



MINUTES

The Local Safeguarding Children Board
Meeting Held on Monday 5th June 2017 at 9.30 am in Conference Room A&B, 1829
Building, Countess of Chester Health Park, Liverpool Road, Chester

Present

Board Members

Gill Frame (GF) LSCB Independent Chair
Emma Taylor (ET) Director of Children's Social Care, CWAC
Tony Sharples (TS) Public Health Specialist
Nicky Dowling (ND) Head Teacher, Highfield Primary School
Helen Brackenbury (HB) Interim Director of Integrated Early Support
Kate Daly-Brown (KDB) Deputy Director of Nursing, Mid Cheshire Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust
Gareth Jones (GJ) Head of Service, Youth Justice Service
Alison Kelly (AK) Director of Nursing and Quality, Countess of Chester Hospital
Peter Shaw (PS) Detective Superintendent, Cheshire Police
Mark Parkinson (MP) Director of Education
Avril Devaney (AD) Director of Nursing, Cheshire and Wirral Partnership
Lisa Jenkins (LJ) Senior Operational Manager, Nation Probation Service
Donna Yates, Assistant Chief Executive, Community Rehabilitation Services
Cllr Nicola Meardon (NM) Elected Member
Paula Wedd (PW) Director of Quality and Safeguarding, NHS West Cheshire CCG

In Attendance

Sian Jones (SJ) LSCB Business Manager
Paul Jenkins (PJ) Senior Manager, Safeguarding Quality Assurance Unit
Tom Cheadle (TC) Service Manager, CAF/CASS
Anne Eccles (AE) Designated Nurse, Safeguarding Children/Children in Care (also rep for Judith Thorley)
Dr Rajiv Mittal (RM) Designated Director, Safeguarding Children

Visitors

Gordon Grinney (GG) LSCB Quality Assurance Officer
Jayne Fortune (JF) Health Improvement Practitioner Advanced
John Bucknall (JB) Strategic Commissioner
Cathy Walsh (CW)

Administrator – Noreen Gallagher (NG)

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Kath Senior (KS) Director of Nursing, Performance and Quality, East Cheshire NHS Trust
 Caroline Crosby, Legal Safeguarding Manager, Safeguarding and Litigation Team, CWAC

Alison Amesbury, Senior Manager, Housing Solutions
 Gavin Butler (GB)

Dorothy Bedford (DB) Specialist Learning Support, West Cheshire College

Judith Thorley (JT) Chief Nurse and Director of Quality, NHS South Cheshire CCG & NHS Vale Royal CCG (rep Paula Wedd and Anne Eccles)

Samantha Myers-Whittaker (SMW) Head Teacher, Archers Brook School

Dee Davies (DD) Deputy Director Quality & Safeguarding, NHS England

Steve Dool (SD) Head Teacher, Neston High School

Pauline Butterfield (PB) Dioceses of Chester Safeguarding

Gareth Cheesman (GC) LSCB Lay Member

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06/17/01	Previous Minutes and Matters Arising
	<p>The minutes from the previous meeting were read. Cllr Meardon confirmed that she had attended last meeting but was not listed as an attendee. Avril Devaney advised that Satwinder had represented her at this meeting and was also not listed. The Chair highlighted the importance of signing the attendance register to ensure presence is recorded.</p> <p>Action:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - NG to amend minutes accordingly. <p>Actions were reviewed and updated as per action log.</p>
06/17/02	Chairs Report
	<p>The Chair highlighted key points from her report:-</p> <p>Children and Social Work Act This Bill has now been published (link embedded in report) with guidance to follow in autumn 2017. GF attended a meeting between CWAC and East Cheshire Senior Management to discuss potential opportunities and funding has been made available to explore options.</p> <p>Ofsted Report on Rainsbrook Secure Training Centre (October 2016). This facility still requires improvement (full document embedded in chair's report).</p> <p>Protecting Vulnerable People Forum – This group is now operational (a number of documents embedded in chair's report detailing meetings). AK raised concerns regarding lack of communication between pan Cheshire and local groups, as Chair of the Local DA Partnership she was not aware of the range of work being progressed across Cheshire; this situation is also apparent in CSE. The Board requested strengthening of governance to ensure good communication links between pan Cheshire and local activity and routine sharing of minutes to support this.</p> <p>Actions:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - PS will table Board's request at tomorrow's Pan Cheshire Strategic DA Partnership meeting. - HB may be attending pan Cheshire group from September 2017 and is happy to meet with AK on a regular basis.


