unified approach from partners. **Action: Jason Tingley and the three LSCB Chairs will convene a meeting, involving the Local Authorities where necessary, and report back to our next meeting.**

7.9 Darrel Clews said that the safeguarding team from the FA came to the last two national LADO meetings, and he has built good links with their county welfare officer. He said that they seem to have a much more robust system in place to respond to and investigate allegations than they had previously when clubs often dealt with these incidents internally.

7.10 Graham Bartlett said that the Boards across Sussex need to be assured that any allegations are taken seriously by sports organisations and investigated appropriately. They also need to know that the current systems in place mitigate risk in terms of both abuse and suppression of disclosure, e.g are their whistleblowing mechanisms robust. **Action: Graham Bartlett to raise this with the Association of Independent LSCB Chairs.**

7.11 Jason Tingley said that the Sussex Safeguarding Communications Group framework can be used to raise awareness in these sectors locally, and raise confidence around reporting. He will also look at how this ties into the national inquiry into sexual abuse. The learning from the situation with the diocese must be applied here, both in terms of supporting victims and improving practice.

## **8. MAPPA Annual Report**

8.1 Mark Burden presented the MAPPA annual report on behalf of Andrea Saunders. The Multi Agency Public Protection Arrangements are in place to manage the riskiest offenders in the community, to both reduce re-offending and to protect the public from risk of serious harm.

8.2 There are currently 1398 category one offenders managed by the Sussex MAPPA. Of those that present a risk to children, few of these will have been contact offenders and most will have been involved with offences online including through apps like Instagram and Snap Chat as well as downloads.

8.4 Mark Burden said that he has concerns that the ease of access to pornography online and plans to look more closely of the profile of younger sex offenders next year. Jason Tingley, who co-chairs the MAPPA 3 meetings agreed that there is a changing age demographic, and said that they are seeing younger offenders coming through from late teens onwards.

8.5 Pinaki Ghoshal said that we are fortunate in this city to have a strong PSHE programme, but we should make this stronger to improve young people's resilience around pornography and will raise this with Sam Beal.

8.6 A welcome development nationally has been the introduction of the new dynamic risk assessment tool, ARMS, that is now undertaken on every Registered Sexual Offender in the community. These assessments are undertaken jointly by Police and Probation colleagues, and are a substantial piece of work that

allows these key partners to prioritise and organise their work with offenders to improve risk management practice and reduce risk of reoffending.

8.7 MAPPA are also continuing their work with offenders with Personality Disorders through the Pathways Project, which Andrea Saunders presented to Board at our September 2016 meeting. Helen Gulvin said that they are seeing Personality Disorders in parents who have social work intervention, and it would be good to learn how to work more effectively with these families. She said that these problems are not often identified early enough, and frequently only become apparent after social care asks for an assessment. Helen Gulvin and Mark Burden will talk about this further outside of the meeting.

8.8 We discussed the process for partners, in particular schools, to be made aware if there was a risk to children, and Jason Tingley said that the decision to disclose this information would lie with the police. **Action: Jo Lyons will look at the emergency procedures for schools, and Jason Tingley will see if there are any standard procedures that can be shared.**

## 10. LSCB Annual Report 2015-16

10.1 Graham Bartlett expressed thanks to Mia Brown, and Claire Mackay, for their work on the LSCB Annual Report, and explained that much of the content is a statutory requirement but this is combined with the aspects of our work that we think it is important to tell the public about. Page 43 onwards is the individual partner agency reports.

10.2 Terri Fletcher said that she thinks it would be good for the report to open with a story of how things are for children in Brighton & Hove, to give more context to the report. She requested that we delete the word "story" from the section on SCRs as it seems inappropriate when we are setting out the circumstances leading up to the death of these young people.

10.3 Jamie Carter said that the MAM meetings, referenced on page 16, no longer take place. This must be amended in the report.

10.4 Subject to these two changes the Board signed off the 2015-16 LSCB Annual Report.

## 11. Primary Care & Safeguarding

11.1 Jo Tomlinson-Howe presented a paper from the CCG on the provision of support to GP practices to meet safeguarding requirements on behalf of Soline Jerram. She explained that while GPs are commissioned by NHS England, the CCG assist them in seeking assurance at a local level. From April 2017 the CCGs will be co-commissioning with NHS England, and will then have more authority to closely monitor them.

