



## OUR SAFEGUARDING CHILDREN PARTNERSHIP BOARD

**Minutes of the Meeting held on  
Tuesday, 12 March 2019 in the  
Grenville Room, New County Hall, Truro**

Present	Representing
<b>John Clements (Chair)</b>	<b>Independent Chair</b>
<b>Statutory Safeguarding Partners:</b>	
Jane Black	Cornwall Council – Education and Early Years
Alison Cook	Cornwall Council – Children’s Community Health Services
Jack Cordery (also representing Trevor Doughty)	Cornwall Council – Children and Family Services
Jo Hall (via phone)	Devon and Cornwall Police
Natalie Jones	NHS Kernow
Jim Pearce	Devon and Cornwall Police
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Ian Bruce	Cornwall Association of Primary Headteachers
Sara Crane	Chair, Missing and Exploitation Group
Sally Hawken	Cornwall Council – Lead Member for Children and Wellbeing
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	Chair, Learning Group
Heidi Sydor	Safeguarding Children Partnership Manager
Suzie Williams (representing Kim O’Keeffe)	Royal Cornwall Hospitals Trust
Tina Yardley	Cornwall Association of Secondary Headteachers
<b>Observing:</b>	
Judy Mace	NHS Kernow
<b>Apologies</b>	
<b>Statutory Safeguarding Partners:</b>	
Trevor Doughty	Cornwall Council – Children, Schools and Families
Aisling Khan	Council of the Isles of Scilly
<b>Safeguarding Partners:</b>	
Tamsin Lees	Safer Cornwall Partnership
Sharon Linter	Cornwall Partnership Foundation Trust
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 Welcome**

John Clements welcomed Sara Crane, Partnership Superintendent and new chair of the Missing and Exploitation Group.

### **2 Thanks**

This would be Jane Black's last meeting as she was retiring at the end of March. Board members expressed their sincere thanks for her commitment to the Partnership and to safeguarding during her time as Service Director for Education and Early Years and wished her well for her retirement.

### **3 Declarations of Interest**

There were no declarations of interest.

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

The non-confidential minutes of the meeting held on 24 January 2019 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) 7 June 2018 – Risk Register – CSE**

Jo Hall advised that the reflective learning panel had taken place the previous week. She would collate the outcomes and submit a formal document to the next meeting. **Action – Jo Hall**

#### **(ii) 13 September 2018 – Annual Conversation – Cornwall**

Jack Cordery advised that the response letter had now been received and he would circulate it to board members shortly. **Action – Jack Cordery**

#### **(iii) 1 November 2018 – CAMHS – Tier 4 Unit**

Colin Quick confirmed that completion was still scheduled for July 2019. Due to the development event now being held on 25 April, Sharon Linter's presentation was deferred to 6 June.

#### **(iv) 11 December 2018 – LADO Update**

Heidi Sydor advised that Justine Hosking had agreed to address this query in her next report to the board. This action was discharged.

**(v) 11 December 2018 – Survey (two actions)**

The survey had been completed and an overview of the results would be provided for the development day. These actions were discharged.

**(vi) 24 January 2019 – Domestic Abuse Refuges / MARU**

The board agreed that children in refuges remained at risk. John Clements confirmed that discussions were ongoing with the commissioners regarding referral processes for refuges and he agreed to report further at the next meeting.

**Action – John Clements**

**(vii) 24 January 2019 – Business Plan – Survey**

A relevant question had been included in the survey and this action was discharged.

**(viii) 24 January 2019 – Business Plan – Summary/Rename (two actions)**

This was an agenda item for today's meeting and these actions were discharged.

**(ix) 24 January 2019 – Sowenna Unit – Progress**

Sharon Linter would be providing an update on the unit at the June meeting and this action was discharged.

**(x) 24 January 2019 – County Lines / Organised Exploitation – Information Sharing**

Jo Hall and Jim Pearce would liaise to co-ordinate relevant information that would meet the needs of all Safeguarding Boards/Partnerships within the peninsula. This action was discharged.

**(xi) Clinical Associate Psychologist (CAP) Posts – Colleges**

Cheryl Mewton expressed concern that this action had been discharged at the last meeting. She advised that the pressure on colleges was severe, with approximately a third of students having some emotional/mental health needs. Colin Quick agreed to report these concerns back to the project managers.

**Action – Colin Quick**

In addition, Jane Black and John Clements would write, separately, to Phil Confue to request a CAP for the virtual school and the special partnership.

**Action – Jane Black / John Clements**

**6 Business Plan**

The board discussed the end of year business plan and the actions that remained incomplete. There was a consensus that, whilst audit activity required further work, there was much evidence of good practice and improvement, which was supported by the findings of Quality Assurance and Scrutiny Panels.

## **7 Plan on a Page**

The board approved the format of the plan on a page and agreed to use this in conjunction with the full business plan for 2019/20. Additional detail would be added once the priorities and work streams for 2019/20 had been agreed.

