

**BRIGHTON & HOVE LOCAL SAFEGUARDING
CHILDREN BOARD**

**Tuesday 13 September 2016. 1pm-4pm
The Great Hall, Moulsecomb North Hub**

Attendees

Andrea Saunders	Director of Public Protection, National Probation Service
Anna Gianfrancesco	Service Manager, YOS
Claire-Louise Mackay	LSCB Senior Administrator (Minutes)
Daryl Perilli	Data Analyst, Brighton & Hove City Council
David Feakes	Head of Safeguarding, Sussex Community NHS Foundation Trust
David Liley	Healthwatch
Deb Austin	Head of Safeguarding, Brighton & Hove City Council
Debi Fillery	Named Nurse, BSUH
Gail Gray	Chair, Violence against Women & Girls Forum
Graham Bartlett	LSCB Independent Chair (Chair)
Helen Gulvin	Assistant Director Children's Services: Safeguarding & Care
Helen O'Dell	Interim Chief Nurse, BSUH
Jamie Carter (Dr)	Designated Doctor for Child Protection, Brighton & Hove CCG
Jane Mitchell	Safeguarding Lead, SE Ambulance Service
Jason Tingley	Sussex Police Lead
Jo Lyons	Assistant Director Children's Services: Education & Inclusion
Jo Tomlinson-Howe	Designated Nurse, Brighton & Hove CCG
Lance Freeborn	Senior Probation Office, KSS CRC
Mary Flynn (Dr)	Named Doctor, Brighton & Hove CCG
Mia Brown	LSCB Business Manager
Natasha Watson	Managing Principal Lawyer, Brighton & Hove City Council
Nigel Nash	Service Manager, CAFCASS
Peter Wilkinson (Dr)	Acting Director of Public Health
Pinaki Ghoshal	Executive Director of Children's Services, Brighton & Hove City Council
Richard Chamberlin	Roedean School
Sharon Martin	Safeguarding & Review Manager, Brighton & Hove City Council
Stephen Terry	LSCB Lay Member
Soline Jerram	Director of Clinical Quality & Primary Care, Brighton & Hove CCG
Tracy John	Head of Housing, Brighton & Hove City Council
Yvette Queffurus	Named Nurse, Sussex Community NHS Foundation Trust

Apologies Received

Debbie Piggott	Head of Service for Assessment, Rehabilitation and IOM, KSS CRC
Diane Hull	Executive Director of Nursing and Quality, SPFT
Eddie Hick	Child Protection and Safeguarding Manager, Sussex Police

Mani Gilbert-King	T/Assistant Director Safer communities, ESFRS,
Peter Castleton	Head of Community Safety, Brighton & Hove City Council
Sue Kelly	Named Nurse, SPFT
Terri Fletcher	Director, Safety Net. Community & Voluntary Sector Representative
Tom Bewick (Cllr)	Lead Member, Children's Services, Brighton & Hove City Council

No apologies received

Rebecca Conroy	Principal, City College
Tracy Bowers	Hertford Infant School

1. Welcome and Introductions

1.1 Graham Bartlett welcomed the group, and introductions were made. Helen O'Dell was welcomed as the Interim Chief Nurse for BSUH and Jo Tomlinson-Howe as the Designated Nurse for the CCG.

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 7 June 2016 were agreed for accuracy.

2.2 Jamie Carter said that the Named Doctors are listed as not sending apologies but he advised that rather than attending the Board they will be represented by him as Designated Doctor.

3. Matters Arising

3.1 The LSCB considered the circulated update on matters arising from the June 2016 LSCB meeting.

3.2 (Item 15.8 – LSCB Presence at Community Event) The Board had hoped to have a presence at an event on the Level in July to promote safeguarding with the general public, but the event has been postponed until 17 September but MASH and Early Help staff were not able to support the alternative date. We have asked to be involved next year.

4. Update from Leadership

4.1 The Leadership Group last met on Wednesday 10 August 2016. In future the Leadership minutes will be circulated with the Board papers to allow all members to read these and be able to see the work of the individual subcommittees to drive forward the Business Plan.

