



## OUR SAFEGUARDING CHILDREN PARTNERSHIP BOARD

**Minutes of the Meeting held on  
Tuesday, 11 December 2018 in the  
Grenville Room, New County Hall, Truro**

Present	Representing
<b>John Clements (Chair)</b>	<b>Independent Chair</b>
<b>Statutory Safeguarding Partners:</b>	
Alison Cook	Cornwall Council – Children’s Community Health Services
Trevor Doughty (also representing Jane Black and Jack Cordery)	Cornwall Council – Children, Schools and Families
Jo Hall	Devon and Cornwall Police
Natalie Jones	NHS Kernow
Aisling Khan	Council of the Isles of Scilly
Jim Pearce	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
Sharon Linter	Cornwall Partnership Foundation Trust
Matt Longman	Chair, Missing and Exploitation Group
Cheryl Mewton	Further Education Colleges
Maureen Read	Quality Assurance and Scrutiny Panel Lay Member
Marion Russell	Chair, Learning Group
Erika Sorensen (representing Tamsin Lees)	Safer Cornwall Partnership
Frederika van Rooyen	Safeguarding Children Partnership Manager
Tina Yardley	Cornwall Association of Secondary Headteachers
<b>Apologies</b>	
<b>Statutory Safeguarding Partners:</b>	
Jane Black	Cornwall Council – Education and Early Years
Jack Cordery	Cornwall Council – Children and Family Services
<b>Safeguarding Partners:</b>	
Tamsin Lees	Safer Cornwall Partnership
Kim O’Keeffe	Royal Cornwall Hospitals Trust
Joel Williams	Council of the Isles of Scilly – Lead Member for Children
<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 LADO Six-Month Update**

Justine Hosking, Principal LADO, attended the meeting for this item. She presented her interim report, highlighting as follows:

- Information from the National LADO Network indicated that only 10% of cases referred to the Disclosure and Barring Service (DBS) were barred from working with children. It was therefore important that organisations made use of alternative courses of action, including civil preventative orders and referral to regulatory bodies.
  - The numbers of referrals and cases of advice and guidance were higher than for the same period last year.
  - The identity of the alleged perpetrator and the identity of the referrer remained fairly consistent.
  - The referrals per month data showed an increase in March and again in October/November. It was noted that there was no similar increase in advice and guidance. Justine Hosking agreed to investigate this further.
- Action – Justine Hosking**
- Comparison had been undertaken with Gloucestershire County Council. This had shown broadly similar data except:
    - Referrals from Education were higher in Cornwall – this was felt to be due to the good links between the LADO and Education in Cornwall.
    - Referrals from Social Care were considerably lower in Cornwall – this would continue to be monitored.
  - Additional national data would be sourced for the next report in order that comparison could be made with statistical neighbours and ‘best in class’.
  - The LADO workshops continued to be well attended by a wide range of organisations.
  - The workshops had highlighted that organisations were good at demonstrating the policies they had in place but less able to provide evidence of how these were being put into practice.

The LADO role was seen as a very important function in reinforcing standards and Justine Hosking was thanked for her update.

### **3 Hate Crime Animation Videos**

Jules Jamaa Ben M’Hand, Police Diverse Communities Team, attended the meeting for this item. She advised that this team comprised a specialist group of officers working to engage with diverse communities across Cornwall.

They had liaised with second year students studying animation at Falmouth University to produce a series of short animated films aimed at raising awareness of hate and hostility in the education environment. It was hoped that the films might contribute towards increasing the confidence of school staff to talk about hate crime,

promote positive messages to pupils and improve reporting and recording.

Board members viewed the animated films and discussion ensued as follows:

- It was felt that raising awareness of hate and hostility was already embedded within schools but Jules Jamaa Ben M'Hand confirmed that not all schools had that philosophy.
- There was currently no clear policy to indicate what level of concern should be reported to the council and no process for the council to share information with the police.
- School and college representatives agreed that schools would welcome guidance regarding what to report and to whom.

It was agreed that:

- Marion Russell would liaise with colleagues to identify a contact for Jules Jamaa Ben M'Hand within Education and Early Years. **Action – Marion Russell**
- Erika Sorensen would share with Jules Jamaa Ben M'Hand work undertaken previously in respect of reporting of incidents by schools. **Action – Erika Sorensen**
- Jim Pearce would liaise with colleagues from CASH and CAPH with a view to increasing the focus on recording and reporting. **Action – Jim Pearce**

#### **4 Non-Confidential Minutes**

The non-confidential minutes of the meeting held on 1 November 2018 were approved as a correct record of that meeting.

