Distribution of Minutes of the Meeting held on Wednesday 28th November 2012

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Minutes of the Meeting held on
Tuesday 26th February 2013
New County Hall Truro

Present: Richard McKie - Cornwall Youth Work Partnership - Chair
         Joanne Harvey - Education - Primary Schools
         Alison O'Neill - Cornwall & the Isles of Scilly
         Ian Davidson - LSCB Development Manager
         Sharon Wood - Cornwall Council – Children, Schools and Families – Children's Social Work and Psychology Service
         Kay Adams - Education – Secondary Schools
         Jerry Mitchell - Community Safety Sergeant

Apologies:
         Joel Williams
         Cherry Martin - Early Years

Administrator: Julia Pearce - Team Administrator, Child Protection, Cornwall Council – Safeguarding Children Standards Unit

1 – NON-CONFIDENTIAL SECTION

1 Apologies

Please see above.

2 Any Other Business - none

3 Minutes of the meeting held on 28th November 2012

   i. Sharon Wood asked if Nick Fripp had clarified with Steve Clarke re a member of his team joining the Practice Group (Page 4).

   ii. Ian Davidson commented communication was difficult; he had not got a response.

Sharon Wood to contact Nick Fripp

4 Action List and Matters Arising

Work Plan

   i. Ian Davidson advised there will be changes to the Work Plan as a result of the Ofsted inspection.

   ii. Sharon Wood stated the LSCB need to take ownership and feed back through the groups.

   iii. Richard McKie suggested the Work Plan should be finalised at the next meeting.

Ian Davidson
iv. Ian Davidson advised at the next Board meeting they will be looking at the outcome of the Ofsted inspection and the results of the Business Event.

*Report from Business Event to be attached to these minutes*

v. Sharon Wood said it was agreed we needed to look at what has happened over the last twelve months. She stated the purpose/role of the Practice Group as opposed to other groups needed to be clarified, the group needed focus.

vi. Richard McKie stated it seems the group has had this discussion and this needed to be carried forward and to be put together with the Work Plan.

vii. Jerry Mitchell asked what would be informing the plan.

viii. Ian Davidson advised a range of things inform the plan including the outcome of Ofsted inspection and information from the performance group.

ix. Sharon Wood advised the Multi Agency Referral Unit (MARU) is based at Fistral House, they work closely with the Public Protection Team, who are looking at having someone based there permanently. The MARU consists of Team Manager, Principle Social Workers, 4 Social Workers, Addaction, Mental Health Team, Health, CAMHS and Localities Services to join the group. CAMHS will screen cases as some will not need social work intervention.

x. Joanna Harvey stated some of this has been completed.

xi. Alison O’Neill suggested any uncompleted items could be added to the new work plan.

xii. Richard McKie agreed there should be a clear plan following the outcome of the Ofsted inspection, he would work with Ian Davidson on this.

xiii. Alison O’Neill said this needed to be reported back to other agencies.

xiv. Ian Davidson noted there is an issue with the CAF process, he is seeking clarification from the Children’s Trust, so that the focus can be on multi-agency safeguarding practice.

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**Action from Isles of Scilly Ofsted Action Plan**

A Missing Child – are effective and clear policies and procedures in place should a child go missing?

i. Ian Davidson stated we needed to work out how to test missing children protocol.

ii. Sharon Wood asked if the Isles of Scilly have the same protocol as we do in Cornwall.

iii. Ian Davidson said the Isles of Scilly have signed up to that.

iv. Sharon Wood said we needed to know how many children have been reported missing from the Isles of Scilly and how this was followed up.
v. Joanna Harvey asked how other agencies access the information if reported to
the police as 121As are not always on education records.

vi. Sharon Wood advised it has been agreed an Education Administrator will attend
the MARU each morning and highlight any risk of harm.

vii. Richard McKie we will need to know the views of the Ofsted inspectors re
protocols.

viii. Jerry Mitchell said he would think the main issues on the Isles of Scilly would be
visiting children.

ix. Kay Adams said she receives 121As regularly.

x. Sharon Wood said the responsibility for 121As being sent to Education was
previously Social Care, they are now looking at sending these via secure email.

xi. Kay Adams said she did not feel emailing 121As is sufficient, it is useful to have
a one to one chat with a Police Officer.

xii. Sharon Wood state the 121A procedure is quite robust.

xiii. Joanna Harvey said when a school is trying to build a case of neglect and not
being informed of incidents it is not helpful.

xiv. Richard McKie said it does look like there are problems with 121As in Cornwall
as well as on the Isles of Scilly.

xv. Jerry Mitchell said he was not aware of the protocol re missing persons, was
there something else that should be happening apart from sending out 121As.

xvi. Sharon Wood advised the launch date for the Child Sexual Exploitation &
Missing Children is 27th March 2013 at Middlemoor, Exeter.

xvii. Kay Adams noted often children go missing, parents do not report it and they
turn up at school the next day, the school report to the police.

xviii. Ian Davidson stated the Isles of Scilly have some good policies in place but
these have not been tested as no children have gone missing. There is a
system in place when children move to the mainland to continue their education,
if they do not attend classes their support worker is notified.

xix. Kay Adams stated a key issue would be children moving to Truro College and
staying with families, she would like to be aware of the protocols of Truro
College when children do not attend lectures.

xx. Jerry Mitchell suggested a dip sample be taken a couple of times a year as the
policies are the same.

xxi. Richard McKie suggested we needed an overview of policies on the Isles of
Scilly and to be discussed and the question asked if they are working.

6 Business Planning Event – 15th February 2013

i. Joanna Harvey said she had been disappointed the event had not been more
widely attended. She would have liked to have seen more representatives from
other agencies and Board members.
ii. Sharon Wood agreed the attendance was poor.

iii. Ian Davidson said he had yet to review the findings, it was about getting people to think about where we are going. He said he was surprised at people’s views on where the Board needs to be going.

iv. Sharon Wood said there has been a lot of positives, she wondered what was being discussed at Board level, she feels they should be discussing the same issues.

v. Joanna Harvey said from what some people were saying, it made her wonder if they knew why they were there and what their role was in safeguarding children.

vi. Joanne Harvey added that Education colleagues who do not sit on any groups felt it was a very informative day.

vii. Ian Davidson stated every Board member and sub groups, Health and the Children’s Trust were invited, 75 in total. Ian Davidson said he had expressed his disappointment re the low attendance to Dave Ellis.

viii. Joanne Harvey stated she had been of the opinion she had to attend.

ix. Sharon Wood said it would have been useful to have had some discussion on the implications of the Benefits Reforms on our client base. In order to support we will need to know where the need will be.

x. Ian Davidson advised he will be working with Rebecca Cohen to put a plan in place for Children and Adults safeguarding and take to the Board.

xi. Sharon Wood asked Ian Davidson what had come out of the Business Event. He stated he was waiting for the outcome of the Ofsted inspection.

xii. Sharon Wood stated there should still be a plan in place, we are aware of areas which need to be improved upon.

7 Any other Business

There being no other business the meeting closed at 3.45 pm.

8 Date of next meeting;

Tuesday 16th April 2013, 2pm – 4pm, Room 2N:03, New County Hall Truro.

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