4.2 The Monitoring & Evaluation Subcommittee asked for approval to reduce the amount of multi-agency audits completed in a year from four to two, as there are capacity issues and concerns over a reduction in the quality of these audits if they continue to do one a quarter. The subcommittee are proposing a greater emphasis on the scrutiny of single agency audit activity to ensure that the Board are still getting adequate assurance on safeguarding practices across the partnership. This was agreed by Board.

4.3 Leadership also considered the capacity and resources available for Serious Case Reviews and Learning Reviews. Although cost will never be in factor in whether the chair agrees to undertake an SCR, the Case Review Subcommittee will make their recommendations in two parts in the future. The first part will be the type of review they think is necessary and the issues it should examine, and the second part will recommend a methodology and take into account the projected costs.

4.4 Two of our five Lay Members have stepped down in the past six months, Andrew Melrose and Lorna Miller-Cooper. Recruitment of Lay Members will be a priority.

4.5 Many reports are presented both at main Board and our Subcommittee meetings, and the Leadership Group agreed that to make best use time many of these only need to be considered once. For example the Private Fostering Annual Report will be considered by the Vulnerable Children Strategy Group on behalf of the main Board. Board agreed to this principal.

4.6 Graham Bartlett is in contact with Helen O'Dell over the content of the Brighton & Sussex Hospital Trust's safeguarding audit and review. This will be tabled for a future Board meeting.

5. Healthwatch

5.1 David Liley was welcomed to the Board to give an overview of the work of Healthwatch, who already sit on the Safeguarding Adults Board, and the Health and Wellbeing Board. Healthwatch England are a statutory body and there are 152 local Healthwatch organisations across the UK.

5.2 David Liley declared a possible conflict of interest as he owns a nurse in West Sussex.

5.3 Healthwatch champions for health & social care service users and provides an independent voice for the community at a strategic level. They give evidence based feedback, both positive & negative, to influence and challenge commissioners, and will escalate issues to the Secretary of State where there are systems failures. They inform and advise the public about their choices, and also direct people towards advocacy provided by Impetus.

5.4 The Community Spokes programme works with other community groups to look at the health issues facing members of these communities. Last year they supported a piece of work with the YMCA that looked at how young people used their GP services. Recommendations from this report have led to changes in many surgeries across the city including altering the layout of their waiting areas, removing gender from check-in screens, updating websites, review of waiting room materials to include more young person friendly resources, looking at a 'Young Persons Champion' and Young Person's training, and increasing signage about confidentiality.

5.5 The focus on the Brighton & Hove Healthwatch so far has been on health, but they are planning to rebalance this through some work with the social care commissioners to look at equipment services, transition from hospital to home care, and the quality of life of adults in supported housing.

5.6 **Action: David Liley will circulate further information and links to reports for us to consider before the Board members made a decision on whether this body should be represented on the LSCB. The Board agreed that Leadership can make this decision on their behalf.**

6. Pathways Project

6.1 Following on from the Presentation of the MAPPA Annual Report in March 2016 Andrea Saunders was asked to provide the Board with more information of the Pathways Project.

6.2 Andrea Saunders said that it is estimated that between 60- 70% of prisoners may suffer from personality disorders. The Pathways Project aim is to skill up National Probation Service staff to better work with people with personality disorders rather than referring them to another service. In Sussex, this partnership arrangement between Sussex Partnership NHS Foundation Trust and the National Probation Service sees psychologists supporting probation officers, providing training and expert help with developing appropriate risk management plans.

6.3 The project has been running for three years, and there is no end date set for the funding. In this time the number of interventions has reduced, there has been a reduction in recall to prison, and safer management within the community. Andrea Saunders said that it would be good if it could be extended in the future to less high risk offenders managed by the CRC, and there is a possibility that in the future the pathway staff could help raise awareness to colleagues in Public Protection or VISOR teams.

6.4 Helen Gulvin confirmed that CSC are kept informed of any offenders on this programme who may be relevant to children receiving a social care service.

