



OUR SAFEGUARDING CHILDREN PARTNERSHIP BOARD

Minutes of the Meeting held on
Thursday, 7 June 2018 in the
Grenville Room, New County Hall, Truro

Present	Representing
John Clements (Chair)	Independent Chair
Statutory Safeguarding Partners:	
Trevor Doughty (also representing Jane Black)	Cornwall Council – Children, Schools and Families
Natalie Jones	NHS Kernow
Aisling Khan	Council of the Isles of Scilly
Jim Pearce	Devon and Cornwall Police
Sheon Sturland	Devon and Cornwall Police
Safeguarding Partners:	
Ian Bruce	Cornwall Association of Primary Headteachers
Matt Longman	Chair, Missing and Sexual Exploitation Group
Claire Martin (representing Kim O’Keeffe)	Royal Cornwall Hospitals Trust
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 (also representing Jack Cordery)	Chair, Learning Group
Tina Yardley	Cornwall Association of Secondary Headteachers
Observing	
Wendy Perkin	Royal Cornwall Hospitals Trust
Apologies	
Statutory Safeguarding Partners:	
Jane Black	Cornwall Council – Education and Early Years
Jack Cordery	Cornwall Council – Children and Family Services
Safeguarding Partners:	
Lyn Gooding	Office of the Police and Crime Commissioner
Sally Hawken	Cornwall Council – Lead Member for Children and Wellbeing
Tamsin Lees	Safer Cornwall Partnership
Sharon Linter	Cornwall Partnership Foundation Trust
Kim O’Keeffe	Royal Cornwall Hospitals Trust
Frederika van Rooyen	Safeguarding Children Partnership Manager
Administrator	
Frances James	Safeguarding Administrator, Practice Development and Standards Service

NON-CONFIDENTIAL SECTION

1 Declarations of Interest

There were no declarations of interest.

2 Non-Confidential Minutes

The non-confidential minutes of the meeting held on 24 April 2018 were approved as a correct record of that meeting.

3 Non-Confidential Action List and Matters Arising

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

(i) 18 October 2017 – Neglect Strategy – Outcomes Framework

John Clements would be meeting with the Chair of the Neglect Task and Finish Group shortly and would obtain an update for the next board meeting.

(ii) 7 March 2018 – Inspection of Local Authority Children’s Services – Isles of Scilly

This action was deferred pending a discussion between John Clements and Aisling Khan.

(iii) 24 April 2018 – Risk Register – Medical Needs of CSA Victims

A further audit was in the work schedule of the Quality Assurance and Performance Group – this action was carried forward.

(iv) 24 April 2018 – Annual Report

This was an agenda item for today’s meeting and the action was discharged.

(v) 24 April 2018 – Youth Gang Profile

This document had now been circulated and the action was discharged.

4 Business Plan

John Clements highlighted two areas of the business plan for in-depth discussion.

(i) OSCP to ensure the Practice Quality Standards for Multi-Agency Child Protection Conferences are used in such a way that the information gathered develops an understanding of the issues for all relevant parties

Marion Russell advised that changes in Mosaic would be activated in July, following which she would be able to report on the standards, including attendance at conferences by partner agencies. She suggested that the first report should be provided in the autumn. **Action – Marion Russell**

John Clements informed the board that, according to current attendance data,

attendance was good by all organisations except GPs. He would raise this for consideration by the Quality Assurance and Performance Group. It was felt that it would also be useful to know whether reports were submitted by non-attendees. The board was advised that GPs had a contractual obligation to be involved in reviews and a number of alternative ways of engaging with them were suggested. Marion Russell agreed to discuss with Frederika van Rooyen how GP input could be improved. **Action – Marion Russell**

(ii) All OSCP Board members to review what additional training their staff need to ensure they are planning to best effect

Board members updated as follows:

Royal Cornwall Hospitals Trust

Wendy Perkin felt that RCHT was providing good support for its staff, with links to the Local Authority and access to its core curriculum supporting in-house training. Training levels were now just under RCHT's 85% target.

Cornwall Association of Primary Headteachers

Ian Bruce advised that training opportunities were circulated to all primary schools.

Devon and Cornwall Police

The Police had a strong training framework plus additional local input. Accreditation now included attendance at multi-agency training and this would be monitored.

Cornwall Partnership Foundation Trust

Colin Quick reported good compliance with training which was embedded in all services. Content was being reviewed to ensure it remained up to date.

Children and Family Services

Marion Russell advised that considerable work was being undertaken on a joint core curriculum.

5 Risk Register

(i) Risk 1 – Tier 4 CAMHS

This risk remained ongoing.

(ii) Risk 2 – Emotional and Mental Health Support

Following discussion at the last meeting, the impact score for this risk had been reduced. It was agreed that the risk was being managed but that further work was still required. This risk would remain 'red'.

(iii) Risk 3 – CSE

There were three elements to this risk, as follows:

1 - Accurately understand the prevalence and scope of CSE across Cornwall and the Isles of Scilly

Performance indicators within the outcomes framework were providing an understanding of the prevalence of CSE. It was agreed that there was now minimal risk in this area and that this element of risk 3 should be 'green'.