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	<p>ET informed members that the iART arrangements had been in place for over 12 months and now was an ideal time to evaluate/review the arrangements and to include wider stakeholder engagement and potential peer review with Halton.</p> <p>Action:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Gillian Ackerley will lead on this and invite partners to participate. <p>Ofsted Short Inspections/Themed Inspection Pilot. ET advised that Ofsted is looking for Local Authorities willing to take part in this pilot and sought the Board's opinion on whether Cheshire West and Chester should volunteer (deadline 09/06/17). The Board felt that it would only be beneficial if the inspection was conducted in a spirit of learning.</p>
06/17/03	CoCH NNU Draft Briefing Paper
	<p>AK presented a briefing paper that provided an overview of the reason for the review of neonatal services and the steps taken to investigate the concerns raised. It also articulated the up to date position in respect of police involvement.</p> <p>A higher than usual number of neonatal deaths were identified from January 2015 – June 2016, 8 in 2015 and 5 in the first six months of 2016 (compared with an average of 2.4 per annum in the previous 5 years). This led to downgrading of the Neonatal Unit and the Trust initiating an internal clinical review that revealed no specific causal factor. A further external review was conducted by the RCPCH (who sent a team consisting of two paediatricians with a special interest in neonatology, plus a senior neonatal nurse manager and a lay reviewer) on 1st and 2nd September 2016 which concluded there was no one factor identified in the review although recommendations included reference to culture, risk management, team work, communication and staffing as well as external factors such as the neonatal transfer service. An action plan is in place to address the recommendations.</p> <p>Following further discussion within the Trust regarding continued clinical concerns, advice was sought from key members of the CDOP (Child Death Overview Panel). The Trust felt they had taken the clinically-led review as far as they were able. Following this discussion, the Trust formally requested proactive support from Cheshire Police. That investigation is ongoing.</p> <p>AK advised members that support has been provided for families and nursing staff, and parents have commented positively on social media about their experience at CoCH.</p> <p>The Board noted the reliance on CoCH to identify problems and questioned why CDOP had not picked this up. RM highlighted that of the 13 deaths over an 18 month period, 7 were from out of area addresses (including from Wales) and these would not have been reviewed by Cheshire CDOP. A further two of the deaths were awaiting a coroner's inquest and have therefore not been assessed at CDOP either. This has resulted in the data becoming fragmented which has masked the clustering of deaths. In order to address this all future neonate deaths within Cheshire will be notified to CDOP (whilst they would only review the Cheshire deaths they would have information about all deaths in Cheshire Hospitals).</p> <p>The Board discussed issues raised, particularly the need to strengthen cross border ties, and ET confirmed that she is meeting with Welsh counterparts to improve inter-</p>


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	<p>country practice in a number of areas, including serious case reviews and child sexual exploitation (CSE). Meetings should also be set up to look at policy and procedures as well as developing regional protocols. Further work is required by CDOP chair to address communication and effects of turnover within workforce.</p> <p>AK confirmed that minimal disruption had been caused to families by downgraded status of unit and advised that the public had been very supportive throughout. The Board noted the paper and asked for an update regarding the outcome of the police investigation when this has been completed.</p> <p>Action:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - AK to provide a brief to the Board when the outcome of the Police Investigation is known.
06/17/04	Pan Cheshire Learning and Development Sub Group Proposals
	<p>SJ presented a paper (including SWOT analysis) outlining proposals for strengthening learning and development activity on a Pan Cheshire footprint.</p> <p>The Board discussed the four options identified and agreed that further work is required to provide clarity on feasibility, practical application and potential implications. Questions were raised on who will be responsible for driving work, inter-borough differences on resources in place and the need to scope the range of training required for CWAC workers.</p> <p>Following discussion members supported option 1 in principle but needed to see a more detailed plan in relation to resource and delivery model before it would be in a position to make a firm commitment.</p> <p>SJ advised that Halton BC favour Option 1.</p> <p>Action :</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - SJ to inform Halton, as the lead for this work, of the decision made by the Board.
06/17/05	Revised Charging Policy
	<p>SJ confirmed that this policy was last updated in 2015 and the changes incorporated would bring CWAC charges into line with three of the four Cheshire Boroughs (Warrington operate on a different system). DY highlighted possible impact of 20% financial contribution clause on eligibility for free training to partners whose subscription falls under this level and SJ agreed to discuss potential for collective contribution with other Cheshire authorities.</p> <p>The Board endorsed the revised charging policy.</p>
06/17/06	Scope for Think Family/Transitions Task and Finish Groups
	<p>The Board endorsed the scope of the work of Think Family and Transitions Task and Finish groups. GF requested that CSE transition was considered as part of the Transition work</p> <p>Action:</p>