#### **5 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**

John Clements would follow this up.

**Action – John Clements**

**(ii) 7 June 2018 – Practice Quality Standards (PQS) for Child Protection Conferences**

Marion Russell confirmed that a report on the PQS for CP conferences would be presented to the Quality Assurance and Performance Group in the New Year. This action was discharged.

**(iii) 7 June 2018 – Risk Register – CSE**

Matt Longman advised that a reflective learning panel would be looking at this on 19 February 2019. He would provide a copy of the findings once available.

**Action – Matt Longman**

**(iv) 7 June 2018 – Children Living with Domestic Abuse**

An update was on the agenda for today's meeting and this action was discharged.

**(v) 13 September 2018 – Hate Crime Animations**

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

**(vi) 13 September 2018 – Section 175/157 Report**

A response had been received from Tim Osborne advising that the autumn term headteacher meeting had been postponed due to the JTAI but a briefing was scheduled for January which would cover this issue. This action was discharged.

**(vii) 1 November 2018 – ILACS Self-Evaluation – Isles of Scilly**

This item was deferred to the January meeting.

**(viii) 1 November 2018 – CAMHS Transformation / IMPACT Proposal / Business Plan (three actions)**

These actions were discharged.

**(ix) 1 November 2018 – M&E Group – Gang and Knife Crime**

A task and finish group had been convened by Safer Cornwall to look at gang and knife crime and this group would be producing a briefing for practitioners working with children. Following approval by the Safer Cornwall Management Group in January, Matt Longman would ensure a copy of the briefing was made available to the Safeguarding Children Partnership.

**Action – Matt Longman**

**6 Confidential Minutes**

The confidential minutes of the meeting held on 1 November 2018 were approved as a correct record of that meeting.

**7 Confidential Action List and Matters Arising**

**Financial Constraints**

This action had been completed and was discharged.

**8 Business Plan**

John Clements requested that all board members review the business plan regularly to ensure that actions relating to their organisations were in hand and that they were aware of the quality of work being undertaken and the outcomes being achieved.

John Clements advised that recent multi-agency case audits undertaken by the

Quality Assurance and Performance (QA&P) Group were highlighting much good practice but it was not possible for this group to undertake sufficient audits to be sure how widespread the good practice was. He asked colleagues to share any relevant audits undertaken by their organisations with the QA&P Group in order to build up a comprehensive evidence library.

## **9 Risk Register**

### **(i) Tier 4 CAMHS**

Sharon Linter reported a slight delay with the Tier 4 unit – it was now on schedule to open in May 2019. Staff recruitment was difficult but on track and fundraising was taking place for ‘added extras’. It was agreed that the risk score should remain the same.

### **(ii) Emotional and Mental Health Needs**

There were now good signs of improved support in the community, including the commencement of the Bloom project in Newquay and progress with CAMHS.

Sharon Linter advised of a new ‘clinical associate psychologist’ (CAP) role being developed by Cornwall Partnership Foundation Trust (CFT). Posts would be based in CAMHS and community mental health teams initially and it also was proposed to place a full-time post in every secondary school in Cornwall. The CAPs would undertake assessments of children and should also have capacity to work with children at lower levels. Board members were very supportive of this development but queried arrangements for colleges and the Isles of Scilly. Sharon Linter therefore agreed to:

- Discuss arrangements for the Isles of Scilly with the CFT Chief Executive,
- Ask the CFT Chief Executive to liaise with Cheryl Mewton regarding extending this initiative to the colleges. **Action – Sharon Linter**

It was agreed that, at present, this risk score should remain the same.

### **(iii) CSE**

The board agreed that, following the considerable work undertaken around CSE, it was now no higher a risk than any other area. It was therefore decided that:

- The risk likelihood score should be reduced to two,
- CSE should now be performance managed rather than risk managed, with regular updates being provided to the board on all safeguarding topics.

## **10 Child Sexual Abuse (CSA) Task and Finish Group**

Marion Russell provided this update on behalf of Jack Cordery, Chair of the CSA task and finish group. The group had now achieved what it had been set up to do, ie produce and launch the strategy. There was also an action plan linked to the

strategy, which would be amalgamated with the JTAI action plan.

At its recent meeting, the group had identified that further work remained in respect of implementing the strategy and following up actions and had suggested that it become a permanent sub-group of the Partnership.

The board agreed the move to a permanent sub-group and requested that the current membership be reviewed.