## **8 Risk Register**

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

The new unit was on schedule to open in July 2019 and this risk score would remain the same until that time.

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

Jane Black advised that the council had been successful in a bid to open a new free school for children with complex social, emotional and mental health needs. The board was pleased with this outcome, feeling that it was another indication of the effectiveness of the multi-agency partnership in Cornwall and the Isles of Scilly.

It was agreed that, whilst this would not change the score of this risk, it should be included in the progress update.

## **9 Review of Sub-Group Chairs**

All sub-group chairs were happy to continue and were therefore approved for a further 12 months.

## **10 Partnership Agreement**

Heidi Sydor advised that the partnership agreement had been updated in line with the new safeguarding arrangements and she requested that comments be forwarded to her ([heidi.sydor@cornwall.gov.uk](mailto:heidi.sydor@cornwall.gov.uk)) by 31 March.

A draft of the new arrangements document that would eventually be published would be provided for discussion at the development event on 25 April.

## **11 Integrated Children's Services Directorate**

Jack Cordery provided a presentation on the integrated directorate, highlighting as follows:

- The mission and values had been developed through engagement with partners, residents and clients.
- One of the key strategic goals had been produced directly from resident and service user feedback, specifying that children, young people and families should get the right help, at the right time, in one go.
- There would be more local oversight of the design and delivery of services and a key success measure would be how well services worked together at a local

level.

- The council had committed additional funding to provide more school nurses and Jack Cordery reassured colleagues that future savings would not be taken from integrated place based services.
- The principles of the integrated directorate included:
  - a consistent core offer for the whole of Cornwall but with the flexibility to meet local needs
  - a whole family approach
  - a multi-disciplinary approach
  - changing the relationship between statutory services and the voluntary sector
- A third service director, with a health qualification, would be appointed.
- A single point of contact would be developed in the localities to provide advice and guidance to colleagues in universal services.
- A Local Development Partnership would be established in each locality to oversee the effectiveness of local services.
- Priorities for the first 12 months would include a local delivery plan for each area.

Jack Cordery asked colleagues to provide feedback on anything that was missing or could be improved direct to the project manager, Lucy Smale ([lsmale@cornwall.gov.uk](mailto:lsmale@cornwall.gov.uk)).

**Action – All**

The board recognised the contribution of Cornwall Councillors in supporting and providing funding for this project and for their effective championing of children's issues over recent years.

## **12 Local Safeguarding Practice Reviews**

Board members noted their responsibilities for local reviews under the new legislation and agreed that Heidi Sydor should develop the required local safeguarding practice review procedures.

**Action – Heidi Sydor**

## **13 Priorities for 2019/20**

John Clements outlined the current situation regarding the Partnership's priorities:

- Sub-groups were in place for Missing and Exploitation and Child Sexual Abuse.
- A task and finish group had been in place for Neglect but this had drifted and consideration would need to be given to whether it should be reinstated.
- Domestic Abuse was mainly managed through the Safer Cornwall Partnership.
- Emotional Health and Wellbeing was managed through the Children and Young People's Mental Health Partnership Board.
- Adverse Childhood Experiences had been a priority but it was unclear what difference the Partnership had made.
- A suggestion had been received that Vulnerable Adolescents should be a priority for the coming year.

Discussion ensued, salient points being:

- The inclusion of vulnerable adolescents as a priority was welcomed but there was a query regarding the definition of vulnerability and it was also felt that this topic would cut across other priorities.

- The board would need to agree how its priorities should be managed as it was not feasible to set up a sub-group for every priority.

It was agreed that further discussion on the priorities for 2019/20 would be scheduled for the development event on 25 April.

#### 14 Draft Vulnerable Adolescents Strategy

Ben Davies and David Roose, Children and Family Services, attended the meeting for this item.

They advised that, although there were already a number of strategies to address specific areas of vulnerability, eg CSE, CSA, Missing, it was increasingly being felt that the scope should be widened to target the factors creating vulnerability. They suggested that including Vulnerable Adolescents as a priority could provide an opportunity for the Partnership to consider the additional value of a unified approach and reminded colleagues that adolescence was a distinct developmental stage with distinct risks and needs which could not be addressed by the same strategies as those used for younger children. A more cohesive multi-agency response was required, with a shared understanding, framework and common language.

It was agreed that this would be included within the discussion on priorities at the development event.

#### 15 Any Other Business – Conference – 25 March

Marion Russell reminded board members that the Partnership’s annual conference was taking place on 25 March.

#### 16 Dates of Future Meetings

Date	Time	Venue
Thursday, 25 April 2019 – Development Event	9.30 to 1.30	Health and Wellbeing Innovation Centre, Treliske, 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	Grenville Room, New County Hall, Truro
Tuesday, 10 March 2020	11.00 to 1.30	



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