



OUR SAFEGUARDING CHILDREN PARTNERSHIP BOARD

Minutes of the Meeting held on
Tuesday, 17 July 2018 in the
Grenville Room, New County Hall, Truro

Present		Representing	
John Clements (Chair)		Independent Chair	
Statutory Safeguarding Partners:			
Jane Black		Cornwall Council – Education and Early Years	
Jack Cordery (also representing Trevor Doughty)		Cornwall Council – Children and Family Services	
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	
Sally Hawken		Cornwall Council – Lead Member for Children and Wellbeing	
Matt Longman		Chair, Missing and Sexual Exploitation Group	
Kim O’Keeffe		Royal Cornwall Hospitals Trust	
Colin Quick (representing Sharon Linter)		Cornwall Partnership Foundation Trust	
Marion Russell		Chair, Learning Group	
Frederika van Rooyen		Safeguarding Children Partnership Manager	
Joel Williams		Council of the Isles of Scilly – Lead Member for Children	
Tina Yardley		Cornwall Association of Secondary Headteachers	
Observing			
Judy Mace		NHS Kernow	
Apologies			
Statutory Safeguarding Partners:			
Trevor Doughty		Cornwall Council – Children, Schools and Families	
Safeguarding Partners:			
Sharon Linter		Cornwall Partnership Foundation Trust	
Maureen Read		Quality Assurance and Scrutiny Panel Lay Member	
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 7 June 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 – Outcomes Framework

The task and finish group was moving forward and an outcomes framework would be available at a later date.

(ii) 24 April 2018 – Medical Needs of CSA Victims

The Quality Assurance and Performance Group would consider a further audit at its meeting in October.

(iii) 7 June 2018 – Practice Quality Standards for CP Conferences

Marion Russell would provide a report on the PQS for the November meeting.

(iv) 7 June 2018 – GP Attendance at CP Conferences

This was being managed by the Quality Assurance and Performance Group and the action was therefore discharged.

(v) 7 June 2018 – Risk Register – CSE

This had not yet been considered by the Missing and Sexual Exploitation Group.

(vi) 7 June 2018 – Learning from Experience Procedures

This action had been completed and was discharged.

(vii) 7 June 2018 – Children Living with Domestic Abuse

John Clements had met with Laura Ball, Domestic Abuse Co-ordinator who had advised that the new contract for domestic abuse services would be reviewed in due course. John Clements would provide a further update in December.

Action – John Clements

4 Business Plan

John Clements had liaised with all sub and task group chairs to ensure the business plan was driving their work plans and contributions from individual organisations had been incorporated. He asked colleagues to ensure the Partnership was made aware of all completed audits.

5 Risk Register

(i) Tier 4 CAMHS

Board members noted actions in place within organisations to mitigate this risk in advance of the Tier 4 unit being established.

(ii) Emotional and Mental Health Needs

John Clements reported positivity regarding the progress of the transformation plan. It was noted that CAMHS was now under the leadership of Adult Mental Health Services and the Board agreed that this should be monitored.

(iii) CSE

This risk had not changed. An audit had been undertaken by Children and Family Services and this would be presented to the Missing and Sexual Exploitation Group once finalised.

6 Draft Annual Report 2017/18

Frederika van Rooyen thanked colleagues for contributing to the annual report which, she advised, was considerably shorter than in previous years. The following comments were made on the draft document:

- The report was a good reflection of partnership working and demonstrated good outcomes when organisations worked together effectively.
- Some commentary was needed to accompany the graph on children subject to a child protection plan for a second time.
- The impact / difference made was not clear enough.
- Successes and shared learning should be emphasised.
- The report should include risks that were being taken forward, and prioritisation of those risks.
- Comparison to previous years / direction of travel should be included.
- There should be some mention of the SEN area review.
- Case studies would be helpful.

John Clements agreed to reflect on the comments made and to update the report accordingly.

Action – John Clements

7 Early Help / Family Hubs / Adverse Childhood Experiences

John Clements summarised discussions at the last meeting, advising that he hoped to consider the following questions today:

- How does the Partnership consider adverse childhood experiences (ACEs) currently?
- What will the Family Hub model offer?
- What is the Partnership doing well in respect of ACEs?
- What else does the Partnership need to do and how?

Jack Cordery provided a brief presentation on the Family Hub model, highlighting as follows:

- The Partnership needed a shared sense of the needs of different families and communities and a collective view regarding the impact of ACEs and the prioritisation of resources.
- Family Hubs (a service delivery model, not a 'base') were at the heart of integrated place based services and provided a whole family approach.
- This concept of 'proportional universalism' depended on the people with the most contact with families – primary care, health visitors, early years settings, schools etc – having a different relationship with each other and providing alternative ways for families to access advice and guidance.
- There would be seven Family Hub administrative areas based on the current localities.
- The model would provide a consistent offer across the whole of Cornwall but with the flexibility to apply the model differently depending on the needs of each locality.
- The aim would be to build the capacity and resilience of communities and the Hubs would therefore be co-designed by local professionals and residents.
- Resources had been committed for Community Makers in each locality in order to understand the resources and gaps in each area.
- Integrated commissioning would be important, as would an effective quality assurance and performance framework.

Jack Cordery confirmed that the final proposal would be shared with partners prior to implementation.

