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NON-CONFIDENTIAL SECTION

1 Thanks

Board members paid tribute to Jack Cordery who was leaving his role as Service Director for Children and Family Services at the end of January. Jack Cordery was thanked for his considerable contribution to child safeguarding and to the work of the multi-agency safeguarding children partnership.

2 Declarations of Interest

There were no declarations of interest.

3 Non-Confidential Minutes

The non-confidential minutes of the meeting held on 10 December 2019 were approved as a correct record of that meeting.

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5 Non-Confidential Action List and Matters Arising

The updates outlined on the template were noted, with the following additions:

(i) 16 July 2019 – Allocation of Funding

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

(ii) 17 September 2019 – Secure Beds for Children in Care

This action was carried forward.

(iii) 10 December 2019 – Cross-Partnership Approval Protocol

This action was carried forward.

(iv) 10 December 2019 – Diocese of Truro

Ben Davies would take this forward and the action was discharged.
(v) 10 December 2019 – Local Child Safeguarding Practice Review

The coroner had been consulted regarding the proposed change to the report. He was happy with the original wording and therefore no change had been made. This action was discharged.

Board members were advised that the Child C inquest had been postponed therefore publication of the local child safeguarding practice review had also been delayed.

6 Risk Register

The current risks were discussed as follows:

(i) Emotional and Mental Health Needs

This risk was reviewed following discussion of the CAMHS audit report and it was agreed that the risk score should remain the same.

(ii) Increasing Demand

Board members updated as follows:

- **Cornwall Children’s Social Care**
  Ben Davies advised that the budget proposals for Children and Family Services had been noted by the Overview and Scrutiny Committee but additional funding was not yet guaranteed.

- **Isles of Scilly Children’s Social Care**
  Lynn Plummer reported that different ways of working were being identified to manage shortfalls in the budget.

- **Police**
  Sara Crane advised that planning was in hand to utilise the promised uplift for the Police and it was likely there would be a positive impact on work with children. Two additional youth officers to work with cadet groups in Cornwall had already been agreed.

- **Clinical Commissioning Group**
  Natalie Jones confirmed no reductions and no additional resources.

- **Schools**
  Both Ian Bruce and Tina Yardley reported similar issues throughout all schools. Secondary schools experienced particular problems when it
proved difficult to escalate a concern to other services due to resource issues in those services.

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

(iii) **Sexual Examinations for Historic Child Abuse**

John Clements highlighted a possible additional risk in respect of the lack of paediatricians in Cornwall to undertake examinations in cases of historic sexual abuse. Therefore, as an interim measure, until the end of March, all children under 16 had to travel to the Sexual Assault Referral Centre (SARC) at Exeter for these examinations.

Natalie Jones advised that new paediatricians were being recruited by the Royal Cornwall Hospitals Trust and, whilst the interim solution may need to continue past March, it was intended to bring this service back to Cornwall in the future.

It was agreed that a risk should be added to the register to reflect concerns that some children may not receive appropriate medical support and that the need to travel to Exeter may prevent some children/families from engaging with services.

**Action – John Clements**

7 **CAMHS Audit Report**

Aimee Clarke, CAMHS Quality Lead, attended the meeting for this item, assisting Judy Mace with the presentation of this report. Salient points from the audit were highlighted as follows:

**Methodology:**
- The audit had been undertaken jointly by NHS Kernow and Cornwall Partnership Foundation Trust.
- The audit panel had tracked the child’s journey through CAMHS. Pen portraits for each child had been used to contextualise their lived experience and these had demonstrated the complexity of the children involved.
- An audit sample of 18 children had been selected randomly but ensuring that all stages of the process and all areas of Cornwall were represented.

**Findings**
- All four children at the ‘access and triage’ stage were assessed within four hours of referral and referred either to CAMHS or to other services. There was, however, concern regarding the long wait for some children between referral and assessment.
- 85% of children referred to onward action had their cases reviewed whilst
waiting. This represented a small improvement.

- 42% of the cases were repeat referrals to CAMHS.
- 71% of the families were provided with support whilst waiting.
- No children had commenced treatment within 28 days of referral and assessment.
- Small improvements had been seen in the number of cases risk assessed whilst waiting and the number of cases escalated whilst waiting.
- All cases of children not brought to appointments had been followed up.
- One child had needed a Tier 4 bed and this had been made available within four days.
- Safeguarding supervision was in line with policy. A further deep dive would be undertaken on this in the future.
- Small signs of improvement had been identified but a larger sample group would be required for overall assurance.

Concerns identified by the board included:

- Long waiting times from assessment to treatment.
- 50% of cases did not have their risk reviewed during the waiting period.
- Repeat referrals.
- The recommendations were mainly process based and should include a recommendation that would make a real difference to the children.

Judy Mace confirmed that she would:

- Discuss the findings of this audit with NHS England and NHS Improvement.
- Arrange to undertake a specific safeguarding audit in March based on the findings of this audit.
- Attempt to identify why children were not being brought to appointments.

**Action – Judy Mace**

Natalie Jones advised that a quality surveillance group was being set up locally with a focus on maternity, children and young people. This group would assist the CCG leadership to support Cornwall Foundation Partnership Trust to improve and hold them to account.