7. Early Help Task & Finish Group Update

7.1 At our last meeting it was agreed that a task and finish group should be set up to help the LSCB understand the Early Help offer, including pathways, how effective early help is, and to recommend what the LSCB should measure in terms of indicators. Jo Lyons and Helen Gulvin were subsequently asked to take a lead on this during the summer but have not been able to progress this. Helen Gulvin explained that the leadership of Early Help has changed since Steve Barton's retirement and they have been establishing where

the work sits. Helen Gulvin has taken responsibility for the Early Help Hub and Jo Lyons is leading the rest of Early Help. They will be able to move forwards with the Task and Finish Group after the Peer Review at the end of September.

7.2 Yvette Queffurus said that this scoping should also involve universal services that provide the earliest support for those who need it.

8. IRO Annual Report and new Child Protection Conference Model.

8.1 Sharon Martin was welcomed to the group to present the Independent Reviewing Officer's Annual Report. The IROs performance has improved and the report evidences ongoing oversight and scrutiny of a child's plan between reviews.

8.2 Natasha Watson asked about the number of challenges made by IROs through the Manager Alerts system, and asked if the increase in the formal challenges made over informal was due to a change in recording and/or the new pod structure which removed the Team/Service Manager level. She also asked if they track the outcomes from these challenges, and whether this encourages a change to the plan that affected the outcomes for the child. Sharon Martin said that although they do not collect this data there are a number of cases she is familiar with where these challenges did effect a significant change.

8.3 Sharon Martin then explained the new model of Child Protection Conferences that is being embedded incrementally before full implementation in January. This will see a move away from the traditional conference approach to a format that better reflects the new relationship based model of social work practice. Feedback from children and families in authorities that use similar models has been very positive and they have felt like they are "doing with" not being "done to".

8.4 New paperwork is being developed to accompany the new process, which will be streamlined and more clearly show changes and outcomes. Practicalities such as suitable rooms for attendees to read the reports before the conference, and whiteboards in meeting rooms to facilitate the visual element of the approach are being finalised.

8.5 Sharon Martin will be arranging for briefing sessions for partner agencies about the changes, and has already met with the health visitor managers. **Action: Sharon Martin will provide an update for Board at our December meeting on the feedback from this consultation and the final stages of implementation for the new conference model.**

10. CSE Promise

10.1 In March 2016 the Board agreed to develop a CSE Promise to young people, based on the Oxfordshire promise, and tasked this work to the CSA/CSE Prevent, Protect & Early Identification Subcommittee. Jamie Carter updated that the group asked Mark Cull to get feedback from young people on this through The Wise Project, and they have just received their comments regarding making the language more user friendly.

10.2 One of the young people that The Wise Project asked about the promise had their case discontinued by the Police, highlighting that if we adopt this promise it may be a challenge to keep to it. The Board need to be confident that we can deliver on our promises to young people. The Board agreed that they want the subcommittee to continue to progress this work.

10.3 Jason Tingley said that as the Police Force extends across Sussex, he will ask Stuart Hale to look cross county and consider badging this with all three LSCBs.

10.4 Natasha Watson said that the Government are looking to relax the regulation on drivers who provide transportation from hotels, removing the need for them to be licensed. Considering events in Rotherham and the unique position that taxi drivers have to spot the signs of CSE, the Board reflected on how this would affect the opportunity for training and raising awareness amongst this cohort. Natasha will circulate more information on the consultation when available.

11. VSCG response to capacity of The Wise Project

11.1 Andrea Saunders, chair of the Vulnerable Children & CSE Strategy Group, explained how her subcommittee have been kept up to date with the capacity issues of The Wise Project. Last year Children's

Services provided them with funding to continue to provide case work, but they advise they are at capacity and unable to accept new referrals. Andrea asked the Board to consider if we need to ensure that this is continued in the new financial year, or if there are other services in place able to meet this demand.

11.2 Although many reviews into CSE have championed the need for an independent, third sector, organisation to support vulnerable children, our recent CSE audit has found that the adolescent pod's tenacious approach to assertive outreach has managed to achieve similar positive effects. We also now have Missing People in place to provide independent Return Home Interviews to children who have been missing.