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Progress reports on both workstreams to be received at Development Day (27th November 2017)
06/17/07	NSID Report
	<p>PS reported on the proposal by the National Crime Agency (NCA) to set up a National Schools Identification Database in order to assist detection of offenders/perpetrators through recognition of school uniforms, logos etc. Schools will be asked to complete a short electronic document supplying samples of school uniform design, school badge etc. which will be entered onto the database. This information will then be accessible nationwide to track offenders posting photographs on social media or captured on CCTV.</p> <p>PS confirmed that the system is fairly easy to access but will need constant maintenance which will require funding/resources (costs will be borne by NCA). Success will also be dependent on schools providing required information. The NCA are anticipating that the database will be live by end of 2017.</p> <p>Action:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - MP will take report to Educational Improvement Board
06/17/08	Executive Update to Board (including Budget Report and Risk Register)
	<p>PJ provided a summary of the Executive meeting held on 24th May 2017. Whilst the meeting was not quorate a couple of issues required an immediate action and the Executive requests that the Board ratify these decisions.</p> <p>LSCB Staffing – The LSCB Business Manager, Sian Jones, and LSCB Training Administrator, Abbi Cooper, have both secured new posts and will be leaving the LSCB during summer 2017. Given the uncertainty around future LSCB arrangements the Executive agreed to recruit to both posts on 12 month temporary contracts.</p> <p>The Board discussed the pros and cons of appointing a Business Manager on a short term contract, including possible impact on the calibre of applicants and managing potential risk of redundancy. PW strongly opposed the 12 month option as she felt the importance of attracting a strong candidate outweighed permanency concerns and short term redundancy costs. ND requested assurance that the post would not be filled unless a candidate of sufficient competence was identified.</p> <p>Action:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - The Board agreed to request expressions of interest for the Business Manager role on a 12 month temporary contract with Board members to publicise within their agency. - Expressions of interest have already been issued for the LSCB Training Administrator post with a closing date of 7th June in place. <p>Assurance on CSE</p> <p>GF noted that the Board received a paper on CSE approximately 12 months ago following implementation of new iART arrangement and six monthly updates were requested to ensure the board remained sighted on this issue. Since then there has been a significant drop in number of CSE flags and clarification is required as to whether this is due to more accurate identification of CSE or failure to embed process in practice.</p>

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	<p>PJ (on behalf of Katherine Appleton) reported on the recent audit findings which provided limited assurance on process, however, ET confirmed that 19 of the 22 cases examined were appropriately flagged with explanatory rationales for the remaining 3 cases. The Board discussed where responsibility for quality assuring process should sit, rationale for flagging and importance of deploying resources efficiently; membership and communication issues between operational, strategic and Pan Cheshire groups were also highlighted. SJ confirmed that production of snapshot reports from Operational group is now in place, and that she will be in a position to circulate the most recent one by the end of the week.</p> <p>It was noted that the LSCB is continuing to deliver courses on CSE as part of 2017-18 training programme, and as recommended within the audit, staff should be encouraged to attend. The Executive recommended that a review of processes be undertaken by a Task and Finish group of strategic leads with monthly updates provided as part of the scoping exercise.</p> <p>The Board discussed the best way to take this work forward, including inviting external challenge from statistical neighbour peer review, but ET felt that the task and finish group should assess the situation prior to undertaking a peer review.</p> <p>Actions:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - SJ to pull together scope for CSE Task and Finish group to include TOR. - Board to be kept sighted on progress electronically. - SJ will send Q4 CSE snapshot report to Board members. <p>Introduction of IT to Facilitate Meeting Attendance Some inter system difficulties have been encountered but SJ/PS are working to resolve issues. The Board requested that COMMS leads meet to address technical problems.</p>
06/17/09	Quality Assurance/Performance
	<p>Q4 Multi Agency Performance Report GG presented the headlines from the report and confirmed that the outstanding LADO information had now been produced. The continued increase in Children in Need was discussed. ET questioned the rationale for the rise in CIN figures over the last 12 months and requested further information on TaF/CIN/CP activity to identify gaps and risk management issues. Self-harm presentations to AED will be replaced by drug and alcohol as a key indicator for 2017-18, as these have continued to rise. AE confirmed that Mid Cheshire Hospital NHS Foundation Trust and Vale Royal CCG have begun a piece of work on repeat self-harm cases.</p> <p>LSCB Q4 Multi Agency Audit Report – Neglect iART Audit CIN Audit Random 20 Audit The audit reports were made available for members to consider. The Board discussed realistic auditor expectations, grading tipping points and areas for development. It would also be beneficial to produce a good case exemplar to improve practice. Demonstrating use of escalation policy may also enhance grading. The Q4 multi agency audit on neglect revealed lack of completed GCP assessments and failure to move cases up the CoN. The Board requested that the neglect task and</p>

