



OUR SAFEGUARDING CHILDREN PARTNERSHIP BOARD

Minutes of the Meeting held on
Thursday, 13 September 2018 in
Room 2N:03, New County Hall, Truro

Present	Representing
John Clements (Chair)	Independent Chair
Statutory Safeguarding Partners:	
Jack Cordery (also representing Trevor Doughty and Marion Russell)	Cornwall Council – Children and Family Services
Natalie Jones	NHS Kernow
Aisling Khan	Council of the Isles of Scilly
Jim Pearce	Devon and Cornwall Police
Safeguarding Partners:	
Ian Bruce	Cornwall Association of Primary Headteachers
Cheryl Mewton	Further Education Colleges
Kim O’Keeffe	Royal Cornwall Hospitals Trust
Joel Williams	Council of the Isles of Scilly – Lead Member for Children
Tina Yardley	Cornwall Association of Secondary Headteachers
Apologies	
Statutory Safeguarding Partners:	
Jane Black	Cornwall Council – Education and Early Years
Trevor Doughty	Cornwall Council – Children, Schools and Families
Sheon Sturland	Devon and Cornwall Police
Safeguarding Partners:	
Sally Hawken	Cornwall Council – Lead Member for Children and Wellbeing
Tamsin Lees	Safer Cornwall Partnership
Sharon Linter	Cornwall Partnership Foundation Trust
Matt Longman	Chair, Missing and Sexual Exploitation Group
Maureen Read	Quality Assurance and Scrutiny Panel Lay Member
Marion Russell	Chair, Learning Group
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 Section 175/157 Report

Tim Osborne, Head of School Effectiveness, Cornwall Council, and Helen Trelease, Report Author, attended the meeting for this item.

Tim Osborne began by thanking Helen Trelease for her work on this report. He confirmed that the Education and Early Years Service was happy to continue to undertake this valuable piece of work but that it would become more difficult as budgets were reduced.

He advised the board that a number of multi-academy trusts (MAT) had wished to provide a single response for all their schools but that this had not been accepted as it was not viewed as good practice.

He reported that an increased number of independent and external providers were now engaging with this process but highlighted a gap for consideration by the board in respect of early years provision as there was currently no statutory duty for early years providers to complete this self-assessment. In addition he advised that VISTs were not circulated to pre-schools.

Helen Trelease presented the report, highlighting as follows:

- Returns from two primary schools remained outstanding and these would be followed up.
- Concerns were highlighted in five primary schools due to a lack of information. These schools would be contacted by the School Effectiveness Team.
- Although individual returns had been submitted, it was evident that a number of MATs were providing 'corporate' responses across their schools.
- There was a higher number of schools supporting children with transgender issues this year.
- Many schools felt they were struggling to provide the mental health support required.
- There was significant feedback that schools were unable to identify any effective equality and diversity training. Ian Bruce advised that CAPH was looking into this.
- There was good feedback on the use of the resolving professional differences policy and the role of the MARU.

Feedback on the previous year's recommendations from the board was provided as follows:

- There was now evidence of ownership of the Section 175/157 process by the whole school safeguarding team rather than it being the responsibility of one individual.
- There was mainly positive feedback on Operation Encompass, with some small issues being reported back to the Police.

- Questions had been added on 'hate crime' and 'gang culture'. There had been several reports of hate crime, mainly consisting of racist language and behaviour, cyber bullying and homophobia. There were fewer reports of gang culture. Tim Osborne confirmed that all cases of race hate crime were reviewed by him and followed up with the school as necessary. Board members discussed this issue and it was agreed that schools needed further clarification regarding when to report such incidents to both the Local Authority and the Police. Jim Pearce advised of some work being undertaken by students at Falmouth University to create animations around hate crime for both children and adults. He agreed to present these animations to the board at either the November or December meeting. **Action – Jim Pearce**
- Training events had been held for parent support advisers. These had been well attended and feedback had been positive. The issue of supervisory support to this group of staff remained outstanding.
- Training had been arranged for Adult Community Education for November 2018.