8 Sub-Group Reports

(i) Child Sexual Abuse Group

Ben Davies advised that he would be taking over the chairing of this group in due course and that Judy Mace, vice chair, would chair meetings in the interim.

Judy Mace updated on the work of the group as follows:
The “Referral and Assessment – What Happens Guide” had been distributed and an updated Brook recognition tool had been produced. These documents would be launched at the Sexual Abuse and Sexual Violence conference in February.

- The task group was now working on a response to referrals.
- The strategy action plan had been RAG raged and a number of actions completed and closed.
- An awareness campaign was being arranged.

(ii) **Learning Group**

Marion Russell had provided a report, highlighting as follows:

- A new vice chair had been appointed – Jo Davies from the WILD Young Parents Project.
- The current training contract would expire in June 2020 although there was an option to extend if required. This would be a priority task for the Learning Group. It was agreed that commissioning of the training contract should be fully delegated to the Learning Group without the need for further input/approval from board members.
- There had been no new rapid reviews since the last update.
- A Learning Lessons Workshop, led by the Child C local child safeguarding practice review report writer, was taking place on 24 February.
- The new website would be fully live by March, with all course bookings available via the new site from April.

(iii) **Missing and Exploitation Group**

Sara Crane updated as follows:

- The data being received had improved but some gaps still remained.
- She outlined highlights and challenges from the outcomes framework:
  - **Highlights:**
    - A continuing downwards/flat trend in missing children.
    - Improved identification of vulnerability factors.
    - An improved proportion of children receiving a return home interview.
    - There was now an improved, robust triage process for referrals to the Missing and Child Exploitation (MACE) Panel, ensuring that only appropriate cases were discussed by the panel.
  - **Challenges:**
    - Gaps in the sharing of return home interview information with the Police.
    - Referrals to Gweres Kernow appeared to be low.
    - Referrals and data in respect of vulnerable young adults.
The strategy and delivery plan were being refreshed.

A community prevention campaign was being developed, led by Cornwall Children’s Social Care.

Existing training provision had been mapped and some joint training with the Safeguarding Adults Board was being investigated.

(iv) Neglect Group

Michelle Cole reported as follows:

- Attendance at meetings was good.
- The group was investigating how community dentistry and housing could be included in the membership.
- A neglect audit had been completed and recommendations agreed.
- An in-depth, longitudinal audit of two cases from the original audit was being undertaken.
- The neglect strategy was being reviewed.
- A survey was being planned to establish the awareness of neglect across the workforce.

(v) Quality Assurance and Performance Group

John Clements updated on the work of this group as follows:

**Data:**

- Performance data continued to be received from Children’s Social Care, both Cornwall and the Isles of Scilly, and the Police.
- Health data was expected for the next meeting in April.
- Cornwall Children’s Social Care data indicated a significant increase in demand.
- There was currently one child in care on the Isles of Scilly.

**Quality Assurance and Scrutiny Panels:**

- The Child Exploitation panel had indicated that processes for managing exploitation were working well. However there was some disparity between services for under 18s and those for over 18s.
- The panel for Cornwall Partnership Foundation Trust had shown a number of improvements in how the Trust responded to the safeguarding needs of children.
- Progress was being made on the majority of recommendations from previous panels.
- Suggestions for additional panels included “transition”, “disability” and “early years”.


Case Auditing:
- The group had received the multi-agency Neglect audit report. Learning had been passed to the Neglect and Learning Groups for action.
- An audit on emotional health and wellbeing had been commenced by Cornwall Children’s Social Care and the findings would be made available to the QA&P Group in due course.

A request was made for all single-agency safeguarding audits to be shared with the QA&P Group.

9 Vulnerable Adolescents and Homelessness – Children and Family Services Action Plan in response to Ofsted Inspection of Local Authority Children’s Services (ILACS)

Ben Davies shared the action plan drawn up following the inspection in October 2019, advising that progress was being made on the three areas identified for improvement. He confirmed that all additional posts outlined in the action plan had now been agreed and that recruitment was underway.

It was agreed that the action plan should be reviewed by the board again in July.

10 HMICFRS Report into County Lines

John Clements presented this inspection report, highlighting areas of relevance to the partnership.

Sara Crane advised that there were six lines operating in Cornwall. A project was being set up, in response to a recent Force inspection of serious and organised crime, to share police information at an earlier stage and to implement changes to provide a faster response. She agreed to share this inspection report when it was published.

Action – Sara Crane

It was agreed that the Missing and Exploitation Group should take forward the relevant areas of the HMICFRS report to identify what was currently in place and where there were gaps that needed addressing.

Action – Sara Crane

11 Small Funding Allocation to Sub-Groups

The process for allocating small amounts of funding to sub-group projects was approved by the board.

12 Any Other Business

John Clements advised that discussions were taking place with the Safeguarding
Adults Board and the Safer Cornwall Partnership with a view to establishing some joint priorities and streamlining/reducing the number of meetings currently taking place.

## 13 Dates of Future Meetings

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