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	<p>finish group examine the audit findings in more detail to identify whether evidence based assessments are not being completed or not recorded appropriately. GG highlighted that GP and school health are still not receiving notification of cases and that this had been a theme across a number of audits. PJ informed members that this was now a mandatory field on Liquid Logic and he would expect to see improvements in this area. ND also advised that GPs are not attending or providing reports to TaF meetings despite these events being sympathetically scheduled. HB suggested developing a pro forma that GPs can complete updating on specific actions they are responsible for.</p> <p>Action:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - AE and ND to discuss GP TaF reporting issues outside meeting. <p>SJ challenged the use of 'contracts of expectations' in relation to Domestic Violence which may put onus on victim. However, ET highlighted recent changes which may affect use of this process.</p> <p>ET asked the Board about 'risk culture/risk appetite' and how we as a partnership could do some work on moving this to the next stage, and how we collectively work together to manage/share risk.</p> <p>The Executive agreed to take multi agency approach to risk to develop collective understanding.</p> <p>SQAU 2016-17 Q4 Report</p> <p>PJ reported that analysis of the Safeguarding Unit data would suggest stability in terms of figures, approach and placements. Independent Reviewing Officers (IROs) have undertaken a care planning audit which revealed the need for some improvements and evidenced health gaps, although it was not clear whether this is due to practitioners not being invited or not attending. Children participate in their review which is also seen as a positive indicator. Figures for sexual abuse in Northwich/Winsford area were queried.</p> <p>Electively Home Educated (EHE) children. MP highlighted national activity and proposals for changes in EHE legislation. Local systems are robust with training delivered and challenge applied.</p>
06/17/10	Presentation on Suicide Prevention
	<p>Jayne Fortune, Advanced Health Improvement Practitioner for Public Health, reported on the local perspective for suicide prevention (which includes self-harming).</p> <p>Key points included:-</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Sub regional work is being undertaken across Cheshire and Merseyside footprint on a multi-agency basis (overseen by a number of groups). - Work is being influenced by the CHAMPS Cheshire and Merseyside Public Health Network) - The 9 Pillars scheme, accredited by Living Works, Canada, has been embedded in the action plan. - Focus is being placed on people rather than places to identify vulnerable individuals who may be contemplating suicide. - An audit has been undertaken (across children and adult population). Whilst data has remained static for some time, no links to particular groups were noted. (indicators for increased risk in younger people up to age 29 listed

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	<p>within presentation).</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Links are being strengthened with organisations such as Papyrus and AMPARO to provide increased support. - Discussions are taking place with young people to highlight key issues. - There is greater recognition of the larger circle of people (family, friends, colleagues) affected by suicide and the need for wider support. - Suicide Prevention campaigns are targeting public events such as Chester PRIDE Parade. <p>The Board discussed the issues raised in the presentation and highlighted the need for a discreet service as some LGBT community members may not wish to be identified. A body of material has been gathered from two serious case reviews (SCRs) undertaken following deaths from suicide which may inform suicide prevention work, including use of websites to investigate methodology. JF confirmed that statistics for CWAC are lower than the national average for young people. However, the Board stressed the importance of monitoring data to identify emerging trends.</p> <p>The Board thanked JF for her presentation (attached for information)</p>  <p>Item 10 LSCB Suicide Prev Update June 20</p>
06/17/11	<p>CYP Emotional Health and Wellbeing Partnership Experiences and Challenges for Partners</p>
	<p>Cathy Walsh (West Cheshire CCG Commissioner) and John Bucknall (Strategic Commissioner CWC LA) attended the meeting to provide an update on the joint CWAC, West Cheshire and Vale Royal CCGs Children and Young People Mental Health and Wellbeing Transformation Plan.</p> <p>CW confirmed that an iTHRIVE model has been adopted and highlighted the need for all partners to contribute to the work of the plan, as CAMHS represents only a small part of the mental health service. A number of groups have been formed to oversee progress and a significant amount of training has been offered covering self-harm, anxiety and depression over the last 14 months, particularly targeted at schools. The impact of this training is currently being evaluated to ensure most efficient provision of resources. Other aids include drama performance session entitled “You Are Not Alone” available for secondary schools, web facilities – My Mind and My Wellbeing online chat site and consultations which school can initiate if concerned about a child’s welfare.</p> <p>MP confirmed that this issue is a priority for the Educational Improvement Board. The Access Group is well attended by schools and the Vulnerable Group is also education focused. A survey has been conducted with primary schools heads to ascertain what emotional support is in place. HD highlighted problems faced by primary school staff dealing with young children who are manifesting extreme behaviours, with some becoming exceptionally violent, and difficulties experienced in separating behavioural and mental health issues. Conversely there may be a danger of overlooking children with mental health problems who are withdrawn and failing to thrive. ND felt that a single point of contact that could signpost appropriately would be beneficial.</p> <p>The Board requested information on services available for low level mental health issues and 0-4 age range was identified as a gap. HB highlighted IES packages and</p>

