



MINUTES

The Local Safeguarding Children Board
Meeting Held on Monday 11th February 2019 at 1.30 pm 2018 at 1.30 pm 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
Helen Brackenbury (HB) Director of Early Help and Prevention
Jo-Ann Carnwell (JaC) Rep for Kate Daly-Brown (KDB) Deputy Director of Nursing, Mid Cheshire Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust
Satwinder Lotay (SaL) rep for Avril Devaney (AD) Director of Nursing, Cheshire and Wirral Partnership
Nigel Wenham (NW) rep for Peter Shaw (PS), Detective Superintendent, Cheshire Police
Gareth Cheesman (GC) LSCB Lay Member
Nicky Dowling (ND) Head Teacher, Highfield Primary School
Paula Wedd (PW) Director of Quality and Safeguarding, NHS West Cheshire CCG (also Rep for Tracey Shewan (TS) Director of Quality and Safeguarding NHS Vale Royal CCG)
Cllr Nicola Meardon (NM) Elected Member
Ian Ashworth (IA) Director of Public Health, CWAC
Gareth Jones (GJ) Head of Service, Youth Justice Service

In Attendance

Paul Jenkins (PJ) Senior Manager, Safeguarding Quality Assurance Unit
Dr Rajiv Mittal (RM) Designated Doctor, Safeguarding Children
Anne Eccles (AE) Designated Nurse for Safeguarding, Cheshire West and Vale Royal CCGs
Chris Baggs (CB) Director of Learner Services, Cheshire College
Karen Owen (KO) Senior Manager, Adult Services
Sian Jones (SJ) LSCB Business Manager

Visitors


Denise Worth (DW) Chief Superintendent, Cheshire Police
Christina Meacock (CM) LSCB Training Administrator

Administrator – Noreen Gallagher (NG)

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Caroline Crosby, Legal Safeguarding Manager, Safeguarding and Litigation Team, CWAC
Alison Amesbury, Senior Manager, Housing Solutions

Pauline Butterfield (PB) Dioceses of Chester Safeguarding
 Avril Devaney (AD) Director of Nursing, Cheshire and Wirral Partnership (rep Satwinder Lotay)
 Ceri Schofield, Assistant Chief Executive, Community Rehabilitation Services
 Susan Hewitt (SH) Safeguarding Practitioner, North West Ambulance Service
 Kath Senior (KS) Director of Nursing, Performance and Quality, East Cheshire NHS Trust
 Keith Simpson (KS) Head Teacher, Neston High School
 Victoria Peach (VP) Cheshire and Wirral Partnership
 Alison Kelly (AK) Director of Nursing and Quality, Countess of Chester Hospital
 Delyth Curtis (DC) Director of People's Services
 Kate Daly-Brown (KDB) Deputy Director of Nursing, Mid Cheshire Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust (rep Jo-Ann Carnwell)
 Mark Parkinson, Director of Education, CWAC
 Tracey Shewan (TS) Director of Quality and Safeguarding NHS Vale Royal CCG (rep Paula Wedd)
 Mike McCann (MMc) Head Teacher, Greenbank School and QWASSH rep
 Jackie Rooney (JR) Senior Nurse, Quality & Safeguarding, NHS England
 Lisa Jenkins (LJ) Senior Operational Manager, National Probation Service
 Tom Cheadle (TC) Service Manager, CAF/CASS
 Gordon Grinney (GG) LSCB Quality Assurance Officer

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02/19/01	Previous Minutes and Matters Arising
	The minutes from the previous meeting were agreed as accurate, and actions were reviewed/updated (see separate action log for detail).
02/19/02	Chairs Report
	<p>GF highlighted key issues from her report which include:-</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • National Children's Bureau evaluation of early adopters which is available on their website; • National Safeguarding Review Panel early findings which show a significant increase in numbers. <p>The Board reviewed the letter received from the Quaker Society challenging army recruitment campaigns. The Board agreed that whilst violence should not be glamorised this is not a safeguarding issue and children may be more influenced by images on television/social media. However, it was felt that the Army could use more positive messages such as training and career opportunities in its campaigns.</p> <p>Action:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - GF to respond to the Quaker Society.
02/19/03	Update on Future Working Arrangements
	 <p>CWAC Safeguarding Partnership new struc</p> <p>SJ presented proposals for new arrangements, including group structure and agency</p>

