



## OUR SAFEGUARDING CHILDREN PARTNERSHIP BOARD

Minutes of the Meeting held on  
Tuesday, 24 April 2018 in the  
Constantine Room, Health and Wellbeing Innovation  
Centre, Treliske, Truro

Present	Representing
<b>John Clements (Chair)</b>	<b>Independent Chair</b>
<b>Statutory Safeguarding Partners:</b>	
Jane Black	Cornwall Council – Education and Early Years
Julieann Carter (representing Natalie Jones)	NHS Kernow
Jack Cordery	Cornwall Council – Children and Family Services
Trevor Doughty	Cornwall Council – Children, Schools and Families
Aisling Khan	Council of the Isles of Scilly
Sheon Sturland	Devon and Cornwall Police
<b>Safeguarding Partners:</b>	
Ian Bruce	Cornwall Association of Primary Headteachers
Zoe Cooper (representing Kim O’Keeffe)	Royal Cornwall Hospitals Trust
Sally Hawken	Cornwall Council – Lead Member for Children and Wellbeing
Matt Longman	Chair, Missing and Sexual Exploitation Group
Cheryl Mewton	Further Education Colleges
Colin Quick (representing Sharon Linter)	Cornwall Partnership Foundation Trust
Maureen Read	Quality Assurance and Scrutiny Panel Lay Member
Marion Russell	Chair, Learning Group
Frederika van Rooyen	Safeguarding Children Partnership Manager
<b>Observing</b>	
Jo Jones	Cornwall Council – Children and Family Services
Jane Wilkinson	Cornwall Partnership Foundation Trust
Suzie Williams	Royal Cornwall Hospitals Trust
<b>Apologies</b>	
<b>Statutory Safeguarding Partners:</b>	
Natalie Jones	NHS Kernow
Jim Pearce	Devon and Cornwall Police
<b>Safeguarding Partners:</b>	
Lyn Gooding	Office of the Police and Crime Commissioner
Sharon Linter	Cornwall Partnership Foundation Trust
Kim O’Keeffe	Royal Cornwall Hospitals Trust
Paul Walker	Chair, Safer Cornwall Partnership
Joel Williams	Council of the Isles of Scilly – Lead Member for Children’s Services
Tina Yardley	Cornwall Association of Secondary Headteachers
<b>Administrator</b>	
Frances James	Safeguarding Administrator, Practice Development and Standards Service

## **NON-CONFIDENTIAL SECTION**

### **1 Declarations of Interest**

There were no declarations of interest.

### **2 Local Authority Designated Officer (LADO) Annual Report**

Justine Hosking, Principal LADO, attended the meeting for this item. She presented the LADO annual report and highlighted the following:

- There had been an increase in the number of cases dealt with by the LADO Service but a reduction in formal referrals, indicating an improvement in the identification of cases that could be managed with advice and guidance.
- The highest percentage of referrals still came from Education, Social Care and the Police, with very few referrals from Health. Work had been undertaken this year to engage with new sectors and referrals were now being received from sports associations and children's homes.
- Work was ongoing to raise awareness of the 'pose a risk' category of concern and to encourage organisations to look beyond the immediate risk to the individual's children to the general suitability to work with children in the wider community.
- There had been an increase in substantiated outcomes and the 'no further action' outcome had now been eliminated.
- Data indicated that LADO training sessions were having a positive impact on referral rates. In particular, awareness raising had been undertaken with the Cornwall Sports Partnership and members of the Licensing Committee.
- Justine Hosking was now the chair of the South West LADO Network and, as such, would attend the National LADO Network meetings.
- The results of the recent survey had been very positive, with 86% of participants considering that the LADO contributed towards keeping children safe.

Board members commented as follows:

- There was concern regarding the low number of referrals from Health and it was felt that this should be followed up. Zoe Cooper confirmed that work was in hand to try to address this.
- The Police were undertaking some work looking at the training provision for taxi drivers and with Voluntary and Community Sector (VCS) groups and would work with the LADO Service to raise awareness in these areas.

Justine Hosking advised that, for the coming year, the focus for the LADO Service would include:

- Further work with sports organisations;
- Awareness raising with charities;
- Work to improve public awareness of how to keep children safe;
- Targeting of organisations that might be viewed by perpetrators as a 'soft touch'.

The following actions were agreed:

- For next year, the report would include specific data in respect of further education establishments.
- In the future, the 'sexual' cause of concern would be broken down to show the cases involving familial and other sexual abuse.

The board was greatly reassured by this excellent report and congratulated the LADO Service on a successful year and on the improvements the service continued to make.

### **3 Non-Confidential Minutes**

The non-confidential minutes of the meeting held on 7 March 2018 were approved as a correct record of that meeting.

### **4 Non-Confidential Action List and Matters Arising**

The updates outlined on the template were noted, with the following additions:

#### **(i) 26 July 2017 – Business Plan – CSE Actions**

CSE actions were now referenced within the business plan for 2018/19 and this action was discharged.

#### **(ii) 18 October 2017 – Neglect Outcomes Framework**

The re-convened Neglect Task and Finish Group had met for the first time on 16 April. This action was reassigned to Liz Allan who was chairing the group.

**Action – Liz Allan**

#### **(iii) 7 March 2018 – Business Plan – LfE Findings**

Findings from the Learning from Experience Review had been incorporated into the business plan for 2018/19. This action was discharged.

#### **(iv) 7 March 2018 – Isles of Scilly ILACS Self-Evaluation**

This would be an agenda item for the June meeting.

### **5 Business Plan 2017/18**

The board agreed that considerable progress had been made throughout 2017/18, particularly in respect of emotional health, neglect, CSE and domestic abuse. Issues outstanding in respect of child sexual abuse would now be addressed by the task and finish group and the 2017/18 business plan was signed off.