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	<p>asked that Matthew Adams liaises with Angela Houghton on development work.</p> <p>CW was not able to clarify whether Vale Royal children could access the same level of service and agreed to check the position. The Board stressed that it was imperative that pathways for Cheshire West and Vale Royal were compatible and raised concerns about any imbalance between areas. This issue may need to be raised as a challenge to the Children's Trust.</p> <p>CW confirmed that funding was being sought to provide 1 to 1 work for young people in Vale Royal and Cheshire West have substantially reduced waiting times. Work is being done with CWP to develop a triage service.</p> <p>The Board had asked a number of challenge questions for which a response was provided and discussed by members. Challenge questions and responses attached for information.</p>  <p>Item 11 Supporting Questions for Board</p> <p>Action:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Challenge to the Childrens Trust regarding equity of service across the 2 CCG areas for CWC Children and Young People.
06/17/12	Report on LSCB Parent/Carer Event
	<p>SJ provided an evaluation of the LSCB parent/carers event on 24th March. The event was massively oversubscribed and the Board was asked how they would like this work to be taken forward. SJ also requested details of similar events that parents who did not secure a place could attend.</p> <p>Cllr Meardon agreed to raise this at the CYP Emotional Health and Wellbeing Partnership Board</p>
06/17/13	Information to be Received
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) CDOP 2016-17 Q4 Report – data only b) Feedback from Other Partnerships <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Children's Trust • Family Justice Board c) Learning and Development Annual Report 2016-17 d) Update on Serious Case Reviews <p>The Board received the above information without comment.</p>
06/17/14	Any Other Business
	None
	<p>Meeting closed at 5.05 pm Next Meeting: Monday 25th September at 9.30 am in Conference Room A&B, 1829 Building, Countess of Chester Health Park, Liverpool Road, Chester CH2 1HJ.</p>

LSCB Board Attendance 2017-18

Members	Agency	Meeting Dates			
		05/06/17	20/10/17	27/11/17	22/01/18
Gill Frame (Chair)	Independent Chair	√			
Alison Amesbury/ Terry Upton	Housing Solutions	Apr			
Do Bedford	West Chester College	Apr			
Helen Brackenbury	Integrated Early Support	√			
Gavin Butler	Adult Safeguarding	Apr			
Tom Cheadle	CAFCASS	√			
Gareth Cheesman	Lay Member	Apr			
Dee Davie	NHS England	Apr			
Caroline Crosby	Legal Safeguarding Manager	N/a			
Avril Devaney/ Andrea Hughes	Cheshire and Wirral Partnership	√			
Steve Dool	Neston High School	Apr			
Nicky Dowling	Highfield Primary School	√			
Anne Eccles	Designated Nurse/CCG	√			
Lisa Jenkins/ John Davidson	National Probation	√			
Paul Jenkins	Safeguarding Quality Assurance Unit	√			
Gareth Jones	Cheshire West, Halton and Warrington Youth Offending Service	√			
Sian Jones	LSCB Business Manager	√			
Allison Kelly	Countess of Chester Hospital	√			
Nicole Meardon	Elected Member	√			
Dr Rajiv Mittal	Designated Doctor	√			
Samantha Myers-Whittaker	Capenhurst Grange School	Apr			
Mark Parkinson	Education, CWAC	√			
Kath Senior	Cheshire East NHS Trust	Apr			
Tony Sharples	Public Health	√			
Alison Lynch/ Kate	Mid Cheshire NHS Trust	√			

Daly-Brown					
Emma Taylor	Children's Social Care, CWAC	√			
Judith Thorley	NHS Vale Royal Clinical Commissioning Group	Rep			
Paula Wedd	NHS West Cheshire Clinical Commissioning Group	√			
Gareth Lee/ Peter Shaw	Cheshire Police	√			
Donna Yates	Cheshire and Greater Manchester Probation	√			
Noreen Gallagher	Administrator	√			