2 - Mechanisms to detect and disrupt CSE being under-developed

When a child was identified as being at risk of CSE it was not currently possible to demonstrate work being undertaken to make the child safer or to deal with the perpetrator. The board was advised that Children and Family Services had recently undertaken a themed audit on CSE, the results of which would be shared with the Missing and Sexual Exploitation (M&SE) Group. It was agreed that a further audit was therefore unnecessary. Matt Longman was asked to work with the M&SE Group to produce a proposal for mitigating this area of risk. In the meantime, this element of the risk would remain 'amber'.

3 - Concerns that a number of staff do not truly understand CSE

There was evidence that staff were identifying children at risk and recognising signs and indicators. The board was confident that staff across agencies had a good understanding of CSE and agreed that this element of the risk should be 'green'.

(iv) Risk 4 – RCHT Paediatric Contract

Arrangements were in place to provide this support and it was agreed that this was no longer an issue. The risk score had been lowered to 8 and the risk would therefore be deleted.

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

Discussion today had shown that work had been undertaken to address this issue and that it was not a systemic problem. This risk would therefore be deleted.

6 Adverse Childhood Experiences

John Clements opened this discussion by questioning whether, although agreed as a priority for the business plan, adverse childhood experiences (ACE) were already well embedded within other actions. Salient points from the discussion included:

- The Police had undertaken some research into outcomes and were integrating ACEs into all their strategies. There was a view that the Partnership should focus on encouraging organisations to share information in order to support children based on knowledge of their ACEs rather than waiting for symptoms to emerge.
- Schools were now being encouraged to screen students to identify issues early but the question was raised as to how subsequent work with these children would be resourced.
- One Vision / Making Integration Happen had the same concept, with the development of Family Hubs as the core of integration.
- One Vision was based on early help and this was well resourced.
- The Signs of Safety model already incorporated ACEs.

- It was important to make a distinction between environmental factors and ACEs that were caused by the behaviour of the parent/carer.
- It was suggested that this may be more of a terminology issue and that ACEs were already being identified through a number of initiatives, including Early Help, Together for Families, Trauma Informed Schools, Headstart.
- There was concern that predicting future behaviour based on ACEs might infringe human rights.
- There was a view that, within the limits of current resources, most children were being offered early help when necessary but it was the right of parents/carers to refuse this support if they wished.
- It was not inevitable that children with ACEs would go on to have problems. A cultural change was needed to create a community that supported children.
- ACEs could not be used as predictors of future behaviour without additional context. A number of the ACEs outlined in the report could, in some cases, have a positive effect on a child's life, eg having a family member in prison or absent from the household through separation. In addition, two children could have the same experiences but a different outcome.
- The Partnership should have a view on ACEs because it was likely that future inspections would ask about this.

It was agreed that a further discussion would be scheduled for the next meeting to consider the links between ACEs, early help and family hubs. Some input from Public Health England would also be included.

7 Draft Annual Report 2017/18

The draft annual report was not yet available. It was agreed that, when complete, the report would be shared electronically for feedback with a view to finalising it at the July meeting.

8 Feedback from Safeguarding Practitioner Reference Group

John Clements presented the report on the recent meeting of the reference group. Attendance had been poor but a range of agencies had been represented and engagement by those attending had been good. Key issues raised included:

- A lack of resources was often prohibiting good preventative work.
- There was a lack of good facilities, eg youth centres.
- There was some uncertainty regarding where to access information and who to speak to.
- The new neglect strategy was positive but the tools were not being used by everyone.

Board members discussed possible topics for the next conference, which included early help, the preventative agenda and attachment disorder. Marion Russell agreed to discuss these suggestions with the Learning Group. **Action – Marion Russell**

9 Learning from Experience Procedure

Marion Russell advised that, following the learning from experience review last year, the procedures had been revised. She would circulate these to board members shortly for comment. **Action – Marion Russell**

10 Joint Inspections of the Response to Children living with Domestic Abuse

The Learning Group had reviewed this report and had identified the following key issues as relevant for the Safeguarding Children Partnership.

- There was a focus on addressing the needs of children and victims but more resources were needed for working with perpetrators.
- Should the Partnership look at domestic abuse perpetrated by children, both on children and on parents or family members?
- Was there a good understanding of the prevalence of domestic abuse and how it affected children in Cornwall and the Isles of Scilly?
- There were concerns about the 'invisibility' of children who were home educated but it was acknowledged that Education colleagues were aware of this issue.
- Whilst Safer Cornwall had a lead for domestic abuse, what should be the role of the Partnership in respect of the needs of children?

It was noted that the revised strategy had a greater focus on children but it was not clear how this translated into action.

The board agreed that John Clements and Marion Russell would follow this up with Safer Cornwall.

Action – John Clements / Marion Russell

11 Any Other Business

Representation at Serious Case Review Panels

John Clements referred to attendance at the Serious Case Review Panel held the previous day, advising that the expectation was that these meetings would be attended by senior decision makers – board member or deputy – able to commit funding and staff resources in the event of a serious case review being agreed.

12 Dates of Future Meetings

Date	Time	Venue
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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