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	<p>involvement. It is intended to retain all current partners and incorporate a thematic approach to learning.</p> <p>Three Group Structure</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Executive • Quality Assurance and Scrutiny • Practice Improvement <p>Whilst agency breakdown will be provided individual representatives have not been identified at this stage. In addition to core group members some agencies will be co-opted as and when required.</p> <p>Rapid Review Panel</p> <p>Existing membership will be retained within the new panel, although level of seniority may need to be adjusted. Discussions with Probation may be required about their involvement.</p> <p>GF asked if the relevant people had been identified as 'super users' for the new online reporting arrangements for notifiable incidents.</p> <p>Training and Development Hub</p> <p>The new hub will strengthen links with the Domestic Abuse Partnership (DAP) and Community Safety Partnership (CSP) to provide a comprehensive safeguarding training platform.</p> <p>Key Issues identified include increasing engagement with children and young people and incorporating think family approach to all work.</p> <p>HB highlighted Child Exploitation which has previously been driven by the LSCB but will be owned by the CSP in future (with contribution from the new partnership). The Child Exploitation Operational Group will go live in February but further discussion is required on the strategic group.</p> <p>Actions:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - SJ to update structure following Board discussion and identify next steps. - PJ and ET to ensure agreement over 'superusers' for the new online reporting arrangements for notifiable incidents. - HB and SJ to discuss future arrangements for strategic MFH/CSE/HT group.
02/19/04	Child Death Overview Panel - New Arrangements
	<p>PW outlined the proposal for the future arrangements regarding CDOP.</p> <p>A small group is taking work forward on developing CDOP processes. Under the new guidance responsibility lies with Local Authorities and CCGs but the Board agreed that whilst arrangements need to comply with guidance they also need to remain practical. PW highlighted key areas including exploring different ways of working and establishing wider links.</p> <p>The outline proposal proposed:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Continue with the Pan Cheshire approach with an Independent Chair; - Funding commitment would remain the same; - Each local area to determine the reporting arrangements;

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - CDOP members to review the internal processes to ensure compliance with Working Together 2018; - Review the arrangements in January 2020. <p>Members supported the proposal and agree with CDOP reporting to Health and Wellbeing Board with minimum of the annual report being made available to the Safeguarding Partnership.</p>
02/19/05	Joint Targeted Area Inspection update – Local Authority
	<p>ET provided an update on Local Authority JTAI action progress and highlighted key issues as follows:-</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Information sharing agreement has been written and front door working relationship between police and Local Authority has improved which has had a positive impact on practice; - Relationship with Probation has also been strengthened; - The Local Authority is funding additional health and drug and alcohol posts; - Better use of technology has facilitated greater multiagency attendance at strategy meetings (where appropriate) although face to face contact is still the preferred option; - Improvements have been demonstrated within audit findings; - Plans are incorporating greater emphasis on parental motivation and training opportunities are being offered to staff within their environment (New Ways of Working will also address this); - Working is ongoing to evidence improved response to neglect. <p>Action:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - SJ to map the evidence provided by partners against the JTAI Partnership Improvement Plan; - SJ to provide an update for the next meeting in relation to progress against the Neglect Strategy action plan.
02/19/06	Pan Cheshire CSE/MFH/Trafficking Proposal
	<p>NW presented the report prepared by Peter Shaw of Cheshire Police which outlined proposals to join up several strands of work under a pan Cheshire Contextual Safeguarding group, however, the proposal for to split the Adult and Children workstreams.</p> <p>The Board discussed the proposal and highlighted the following key issues:-</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - The proposal relates to purely to children’s services. Given the think family approach adopted by this borough it was felt that greater benefits would be achieved from inclusion of adult services within the group remit; members didn’t support this element of the proposal; - Members noted that sub regional work is about to be reviewed and Protecting Vulnerable People (PVP) governance has not yet been finalised. Concerns were expressed that decisions on group formation and structure should be taken sequentially; - Clarity is required on which board the group would be reporting to and assurance should be sought that has the decision making ability to take work forward. <p>Generally, the Board felt that governance arrangements around pan Cheshire work</p>