11.3 The Wise Project have a number of funding streams for a range of projects, and the Board agreed that these need to be understood alongside a map of what other services are available to support young people at risk of CSE in Brighton. They also want to know the outcomes from these projects, and who they are commissioned by. As health are starting their commissioning cycle now this information is needed as soon as possible.

11.4 GB asked what the health pathway is for CSE victims and asked for clarification about sexual health, emotional and psychological support. It was advised the SARC and CASH clinic are operationally engaged.

11.5 A challenge for CSE commissioning is how CSE is recorded, as it is a form of CSA. The absence of a national picture to direct resources (like DVA approach) frustrates the issue. Challenges in getting accurate population and prevalence data to ensure funding is going into the right place was recognised.

Actions: Jason Tingley will raise this at the Sexual Abuse Board Meeting tomorrow.

- **MB will ask The Wise Project to provide us with information on their funding, outcomes from their projects and gap analysis for 2016/2017 & ask James Rowlands for a list of services across the city that support targeting CSE.**
- **Andrea Saunders will lead a meeting for key providers to consider current Wise provision alongside other service provision in good time to meet commissioning cycles.**

12. Discussion Groups

12.1 The Board divided into three tables to discuss different papers for 40 minutes and then fed back on their considerations.

13. CSE Multi-Agency Audit

13.1 Deb Austin fed back on the table discussion of the CSE Audit. The group agreed that the "learning points" should be called recommendations, and Monitoring & Evaluation will oversee the action plan. **Action: Deb Austin will organise an event to share the learning and best practice from this audit with the front-line practitioners involved.**

13.2 The group discussed the difficulties the audit team had in getting engagement and feedback from both the young people in the cases audited, and on a wider scale. They agreed that it was beneficial to look at all vulnerable young people, rather than just the CSE cohort, and suggested that feedback could be collected more regularly from young people after conference, with electronic surveys being a more attractive way to gather information. Jo Lyons suggested asking older young people/ adults who had experienced CSE when they were younger for feedback and they may feel better able to engage. Jo Lyons also suggested that wider questions around what young people expect and want from professionals in terms of keeping them safe could be included in the Safe & Well at School Survey.

13.3 The group discussed the challenges of working with young people 16 – 18 years of age in terms of consent to sexual relationships, learning disability, mental capacity and cross boarder working. The group considered potential assessments of partners to support what kind of intervention is needed. **Action: Jo Lyons committed to progressing awareness raising in special schools. Action: At next M&E Subcom agencies should be asked how they have taken forward their learning points.**

14. Management Information Report – Part B themed data set on CSE

14.1 Daryl Perilli fed back from the table discussion of the CSE Data Set. This would have benefited from more commentary around the police information to explain what the data was showing and put it into context. Graham Bartlett said that as we are now only requesting the Management Data twice a year this has to increase our expectation that all agencies will submit this in good time for the report. **Action: Jason Tingley will follow up with the police on why this was not provided.**

Action: M&E to ensure that Daryl Perilli is supported in ensuring that all agencies return meaningful contributions to the MIR in good time for it to be included

14.2 There is a high number of single assessments with a CSE factor recorded (199 single assessments completed during the year ending 30th June 2016 had a CSE factor recorded. This represents 6.9% of all single assessments completed during the year) but it is unclear if this is because CSE is more prevalent here or if we are better at recognising it.

14.3 Page 8 of the report gives information on the number of offenders prosecuted or disrupted. It shows us there has been only one charge. The group thought it would be beneficial to also identify the other options available for reducing perpetrators risk of reoffending, such as Sexual Harm Prevention Orders. It would also be useful to know if there were any prosecutions from Child Abduction Warning Notices. More commentary is needed for this data to give a fuller picture. **Action: Feedback will be passed to the M&E Subcommittee for remedial action.**

15. Management Information Report – Part A

15.1 Graham Bartlett fed back from the table discussion on the Part A of the Management Information Report. He said that they feel that it is time to revisit the information that is included in the report to ensure that it is giving a rounded picture of safeguarding in Brighton & Hove¹. **Action: Monitoring & Evaluation to be tasked with re-examining this information and the data providers. Graham Bartlett would like to be involved in the initial discussions. The data must be multi-agency, and we need to ask the right questions. MASH Protect data should be included, advising of response times, to support LSCB oversight of timeliness.**

