

North Somerset Safeguarding Children Board



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Date of Meeting	9 th September 2019
Venue	National Probation Offices, St Georges, Worle
Chair	Tony Oliver, Independent Chair
Minutes	Lucy Teteris, Safeguarding Boards Co-ordinator

Agency	Membership	Attendance
LSCB Chair	Tony Oliver	Attending
LSCB Deputy Chair (National Probation Service)	Liz Spencer	Attending
DCS, Director P&C	Sheila Smith	Attending
Service Leader Strategic Safeguarding and Quality Assurance	Jo Baker	Attending
Avon Fire and Rescue (Correspondent Member)	Neil Liddington	Apologies (N/a)
Avon and Somerset Police	Leanne Pook	Apologies
Avon and Somerset Police	Victoria Caple	Apologies
AWP	Lynne Franklin	Apologies
Barnados	Duncan Stanway	Apologies
BNSSG CCG	Jacalyn Mathers	
BNSSG CCG Designated Doctor for Safeguarding)	Richard Williams	Attending
Border Force	Denise Preston	
Cafcass	Victoria Penaliggon	Apologies
CRC	Peter Brandt	Apologies
Lay Member	Anna Curvan	Attending
North Somerset Community Partnership	Mary Lewis	Attending

North Somerset Community Partnership	Jos Grimwood	Apologies
North Somerset Council, Assistant Director Adult Support and Safeguarding	Hayley Verrico	Apologies
North Somerset Council, Assistant Director Children's Support and Safeguarding	Eifion Price	Attending
North Somerset Council, Executive Member	Cllr Catherine Gibbons	Attending
North Somerset Council, Solicitor	Lorraine Sherman	Attending
Secondary Schools	No representative	
St Francis Primary School	Catherine Hunt	Apologies
South West Ambulance Service	Debbie Bilton	
Sub-Group Chair: Communications	Anne Ray Rowley	Attending
Sub-Group Chair: Early Help	Mike Rees	Attending
Sub-Group Chair: Policy and Procedures	N/a	
Sub Group Chair: SE/Missing	Ruth Sutherland	Attending
Sub-Group Chair: Training and Development	Carolyn Hills	Apologies
United Hospitals Bristol Weston	Sarah Windfeld	
VANs		
WAHT	Sarah Dodds	Attending
Attending to present to Board:		
MCA/DOLS Manager	Dameon Caddy	Attending

Minutes/Actions

Agenda Item 1: Introduction and Apologies
Presenting: Tony Oliver

TO thanked National Probation Service for the room. He asked Board members to note the confidentiality statement on the attendance sheet.

He introduced Dameon Caddy who gave a presentation on the new Liberty Protection Safeguards (see below).

He explained to the Board that as this was the final LSCB he wanted to formally complete various pieces of work and highlight what needs to be rolled over to the new arrangements.

Introductions were made and Tony welcomed:

- Faye Kamara from NHS England
- Kate Blackburn, CSC and Multi-Agency L&D Officer who attended on behalf of Carolyn Hills.

Agenda Item 2: Declarations of Interest and AOB
Presenting: Tony Oliver

There were no declarations of interest.

ARR raised one item of AOB around suicide prevention.

Item 3: Presentations and Good Practice Examples:
Presenting: See below:
Discussion/Challenge:

Liberty Protection Safeguards (LPS) update: As this new legislation includes 16 to 18 year olds, TO invited Dameon Caddy, MCA/DoLS Manager to give the Board an overview. His presentation is uploaded with these minutes. **Action.**

Cllr Gibbons noted that the charity MIND had shared their concerns that the legislation did not include taking into account the wishes and feelings of the person using services.

DC confirmed that this was missed out in the first legislation that went to parliament but after critical feedback it was introduced and is now included.

Discussion around the new legislation being drafted loosely and open to interpretation; it will be down to individual commissioners on how they implement it. DC stated that he welcomed the chance to make the legislation more efficient.

Discussion around children services and currently children in a placement who are using drugs/self-harming/vulnerable to exploitation having 2 to 1 care, that it is general consensus to protect that child and whether this will continue under this type of legislation.

DC agreed and thought that the change in approach from adult and children services will cause difficulties taking into consideration children's legislation and that duty to protect.

Also, that more applications will be made to the court for secure orders for children.

TO thanked DC stating the importance that this topic is on the agenda of the new safeguarding arrangements. **Action:** This item to be rolled over to the new arrangements.

Agenda Item 4: Minutes of Safeguarding Board 10th June 2019
Presenting: Tony Oliver

The minutes were signed-off as an accurate record by the Board.

TO went through the outstanding actions, these were either complete, agenda items or updated as detailed below:

	Lead	Date
CI Ben Mosely to be invited to attend LSCB to present. Victoria Caple was due to present this presentation on County Lines and Cuckooing on Ben Mosely's behalf but was unable to attend Board. This can be done in December as part of the new arrangements if required. Action.	VC	Roll over action

Item 5 : Standing Items
Presenting: TO
Discussion/Challenge:

5 (i) Executive Group:

TO let the Board know that the LSCB Executive met on 22.07.19 and that the minutes are attached for information. Actions from the group have either been completed or agenda items.