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	<p>required strengthening. There was support for reflecting think family within the group arrangements, especially around transition, and flexibility to consider alternative models.</p> <p>KO commented that the Safeguarding Adults Board would be providing a response to the proposal and that they were not supportive of splitting Adults and Children. The Pan Cheshire Harmful Practice Group which is currently Adults would be proving a response as would Health colleagues.</p> <p>GF agree to send a response on behalf of the LSCB.</p> <p>Action:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Agencies are asked to respond individually to Victoria Yoxall (PA to Peter Shaw) by the end of February; - GF to provide a response on behalf of the Board.
02/19/07	Update on work of Task and Finish Groups
a.	<p>i-ART</p> <p>ET provided an update on the work of the i-ART Task group and outlined key issues (see report for detail and next steps).</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - The MARF has been updated and launched with good feedback received; - Increased use of evidence based assessment tools has demonstrated better understanding of thresholds. <p>SaL commented that it would be helpful to have an agency breakdown regarding the use of assessment tools in order to address within individual agencies.</p> <p>ET and NW discussed future arrangements for provision of police representation within front door as this has been a gap since the retirement of the previous post holder. NW understood that this post had been deleted in line with arrangements in the other three pan Cheshire boroughs but ET has not received official confirmation of this.</p> <p>ND raised concerns from Safeguarding Children in Education Team (SCIE) that i-ART is directing school settings to discuss referrals with the SCIE team prior to submission to i-ART even when there are clear presenting issues.</p> <p>Actions:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Gemma Gerrish to provide an agency breakdown in relation to use of assessment tools; - ET and NW to discuss police representation in iART; - ND to resolve issues with Gemma Gerrish (i-ART) and Jeanette Cain (SCIE). <p>E-Safety</p> <p>PJ reported on the work of the e-Safety Task and Finish Group which has now completed its remit. The group has produced an e-Safety Strategy and identified four key priorities.</p> <p>The Board was asked to agree the priorities and develop a suitable process for monitoring progress via an action plan. It is proposed to convene a multiagency working group to take work forward in conjunction with views/participation of young people.</p> <p>ND welcomed the Strategy from an educational perspective and NM highlighted the excellent work done at the Annual Young People's Conference. Board members</p>
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	<p>highlighted the need for joined-up working to ensure we are sighted on current issues such as proliferation of dating apps and reach of cyber bullying, and requested liaison with the Youth Service.</p> <p>The Board endorsed the Strategy and agreed the priorities outline and supported a working group will be set up to assign responsibility and take work forward.</p>
02/19/08	<p>Update on SCR Irrelevant & Sensitive</p>
	<h1 style="font-size: 2em; margin: 0;">Irrelevant & Sensitive</h1>
02/19/09	<p>Executive Update to Board</p>
	<p>PJ outlined three key areas for endorsement:-</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - New Local arrangements - New Pan Cheshire arrangements - Direction on how Child Exploitation (CE) work will be taken forward (with review after three months). SaL confirmed that the CE Terms of Reference will be issued shortly but questioned whether group representation was appropriate. <p>The Executive also received an update on the Child Protection Information Sharing System (CPISS). JaC expressed positive comments about the system which has already demonstrated value within MCHFT.</p> <p>Action:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - PJ to provide a further evaluation of CPISS in 9 months.

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02/19/10	MAPPA Report
	The Board received the MAPPA report for information and noted content. NW confirmed that no issues of concern have been raised.
02/19/11	Review of LSCB Business Plan 2015-19
	<p>The Board reviewed the Business Plan, focusing on the four outstanding actions (red), and considered whether these should be closed or carried over.</p> <p>2.1.3 Developing a Communications Strategy that ensures the voice of the child is integral to the work of the Board. Children and Young People's views should be covered under new arrangements. Add Rationale and Leave on Plan</p> <p>3.9 Ensure that children with disabilities receive the protection and support they require. This cohort was the subject of the T2 multiagency audit which did not identify any concerns.</p> <p>5.2 Unaccompanied Asylum Seekers are swiftly recognised and supported. PJ confirmed that Asylum seekers are identified quickly and assessments are undertaken to match cultural needs etc.</p> <p>The LSCB training offer does not currently include courses on Children with Disabilities (CWD) or asylum seekers to raise awareness or increase understanding. PJ suggested that more audit evidence may be required to provide assurance. Leave on plan but only carry over CWD.</p> <p>The Board agreed that a short development session should take place to formulate priorities for new arrangements.</p> <p>Action:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Executive meeting already in place for 13/03/19 to be extended and widened to accommodate this action.
02/19/12	Quality Assurance/Performance
a.	<p>SQAU 2018-19 Q1 and Q2 Reports PJ presented this information, focusing on Q2 recommendations.</p> <p>Key Issues:-</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Undertaking work to increase effectiveness of practice. - Ensuring alignment with New Ways of Working. - Developing care planning template to achieve consistency in actions. This will be signed off at tomorrow's SMT and added to Liquid Logic for launch on 1st April 2019. Piece of work to be undertaken to review high conversion rate between referrals and Child Protection (CP) plans; - CP midpoint tracking requires improvement; - Seeking assurance from Children in Care (CIC) and Care Leavers re deterioration in statutory visits. ET confirmed that this issue is being actively addressed and closely scrutinised. The Board discussed children placed outside of borough and stressed the importance of this cohort receiving comparable care to those children placed within CWC footprint. A joint audit with North Wales on Children in Care placements outside Cheshire boundary is scheduled for early