### **6 Business Plan 2018/19**

The 2018/19 business plan had been updated following comments at the last meeting and was accepted by the board.

John Clements asked that all board members review the plan to ensure they were fully aware of the implications for their own agencies.

## **7 Risk Register**

### **(i) Risk 1 – Tier 4 CAMHS**

Colin Quick confirmed that building work on the new unit had started and recruitment had also commenced. It was agreed that the risk score should remain the same until the unit became operational. The board also agreed to include a number of additional mitigating actions, including CAMHS champions, a central assessment team and additional staff within the MARU.

**Action – John Clements**

The risk register should also reflect the issue raised by the recent CQC inspection of Cornwall Partnership Trust regarding threshold levels.

**Action – John Clements**

### **(ii) Risk 2 – Emotional and Mental Health Support**

The impact score of this risk was discussed and also the need to be clearer regarding action in place to mitigate the risk. John Clements agreed to liaise with Sharon Linter and/or Alison Cook to discuss this further.

**Action – John Clements**

### **(iii) Risk 3 – CSE**

The board noted that Children and Family Services were undertaking a thematic audit of CSE and a review of the specialist team was also taking place. A report on the audit would be presented to the Quality Assurance and Performance Group in due course.

### **(iv) Risk 4 – RCHT Paediatric Contract**

Earlier discussions had confirmed that this was not an issue and the board agreed to delete this risk.

### **(v) Risk 5 – Medical Needs of Child Sexual Abuse Victims**

It was clear that robust systems were in place and the likelihood of this risk happening had been reduced. A further audit would be required before the risk could be deleted and this would be scheduled by the Quality Assurance and Performance Group later in the year.

**Action – John Clements**

## **8 Annual Report**

John Clements sought the views of board members on the format of the 2017/18 annual report. It was agreed that:

- The report should be as compact and easy to read as possible.
- The board should be clear about the core audience for the report.
- The report should be more outcomes focused and clearly record progress made

- by the Partnership against its priorities.
- Individual agency updates would not be included.

John Clements and Frederika van Rooyen would provide a draft document for the next meeting. **Action – John Clements / Frederika van Rooyen**

## 9 Sub-Group Reports

### (i) Learning Group

Marion Russell presented her report, highlighting as follows:

- The multi-agency training had been successfully commissioned and a meeting was arranged with the new provider for the next day. It was hoped that new dates would be available on the website by mid to late June.
- The conference had been very successful. Planning was now underway for next year's conference and John Clements asked that board members make every effort to attend.
- The Learning Lessons Workshop on 3 July would be on the theme of child sexual abuse and would be facilitated by the CSA task and finish group.
- The learning from experience report had been reviewed by the Learning Group and would continue to be reviewed on a quarterly basis.
- Discussions were taking place regarding updating the website and when costs were clear a report would be brought to the board.

### (ii) Missing and Sexual Exploitation Group

Matt Longman updated as follows:

- Marion Russell had attended the last meeting to discussing auditing processes with the group. Procedures had been agreed to address the final outstanding action from the CSE themed Quality Assurance and Scrutiny Panel.
- Funding was available from the Home Office via the Trusted Relationships Fund and a joint south west peninsula bid was being submitted. The board discussed the prevalence of gang culture locally and the potential for exploitation. Sheon Sturland agreed to circulate a youth gangs profile document produced by the Police. **Action – Sheon Sturland**
- A task and finish group was being established to review the terms of reference and structure of the MACSEs.

### (iii) Quality Assurance and Performance Group

John Clements confirmed that this group had met for the first time on 4 April. He advised as follows:

- The group had agreed terms of reference and would meet quarterly.
- Membership was at head of service level which felt appropriate.
- A timetable had been drawn up for the review of specific data and information.

- Data from Children and Family Services and the Police had been discussed at the meeting. Work would be undertaken on agreeing relevant data to be received from Health.
- The theme for the first multi-agency audit under the new process would be emotional wellbeing and mental health.

## 10 Isles of Scilly ILACS Self-Assessment

This item was deferred to the next meeting.

## 11 Consultation on Domestic Abuse Bill

Frederika van Rooyen drew colleagues' attention to this consultation which offered an opportunity to contribute individually or through the Safer Cornwall Partnership. John Clements would provide a response on behalf of the Partnership.

Marion Russell highlighted a report on recent Joint Targeted Area Inspections which had identified that work with victims was good but issues relating to perpetrators were less well managed. The report had highlighted a need for services to have a focus on people, places and prevention.

## 12 Safer Towns Programme

Frederika van Rooyen highlighted the recent launch of 10 Safer Towns projects. The Safer Towns model was supported by the Office of the Police and Crime Commissioner and aimed to improve community safety, reduce crime and target the needs of local areas in a co-ordinated way.

## 13 Any Other Business

There was no other business.

## 14 Dates of Future Meetings

Date	Time	Venue
Thursday, 7 June 2018	11.00 to 1.30	Grenville Room, New County Hall, Truro
Tuesday, 17 July 2018	11.00 to 1.30	Grenville Room, New County Hall, Truro
Thursday, 13 September 2018	11.00 to 1.30	Room 2N:03, New County Hall, Truro
Thursday, 1 November 2018	11.00 to 1.30	Grenville Room, New County Hall, Truro
Tuesday, 11 December 2018	11.00 to 1.30	Grenville Room, New County Hall, Truro
Thursday, 24 January 2019	11.00 to 1.30	Grenville Room, New County Hall, Truro
Tuesday, 12 March 2019	11.00 to 1.30	Grenville Room, New County Hall, Truro



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#### Adviser:

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