5 (ii) Safeguarding Partners update: Sheila Smith gave an update. She explained that there is an outstanding query regarding statutory partner membership and that the BNSSG CCG were proposing to delegate North Somerset to a designated director from Weston Area Health Trust. It was confirmed this morning to the BNSSG CCG, on behalf of both North Somerset and South Gloucestershire, that under the new arrangements, it is not legal to delegate to a provider. She noted that at the Adult Board delegation is permissible which reduces the director's need to attend Boards by half. A chair has to be chosen from the three partners. The other issue Sheila noted, was that the BNSSG CCG director is an interim and will be leaving at the end of the month.

JB confirmed that she is meeting with the statutory leads next week to work on the implementation plan. She attended a contextual meeting in Bristol where the aim is to do more regional work where possible. Direction will need to come from those most senior people (see above). There is no additional funding between now and March.

SS reminded the Board that as DCS she is no longer the sole statutory lead from safeguarding and that this is now shared with BNSSG CCG and A&S Police. All key agencies signed a document which is now on the DoE website.

Mary Lewis asked and SS clarified that it is ok for the delegated people to attend the LSAB as they are employed by BNSSG CCG and what is not legal is for providers to be delegated.

Faye Karama from NHS England agreed to feedback the above to BNSSG CCG.

5 (iii) Agency updates from inspections and audits:

There were none.

5 (iv) Partner organisations' annual reports:

None

DOFA: This will be carried forward. **Action**

Item 6: Sub-group reports
Presenting:
Discussion/Challenge:

6 (i) Quality and Performance: JB had nothing to update. The current multi-agency audit is on children living in an environment with parents with mental health issues tying in with the JTAI. Findings will be reported into the new arrangements. JB noted that there was poor representation at the last sub-group (Chaired by co-chair as JB was on leave). Going forward she will endeavour to ensure multi-agency attendance. SS agreed to raise this too. **Action.**

6 (ii) P&P sub-group. TO confirmed that most of the policies have been reviewed and where necessary, updated.

JB explained that this is a sub-group where the work needs to be carried out regionally in the future and linked with SWCPP which meets quarterly.

- Early Help Strategy. See sub-group report update below. Carry forward. **Action.**
- FGM Guidance and Flowchart. In progress. Carry forward. **Action.**

6 (iii) Early Help sub-group:

Mike Rees updated the Board and noted that the sub-group report had been submitted. The draft Early Help Strategy has been circulated to ensure that partners are sighted on it and contribute to it as it develops. The intent is to emphasise that it's everybody's business to contribute to Early Help. The idea, therefore, of the document is to both identify existing contributions from partners whilst identifying any gaps for future development. So far in this document it identifies things that are critical to EH. He highlighted:

- the Early Help case management system which is available for partners to use if they wish
- leads in EH triage. Identify lead professionals to coordinate cases and also to identify a lead liaison with the families
- various sections identify some of the key contributions of children-based services, both local authority and partner agencies.

The strategy went to a meeting of senior managers within the local authority's People and Communities directorate last week where it was agreed to add agencies working with adults which have an impact on helping young people.

The strategy is also being used as a vehicle to transition the National Troubled Families Programme.

He asked Board members to consider their own organisations and identify and highlight to him what can be incorporated into this strategy adding value to working together. It was agreed for partners to forward their amendments/additions to him by **30th November**. He hopes for the strategy to go live by April 2020 fitting in with the end of the Trouble Families programme. He also intends to take it to a conference involving schools and academies for them to also contribute to the strategy. Carry forward. **Action.**

The Board also agreed to amend the expiry date of the existing strategy to April 2020. LT to amend on website. **Action.**

It was noted attendance at the Early Help sub-group has dropped off and this has made revising the strategy more difficult. The next sub-group is being held on 24th October at 2:00pm. EP asked that all Board members encourage their representatives to attend this meeting. It was agreed that MR will send out the sub-group invitation to all Board members. **Action.**

6 (iv) Learning & Development sub-group: There was no update. JB explained that this is another area where it is proposed to link regionally. A meeting which CH has been invited to is taking place within the next couple of weeks. She also reminded the Board that activity arising from the Q&P sub-group should feed into this sub-group.

6 (v) Communications sub-group: ARR updated the Board. A task and finish group was formed for World Suicide Prevention Day which is tomorrow, 10th September. It was noted

that a large number of suicide cases are male. Lions Barbers Collective are holding training sessions in November.

Anti-bullying week is being held in November. Wear odd socks on 12th November. ARR met Mike Jordan they have put together a leaflet and he has taken this round to schools and colleges in draft form.

6 (vi) Tackling Exploitation and Missing sub-group: RS updated the Board. She highlighted that the sub-group had a presentation by Andre from the police on SE, criminal exploitation and county lines and cuckooing. This presentation will be adapted and offered free to schools and educational settings.