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<p>b.</p> <p>c.</p> <p>d.</p> <p>e.</p> <p>f.</p>	<p>March 2019 to ensure children are receiving a comparable service to those placed within Cheshire West and Chester.</p> <p>CDOP 2018-19 Q2 and Q3 Reports Key Issues</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Monitoring out of area deaths; - Highlighting dangers of alcohol consumption by young people – the Board considered whether campaigns should be run in secondary schools. IA confirmed that pathways around adult alcohol consumption are in place and the Board noted the benefits of linking with national campaigns, although some bespoke work may be beneficial. Members recognised opportunities to be proactive and noted potential links between education and health. Particular vulnerability for children who go missing was discussed. The Board emphasised that any training commissioned should be delivered by experts in this field. <p>2018-19 Multiagency T1 Audit Report – Children With Disabilities Key Issues</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - The audit raised no specific concerns; - One case involved a young carer; - SJ confirmed that a small number of children with disabilities are included in all multiagency audits. <p>ET outlined the challenges faced within the CWD team. She assured members that these are being actively addressed and that a more stable workforce was coming into place. It was agreed to look at the dataset to ensure that information regarding CWD was adequately reflected.</p> <p>The Board agreed that the audit provided assurance.</p> <p>Action:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Quality Assurance Subgroup to ensure information on children with disabilities is reflected in dataset. <p>2018-19 Q2 Performance Report</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Reduction in activity across the board. - Lack of data on Youth Custody (GJ will check whether meeting has been held recently). - Neglect indicators have been identified and will start to be collected. <p>SCIE 2018-19 Term 1 Report GF asked Board members to note all the good work done by SCIE team.</p> <p>HMPYOI Wetherby – Update on Earlier Staffing Issues. GJ confirmed that the Youth Justice Management Board will increase robustness within new arrangements.</p> <p>Action:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - GJ to discuss with Mark Palethorpe.
02/19/13	Information to be Received
	The Countess of Chester Hospital Safeguarding Children Annual Report Part 1 2017-2018 and Hospital Independent Domestic Abuse Advisor (IDVA)

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	Annual Report (2017-2018) were received by the Board without comment.
02/19/14	Any Other Business
	None
	Meeting closed at 4.40 pm

LSCB Board Attendance 2018-19

Members	Agency	Meeting Dates			
		16/04/18	27/07/18	22/10/18	11/02/19
Gill Frame (Chair)	Independent Chair	√	√	√	
Alison Amesbury/ Terry Upton	Housing Solutions	Apr	Apr	Apr	
Chris Baggs/Jo Kavanagh	West Chester College	Apr	Apr	√	
Helen Brackenbury	Early Help and Prevention	√	√	Rep	
Gavin Butler/Karen Owen	Adult Safeguarding	Apr	Apr	√	
Tom Cheadle	CAFCASS	√	Apr	√	
Gareth Cheesman	Lay Member	Apr	√	√	
Dee Davies/Jackie Rooney	NHS England	Apr	Apr	√	
Caroline Crosby	Legal Safeguarding Manager	N/a	N/a	N/a	
Avril Devaney/ Satwinder Lotay	Cheshire and Wirral Partnership	√	√	√	
Steve Dool	Neston High School	√	Apr	Apr	
Nicky Dowling	Highfield Primary School	Apr	Apr	√	
Anne Eccles	Designated Nurse/CCG	Apr	√	√	
Lisa Jenkins/ John Davidson	National Probation	√	√	√	
Paul Jenkins	Safeguarding Quality Assurance Unit	√	√	√	
Gareth Jones/Tom Dooks	Cheshire West, Halton and Warrington Youth Offending Service	√	√	Apr	
Sian Jones	LSCB Business Manager	X	X	√	
Allison Kelly	Countess of Chester Hospital	Apr	√	Apr	
Nicole Meardon	Elected Member	Apr	Apr	√	
Dr Rajiv Mittal/ Dr Howie Isaac	Designated Doctor	√	√	√	
Mike McCann	Greenbank School	Apr	Apr	√	
Mark Parkinson	Education, CWAC	Apr	√	Rep	
Kath Senior	Cheshire East NHS Trust	Apr	Apr	Apr	

Tony Sharples/Ian Ashworth	Public Health	√	Apr	Apr	
Kate Daly-Brown/Joann Carnwell	Mid Cheshire NHS Trust	√	√	√	
Emma Taylor	Children's Social Care, CWAC	√	√	Rep	
Tracey Shewan	NHS Vale Royal Clinical Commissioning Group	Apr	Apr	Rep	
Paula Wedd	NHS West Cheshire Clinical Commissioning Group	√	Apr	√	
Peter Shaw/ Louise Cherrington	Cheshire Police	√	√	√	
Jenny Archer-Powell	Cheshire and Greater Manchester Probation	Apr	Apr	Apr	
Noreen Gallagher	Administrator	√	√	√	