The main concern highlighted by this year's process was that in some cases the Section 175/157 return did not accurately reflect actual safeguarding practice within the school. Board members felt that this should be followed up and Tim Osborne agreed to ensure it was discussed with headteachers at their termly meeting with Jane Black. **Action – Tim Osborne**

3 Non-Confidential Minutes

The non-confidential minutes of the meeting held on 17 July 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) 18 October 2017 – Neglect Outcomes Framework

This action remained outstanding.

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

A further audit would be discussed by the Quality Assurance and Performance Group at its October meeting.

(iii) 7 June 2018 – Risk Register – CSE

An audit undertaken by Children and Family Services had been considered by the Missing and Exploitation Group. Matt Longman would update the board at the next meeting. John Clements agreed to liaise with Sheon Sturland regarding an update from the Police.

Action – Matt Longman / John Clements

(iv) 17 July 2018 – Missing and Sexual Exploitation Group – Change of Name

The sub-group had agreed to change its name to Missing and Exploitation Group. This action was discharged.

(v) 17 July 2018 – Education and Early Years Data

Frances James was asked to follow this up with Tim Osborne.

Action – Frances James

5 Business Plan

Board members made the following suggestions for inclusion in the business plan:

- Links to related documents, eg agency service plans, strategies, OCLP.
- The voice of the child/family to be strengthened and an improved line of sight for the board to be included in section 8.

John Clements highlighted the requirement to publish the new safeguarding arrangements, as outlined in *Working Together 2018*. It was therefore agreed that Marion Russell should provide a summary of the key changes for the next meeting and that a document outlining the new arrangements should then be produced for publication.

Action – Marion Russell

6 Risk Register

(i) Tier 4 CAMHS

Natalie Jones advised that recruitment was underway for the new unit and that opening was on target for April 2019. Recruitment to specialist posts such as these was an issue nationally and, in mitigation, advanced education for current health staff was being provided.

Jack Cordery reported that progress was being made regarding education provision for the unit and that there was agreement for a Children's Social Care social worker to be seconded to the unit.

It was agreed that this risk should remain at the current level until the unit was open and operating.

(ii) Emotional and Mental Health Needs

Further information was required regarding improvements in waiting times and it was agreed that Liz Cahill should be invited to the next meeting.

Action – Frances James

(iii) CSE

Further information would be available for the next meeting from the audit undertaken by Children and Family Services. No changes were made to the risk score.

7 Inspection of Local Authority Children's Services – Self-Evaluation

Jack Cordery requested comments on the self-evaluation – anything that was missing or anything that had been overstated – by 24 September. **Action - All**

The 'annual conversation' with Ofsted was scheduled for 4 October and he would share the follow-up letter with colleagues when available. **Action – Jack Cordery**

He advised that the evaluation was good overall, with considerable improvements from the last inspection in 2016.

The Council of the Isles of Scilly 'annual conversation' was also due shortly and Aisling Khan agreed to provide the self-evaluation and the follow-up letter for the board.

Action – Aisling Khan

8 Integrated Multi-Agency Prevention and Assessment of Crisis Team (IMPACT)

Kim O’Keeffe gave a brief outline of the IMPACT project. A successful bid by RCHT had resulted in funding to co-locate mental health administrative services into one hub to improve early support, signposting, data collection and information sharing.

A more detailed presentation on this project would be provided for the next meeting.

9 Truth Project – Cornwall

John Clements advised that the Truth Project was part of the Independent Inquiry into Child Sexual Abuse and provided an opportunity for victims to meet with members of the inquiry and tell their stories. Previously the nearest location to Cornwall was Exeter but the team had now agreed to come to Cornwall for a week of local appointments during November.

10 Any Other Business

There was no other business.

11 Dates of Future Meetings

Date	Time	Venue
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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