The presentation will also be offered to private landlords and providers. LP also noted that it has been arranged for Andre to present to GPs too.

New actions for year ahead include:

- Children not in education who may be at risk of exploitation
- Criminal exploitation and knife crime
- Children at risk of exploitation transitioning into adulthood.

Adult exploitation strategy. RS noted that there were very few 'adult' representatives at the last meeting, only Ruth's Co-chair, Helen Heskins. Helen is stepping down and Jess Aston from the police is taking on the role. TO thanked the police.

TO reminded the Board about the lack of engagement from hoteliers when he wrote to them around CSE awareness training, in June 2018. A discussion by Board members on how to reach licensed premises was held. A suggestion that licensing and/or the police would be better placed to contact them, and perhaps like taxi drivers, CSE awareness training is a condition of their license. It was agreed that RS will go back to Sioux Isherwood from licensing. It was also suggested to see if Andre from the police would be able to provide her presentation to licensed premises too.

It was noted that the police had carried out Operation Makesafe in Somerset and RS believes that this is being expanded across other regions.

TO asked whether this sub-group would still run in its existing form under the new arrangements. SS confirmed that although this will be led by Bristol to prevent duplication, local issues will be dealt with locally.

Action: It was agreed for LT to send the list of hotels and TO's letter to Ruth.

6 (vii) Young People's sub-group:

No update. JB confirmed that as discussed at the Executive that under the new arrangements it is planned to tap into existing arrangements.

6 (viii) SCR Sub-Group:

- SCR action plans: TO reminded the Board of the template circulated asking for agencies to confirm that specific actions have been fed into daily business and although he has had a couple of replies he has asked for the remainder to be sent to LT by the end of September. **Action.** He asked the Board, subject to the above whether they were happy to sign-off the action plans as completed. **This was agreed.**

Item 7: Annual Report and Business Plan
 Presenting: Tony Oliver
 Discussion/Challenge:

The draft report was uploaded with the Board papers. TO asked the Board if they were happy to sign this off. **The Board agreed.**

LT to circulate to Police & Crime Commissioner, BNSSG CCG and CEO North Somerset Council and to upload onto the website. **Action.**

Item 8: AOB
 Presenting: Tony Oliver
 Discussion/Challenge:

- ARR raised a suicide awareness query on a young carer. JB thanked ARR for bringing this to the attention of the Board and suggested ARR contact Helen Yeo who chairs the Suicide Prevention Group. **Action.**
- Liz Spencer, deputy Chair of the LSCB thanked TO for his time and commitment as Independent Chair; she noted his inclusivity; personal support and his humour, noting that the LSCB had been through challenging times over the past years and that in potentially more turbulent times he is leaving us behind. She stated that Board members will miss him very much.

Liz handed over to Sheila Smith who seconded everything Liz said. She reminded Tony that she and Tony embarked on this journey 9 plus years ago when Sheila inherited the old Board which was very lack luster and ill attended; that TO entered it with relish and made the Board much more business-like and she thanked him for this. She noted that the ‘baptism of fire’ was the Hillside SCR and the low point, Ofsted finding the LSCB wanting, which was felt to be a trifle harsh. She said that she is pleased that TO continues as the LSAB Chair and on a personal level she thanked TO for fulfilling her expectations all those years ago.

TO thanked everyone and stated that he has thoroughly enjoyed his time as LSCB independent chair which he has reflected in the annual report although financial hardships have held the Board back.

- SS gave the Board the sad news that Jo Mercer, CSDAT manager and an LSCB Board Member died last week.

ACTION LOG from today’s minutes

		Lead	Date
Item 3 – LPS presentation	Presentation to be uploaded with the minutes.	LT	September
	LPS to be carried forward as a future agenda item for the NS Safeguarding Partnership	JB/LT	September
Item 4 – Outstanding action	Ben Mosely’s presentation to be carried forward to the NS Safeguarding Partnership	JB/LT	September

Item 5 (iv) Partner Organisation annual reports	Presentation of the DOfA annual report to be carried forward to the NS Safeguarding Partnership	JB/LT	September
Item 6 (i) Q&P sub-group	Revisit multi-agency membership of the sub-group.	JB	October
Item 6 (ii) P&P sub-group	Carry forward: EH Strategy FGM Guidance and flowchart	JB/LT	September
Item 6 (iii) EH sub-group	Amendments/additions to the EH strategy to be returned to MR by 30 th November.	MR	December
	Amend expiry date on current strategy to April 2020	LT	September
	MR to send out sub-group invitation to Board members to ensure better multi-agency representation.	MR	September
Item 6 (vi) TE & Missing sub-group	Original letter to hoteliers and list to be forwarded to Ruth.	LT	September
Item 6 (viii) SCR sub-group	Templates from Board members to be completed and returned to LT by end of September	Board members/LT	September
Item 7 Annual report and Business Plan	Circulate to statutory members and upload onto website.	LT	September
Item 8 AOB	ARR to contact Helen Yeo who chairs the Suicide Prevention Group.	ARR	September