Discussion ensued and included the following:

- There was concern regarding whether the Family Hubs would have the capability and resources to deal with the demand for services. It was agreed that this would need to be managed by the deployment of resources in a different way.
- Information sharing, especially between the Police and schools, was discussed. Some schools had regular discussions with local police officers regarding the needs of specific children but this was not happening everywhere. It was felt that drivers would be required in each Family Hub area in order to break down barriers to information sharing.

It was agreed that ACEs were a feature of the One Vision development work but that there were opportunities for more in-depth contributions by all organisations. The Safeguarding Children Partnership would review the response to ACEs during its involvement with the development of the One Vision Strategy.

8 Response to Child Exploitation

Ben Davies, Head of Children and Family Services (West), attended the meeting for

this item.

(i) Exploitation Disruption Team

This joint team between Children and Family Services (CFS) and Devon and Cornwall Police had been established in December 2017 and Ben Davies provided an update on its work.

- It had been found that working in this way had a significant impact on disruption activity.
- The team had, in the main, worked with existing information and translated this, through a change in culture and different ways of working, into effective action and outcomes.
- This was a national innovation and there had been interest in the model from across the country.
- It was hoped that, in time, there would be a sufficient change in culture to render this team unnecessary. Jack Cordery confirmed CFS commitment to resourcing for a further period of time until the wider impact could be determined.

(ii) Missing and Child Exploitation Panel

A review of the terms of reference for the Missing and Child Sexual Exploitation (MACSE) Panels had been undertaken in order to improve the impact of these panels and in recognition of the wider scale of exploitation.

It was now proposed that a centralised Missing and Child Exploitation (MACE) Panel would meet on a fortnightly basis and draft terms of reference were provided to the board for approval. The terms of reference had been designed to recognise the uniqueness of Cornwall but also harmonise with peninsula arrangements.

A number of areas for further work had been agreed and the task and finish group established to review these terms of reference would continue to address these issues.

In response to a query, Ben Davies agreed to make it clear within the terms of reference that the MACE Panel would also support cases on the Isles of Scilly.

The board endorsed the proposed MACE terms of reference, the proposed change process and the areas for further work prior to implementation.

Board members also agreed to confirm the schedule of roles and commit to agency representation for the MACE panel, when invited to do so.

9 Sub-Group Reports

(i) Learning Group

Marion Russell presented the Learning Group report, highlighting as follows:

- The new training was being well received and colleagues were working to ensure the right mix of agency attendees at each session.
- The Learning Lessons Workshop on 3 July on child sexual abuse (CSA) had received excellent feedback. The opportunity for multi-agency discussion on CSA had been much appreciated and the feedback would help to inform the CSA strategy. This was highlighted as a good example of successful partnership working.
- The actions from the learning from experience review were on track.

(ii) Missing and Sexual Exploitation Group

Matt Longman provided this report and highlighted the following:

- A substantial piece of work for the group had been the review of the MACSE panels, as reported earlier in the meeting by Ben Davies.
- Representatives from the Police had attended a recent meeting to provide information on the Central Safeguarding Team and to discuss the Organised Crime Local Profile. This had provided opportunities to share information about the work of different organisations and to resolve a number of concerns.
- The outcomes framework update for 2017/18 quarter 3 was provided for the board and Matt Longman advised that a task group had been established to monitor progress and address any gaps.

Given the re-focus of the MACE panel towards the wider elements of exploitation, Matt Longman would arrange for the sub-group to discuss a possible change of its name.

Action – Matt Longman

(iii) Quality Assurance and Performance Group

John Clements advised that there was good representation at meetings of this sub-group and a work plan had been agreed. Performance data was being provided by Children and Family Services and the Police and the Clinical Commissioning Group was in the process of establishing a new dataset. John Clements provided the following highlights from the data reviewed:

Children and Family Services

- Repeat referrals were low which was good.
- Repeat child protection plans were at a good level
- The length of time spent on a child protection plan was good.
- Cornwall was joint top in the country for care leavers in suitable accommodation and in education, training or employment.
- There had been an improvement in short term placement stability.

Police

- Numbers of missing children were low compared to other areas of Devon and Cornwall, indicating that multi-agency interventions were working.
- Numbers of children detained in Police custody were low compared to the rest of the force and also nationally.
- Separate Isles of Scilly Police data had shown an issue regarding domestic abuse incidents which was being followed up.

Other

- A piece of work was being undertaken on GP attendance at child protection conferences.
- The group was reviewing how best to oversee recommendations from Quality Assurance and Scrutiny Panels.
- A number of recommendations would be followed up following the recent multi-agency audit on emotional health and wellbeing
- The next audit would be on the subject of child sexual abuse and would be led by Judy Mace, Designated Nurse for Child Protection.
- The group had reviewed outcomes from the Child Death Overview Panel and discussed suicides and early health issues.

Jane Black agreed to arrange for data from Education and Early Years to be provided for future meetings. **Action – Jane Black**

10 Any Other Business

There was no other business.

11 Dates of Future Meetings

Date	Time	Venue
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
Thursday, 25 April 2019	11.00 to 1.30	Grenville Room, New County Hall, Truro
Thursday, 6 June 2019	11.00 to 1.30	Grenville Room, New County Hall, Truro
Tuesday, 16 July 2019	11.00 to 1.30	Grenville Room, New County Hall, Truro
Tuesday, 17 September 2019	11.00 to 1.30	
Thursday, 31 October 2019	11.00 to 1.30	
Tuesday, 10 December 2019	11.00 to 1.30	
Thursday, 23 January 2020	11.00 to 1.30	
Tuesday, 10 March 2020	11.00 to 1.30	



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