11.2 The CCG Named GP for safeguarding children provides yearly Level 3 Safeguarding Children training to the practices' identified safeguarding leads, and shares the findings from our SCR & Learning Reviews as well as Safeguarding Adults Reviews and Domestic Homicide Reviews. It is the leads' responsibility to disseminate the training to their practice teams.

11.3 The named professional for safeguarding adults works closely with GP Practices and has had a significant role in bridging the gap in primary care contribution to the local Multi-Agency Risk Assessment Conference (MARAC) meetings on domestic violence. We have also seen an increase in surgeries reporting concerns about children, and soft intelligence, through the MASH.

11.4 Pinaki Ghoshal receives updates from the CQC inspections and noted most GP surgeries are rated good, but some score lower in terms of safeguarding, and asked what action is then taken. Mary Flynn explained that the system works both ways as she has cascaded concerns about practices to the CQC who then carried out an early inspection. **Action: Graham Bartlett will ask Soline Jerram if she is contacted directly by the CQC if there are concerns when the paper is presented to the SAB on Monday.**

11.5 Pinaki Ghoshal questioned whether the resources allocated to the named GP role was adequate to support all the surgeries in the city. Mary Flynn explained that there is also the CCG quality team, and that she receives information on how well GPs are working to protect children from a range of sources, including directly from the MASH if they are not receiving an appropriate response.

11.6 Mary Flynn said that one of the biggest challenges for Primary Care in the city is the high level of locum GPs, and there is more work to be done around this. She is trying to get annual safeguarding training to be a mandatory requirement for each GP, but there is currently no way to monitor this. However all GPs will be asked about training at their annual appraisals with the GMC.

11.7 Graham Bartlett said that the Board had heard a lot about the GP assurance tool, but it is very disappointing to hear that only 6 of the 44 practices in the town have returned this, and of those only three were

complete. Mary Flynn said that many of the practices said that as they had passed their CQC inspection they felt that they did not need to do this, and with the current commissioning arrangements the CCG cannot oblige them to give assurance.

11.8 As NHS England we are the only body that Primary Care is currently accountable to the board considered that there is a gap with their engagement with the LSCB.

11.9 Graham Bartlett thanked Mary Flynn for her work to support, and train GPs around safeguarding issues, but said that the Board do need more assurance about safeguarding in Primary Care.

## **12 Neglect Strategy**

12.1 Neglect is one of our priority areas on the Business Plan, as well as being the subject for the next JTAI inspection. It is a particularly elusive form of abuse to work with, as the effects are seen but very few children will talk about being neglected. There is a range of work that we need to bring together into a more strategic approach, including:

- A Learning Review that is coming to conclusion
- The LSCB Neglect training, designed by SCIE
- An upcoming Neglect multi-agency audit that will be led by Yvette Queffurus and Jo-Tomlinson,
- A multi-agency consultation group for complex cases of neglect that is being developed by Francis King and Ann White and
- the roll out of the Neglect Quality of Care Tool that will soon be hosted on the LSCB website

12.2 Yvette Queffurus, as the Board's Neglect champion, asked the LSCB to commit to a working group to produce a neglect strategy. The Board agreed this request, and Mia Brown will identify appropriate members with Yvette Queffurus & Jamie Carter and issue invitations.

## **13. Discussion Groups**

13.1 The Board divided into three tables to discuss different papers for 30 minutes and then fed back on their considerations.

## **14. Voice of the Child**

14.1 Jason Tingley fed back from his table discussion on how the voice of the child is heard in the work of the LSCB. They were asked to consider three questions: What is being done to obtain the voice of the child, including children from Hard to Reach Groups; How are children and young people's voices being used in the development of practice and setting of priorities; and what is the impact of how this (and how do you know this is the impact).

14.2 There was some debate about what is meant by the voice of the child: is this listening to children in everyday practice, or gathering their feedback to seek assurance on services, or ensuring that they actively contribute to service redesign. The table advised that this principal needs to be defined and understood across the partnership. There also must be a clear expectation built into this, as for consultation to be meaningful the voice of the child must contribute to what we do, and at the moment the Board priorities are not at all informed by this. Graham Bartlett confirmed that this has always been an ambition of the Board, but to do this meaningfully has been a big challenge.

14.3 In terms of what is being done to obtain the voice of the child, the Participation & Engagement Subcommittee are beginning some work to scope what is currently done across the partnership. This should focus on any gaps identified in the hard to reach groups, especially as many of the forums in place for engagement, such as the Youth Council, are predominantly white children.