**Action – Jack Cordery**

## 11 Multi-Agency Safeguarding Arrangements

John Clements gave a presentation on the new safeguarding arrangements required by *Working Together 2018*. He asked board members to consider whether current arrangements were sufficient to meet these requirements, advising that the new arrangements needed to be published by 29 June 2019 and implemented by 29 September 2019. He reminded colleagues that the safeguarding partners – local authorities, CCG and the police – would now have equal and joint responsibility for local safeguarding arrangements.

A number of issues arose from the presentation, as follows:

- *Participation*

This was an area that required further work. Marion Russell reminded colleagues of the agreement to appoint a Children’s Rights Officer within the Practice Development and Standards Service, with 0.25% of this person’s time being spent on work for the Partnership. Recruitment would be undertaken shortly.

- *Independent Scrutiny*

There was some discussion as to whether the Independent Chair was sufficiently independent of the multi-agency safeguarding arrangements to be able to fulfil this requirement. It was felt that, with a new full-time manager in post, John Clements would have the capacity to undertake additional independent scrutiny.

- *What Works Well*

It was suggested that the board should identify what currently worked well and where improvements could be made. With this in mind, it was agreed that:

- A survey should be sent out across the Partnership – colleagues were asked to send any questions / areas to be addressed to Frances James ([frances.james@cornwall.gov.uk](mailto:frances.james@cornwall.gov.uk)), **Action – John Clements / All**
- A development day should be arranged for board members.

In addition, the new manager would be asked to review the current arrangements and identify any gaps that required addressing.

## 12 Domestic Abuse Update

Erika Sorensen reported on the following initiatives since the introduction of the new

integrated service on 1 July:

- a single point of access
- a children and young people's IDVA based in the MARU for a day a week
- a special risk assessment model
- a health IDVA in place
- commissioning of the healthy relationships programme
- three new case co-ordinator posts in place
- children's therapy in place
- a new case management system, live from 1 October, providing good quality data
- a children's worker being recruited for the refuge
- new domestic abuse and sexual violence strategy and delivery plan to be signed off shortly
- three tier training offer to be available from January
- effectiveness of MARAC reviewed – action plan to be drawn up
- new Safer Futures website to be live in the New Year

In response to a query, Erika Sorensen confirmed that outcomes would be monitored through an outcomes framework, which she would make available to the Safeguarding Children Partnership when available. **Action – Erika Sorensen**

### **13 School Nurse Report**

Sharon Linter presented this report to provide assurance to the board regarding how the school nurse service would deal with child protection cases in the future. It was proposed that, due to a lack of resources, if there were no identified health needs, the school nurse would no longer be part of a child protection meeting.

The proposal was approved by the board. Alison Cook agreed to circulate the new arrangements and to ensure they were reviewed on a regular basis.

**Action – Alison Cook**

### **14 Any Other Business**

#### **Thanks**

John Clements advised colleagues that this was Frederika van Rooyen's last meeting as Partnership Manager. The board expressed thanks to Frederika van Rooyen for her contribution to the Partnership and wished her well in her new role.

## 15 Dates of Future Meetings

<b>Date</b>	<b>Time</b>	<b>Venue</b>
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	Grenville Room, New County Hall, Truro
Thursday, 31 October 2019	11.00 to 1.30	Grenville Room, New County Hall, Truro
Tuesday, 10 December 2019	11.00 to 1.30	Grenville Room, New County Hall, Truro
Thursday, 23 January 2020	11.00 to 1.30	
Tuesday, 10 March 2020	11.00 to 1.30	



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### Distribution List for information

#### Statutory Safeguarding Partners:

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| Alison Cook    | - Cornwall Council – Children’s Community Health Services |
| Jack Cordery   | - Cornwall Council – Children and Family Services         |
| Trevor Doughty | - Cornwall Council – Children, Schools and Families       |
| Jo Hall        | - Devon and Cornwall Police                               |
| Natalie Jones  | - NHS Kernow  |
| Aisling Khan   | - Council of the Isles of Scilly                          |
| Jim Pearce     | - Devon and Cornwall Police                               |

#### Safeguarding Partners:

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| Ian Bruce            | - Cornwall Association of Primary Headteachers              |
| John Clements        | - Independent Chair   |
| 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                     |
| Matt Longman         | - Chair, Missing and Exploitation Group                     |
| Cheryl Mewton        | - Further Education Colleges                                |
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| Marion Russell       | - Chair, Learning Group                                     |
| Frederika van Rooyen | - Safeguarding Children Partnership Manager                 |
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#### Adviser:

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| Sarah Jopling | - Legal Adviser |
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#### Administrator:

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| Frances James | - Safeguarding Administrator, Practice Development and Standards Service |
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