15.2 The number of referrals are continuing to rise, although this cannot be easily compared to last year as the definition of what is recorded as a referral was changed in August 2015. BHCC now record those cases passed to social care after being screened by the MASH, rather than all initial contacts, bringing data collection methods in line with other areas. The table agreed that it would be more informative to have data on how many contacts are made and then what becomes a referral. Much of this is already reported in the MASH, and it would be good to have more information here on where the referrals are from, what level they are at, where they are directed, and the outcomes for children.

15.3 The group discussed whether the levels of referrals are appropriate. The police are the agency that make the highest number of referrals referring into MASH all domestic abuse cases where a child is present, and anecdotal evidence was heard that officers encourage other partners to make a referral to the MASH after contact with a child, even though they will submit a SCARF. This may be inflating our figures.

15.4 The table felt that the amount of Section 47 investigations ending in a conference was low at 43%, although we were advised that this is in line with national averages.

15.5 The amount of children we have on Child Protection Plans is still high, although this is slowly decreasing. There has been an increase in the amount of children on plans for more than 2 years, and the percentage of children on plans for a second or subsequent time has increased to 25%. The Board have previously been told that this was in part due to plans being stepped down too quickly where domestic violence was a factor, but this is still rising so it is not clear what is being done to rectify early step downs.

15.6 The table also discussed the difficulties in capturing and understanding the Early Help that takes place outside of the Early Help Hub. They considered the support given by schools, GPs and the CASH (Contraception and Sexual Health) clinic, which is effective in reducing the level of need. It was agreed that to reduce the overall level of need the Board need to be sighted on what is happening at the universal + level.

15.7 Data on children missing from home and care is now being provided by Missing People. Data for Q1 2016-17 (1st April to 30th June 2016) was not available in time for the meeting. The Board found this unacceptable This needs to be rectified as a priority as it is imperative the board have oversight of the data. **Action: Daryl Perrilli to contact Missing People for data.** Senior representatives from Missing People have attended both the CSA/CSE Prevent, Protect & Early Identification Subcommittee and the Vulnerable Children Strategy Group to talk to members about the new service.

¹ Challenge - Pinaki Ghoshal said that the majority of the data in the Management Information Report is from the Local Authority and it must be more multi-agency

15.8 Jason Tingley again advised that the College of Policing are putting together a proposal around reclassifying all absent children as missing. This is being led by Jon Gross and will be announced at the end of September. At the moment Sussex Police are looking at how they record missing and will be changing in September to logging this on Niche rather than Compact. They are also sharing the absent data before the weekly missing meetings. The Vulnerable Children Strategy Group have considered if there is need now to hold Return Home Interviews for all children who would have previously be defined as absent and the impact of this on the contract with Missing Children, which is Pan Sussex.

16.Any Other Business

16.1 Pinaki Ghoshal said that the Families, Children & Learning Directorate have invited the Local Government Association to undertake a peer review from 26-30 September. They will look at how the new model of social work practice has improved outcomes for children, and measure progress against the Ofsted recommendations.

16.2 We were involved with the NSPCC and SCIE Learning in Practice Project last year, which led to the development of a series of quality markers for Serious Case Reviews. The Case Review Subcommittee have circulated their self-evaluation of how we meet these markers, which encompass the whole SCR process from initial consideration to publication, and will be using these as a benchmark and guide for future reviews.

Next Meeting: Tuesday 6th December, 1pm-4pm, The Great Hall, Moulsecoomb Hub North, Hodshrove Lane, Brighton BN2 4SE.

Future Meetings

- Thursday 16 March 2017, 1.30-4.30pm, Location tbc
- Wednesday 7 June 2017, 1.30-4.30pm, Moulsecoomb Great Hall
- Tuesday 12 September 2017, 1.30-4.30pm, Location tbc
- Thursday 7 December 2017, 1.30-4.30pm, Location tbc