14.4 The table heard good practice from Children's Services on how the voice of the child contributed to the development of the relationship based model of practice for social work. Also the Youth Ambassadors scheme and the Safe and Well at School survey. It was agreed that a good starting point for listening to children's views about safeguarding is to look at feedback from those involved with social work.

14.5 Mark Melling said that it is a challenge to prepare and support young people to contribute to this type of work, and will require time and resources to do it properly. Graham Bartlett said that at the moment the Board are not putting investment into this. Pinaki Ghoshal said that the Local Authority have put a lot of work into the Young Ambassadors, who assist with recruitment and get a qualification from participating in the scheme. He would be open to discussions on whether this is something that could be facilitated city wide.

## 15. Good Outcomes v Good Compliance: Revisiting the LSCB Quality Assurance Framework

15.1 Graham Bartlett feedback on his table discussion about how what data we can use to evidence outcomes in our Management Information Report to really see if we are making a difference to young people.

15.2 The table came up with four key considerations that can be used to improve our knowledge around the impact of safeguarding work on children & young people:

- David Feakes suggested that we adopt some of the principals of “making safeguarding personal” from the safeguarding adults agenda, and look at what young people want from safeguarding services and consider what makes them feel safe
- We should make an effort to hear the voice of the child as they move through the system and look at what their journey was like to help us assess the quality of the support given to them.
- For early trauma, and neglect, there is clear health data that will show us the impact of this in children who fail to thrive.
- Similar to the point above, there is a lot of deficit teaching in primary schools, as there can be a 16 month developmental gap in children who have suffered abuse. If we can reduce this gap then we will be able to evidence that we are improving outcomes for these children.

15.3 The table considered what sort of initiative will promote a good, measureable outcome for children, and a good example was the role out of attachment aware training for schools which has seen a positive outcome in a reduction of exclusions. We need to identify the interventions that have the best effect on outcomes and represent value for money.

15.4 As the final outcome measures may not be evident for many years, perhaps until the child reaches adulthood, we must seek to identify a series of measures at key points throughout their life.

## 16. Safeguarding in Schools Audit

16.1 Dion Page-Hammond presented feedback from the third table's consideration of the Safeguarding in Schools Audit. This year he has received submissions from 100% of local authority schools, and also many independent schools. There are only two or three independent schools who are not engaged with his designated leads network, and he will make an effort to be more assertive in explaining the benefits of engaging in this with them this year. He will also look at whether the audit tool needs to be tweaked to meet the needs of independent schools, for example to include questions relevant to boarders.

16.2 Although the network of Designated Safeguarding Leads is now well established, not all partners around the table knew about this. **Action: Dion Page-Hammond will make partner agencies more aware of this resource, and invite interested parties to speak to the teachers if they have appropriate messages to share.**

16.3 Dion Page-Hammond, and Darrel Clews, are developing better links with the language schools in the city, and Dion will tweak the audit tool so that it also meets their needs.

16.4 The areas where schools marked themselves as red on the audit tended to be related to new safeguarding themes or areas of compliance, such as the new requirement for DBS checks on governors. Dion Page-Hammond reminded the Board that this is a self-assessment and explained that some schools will mark a standard red to flag internally that they want to take action. No causes for concern were flagged to the Board.

## 17. Any Other Business

17.1 Terri Fletcher said that she is looking for more submissions for the parent's newsletter, Safety Rocks, that the Board produce in association with Safety Net. The autumn edition had a focus around kindness to tie into Anti-Bullying Week and schools responded very positively to it linking to a key safety date. The next edition will be produced to coincide with Online Safety Day on 7 February 2017 with the theme 'Be the change: unite for a better internet', so we will have a theme of 'Be the Change'. As ever, we would like this newsletter to reflect the multi-agency work that goes on in the city to keep children safe, so the Board were asked to submit articles on this theme, or more generally about online safety or other issues.

**Next Meeting:** Thursday 16 March 2017, 1.30-4.30pm, **Location tbc**

### Future Meetings

- Wednesday 7 June 2017, 1.30-4.30pm, Moulsecoomb Great Hall
- Tuesday 12 September 2017, 1.30-4.30pm, Brighton Town Hall
- Thursday 7 December 2017, 1.30-4.30pm, Moulsecoomb Great Hall