

Minutes
Meeting Title: Leicester Safeguarding Children Board Meeting
Date: 20th October 2016
Venue: Room G.01, City Hall, Charles Street, Leicester

Present:	
The Chair	AT
CR	CTr
SR	DT
FC	JR
JW	JS
JO	LS
NT	PP
SM	SG
BK	RK
Shadow Board - AMa	Shadow Board - AMc
Shadow Board - JS	Shadow Board - RS
Apologies:	
ASp	CT
CW	JD
MD	RL
RT	SI
SC	SC
VP	

	Minutes: OR
1.	Welcome introductions and apologies.
1.1	The Chair welcomed members to the meeting and noted the apologies above.
2.	Spotlight on Participation and Engagement
2.1	The Shadow Board and its members were introduced to the Board. BK introduced and presented three 'How Will You Hear Me' videos ██████ to the group. LSCB Members were presented with training packages to enable them to take back and explore engagement in their own organisations/agencies. The aim of the training and presentation today was to take partners back to 'grass roots' and to re-affirm the understanding and reason to why we do what we do. Small group activities including 'Ladder of Participation' took place with members of the Shadow Board taking part along with Board members.
	Comfort break for refreshments and networking
3.	Matters arising from the minutes of the Board meeting on 08/09/2016
3.1	The minutes of the last meeting were agreed to be an accurate record.
3.2	LSCB members were informed that the LSCB office submitted the Government consultation. Members were not in support of mandatory reporting
3.3	The Chair noted that action point 9.1 <i>"Partners asked to nominate an appropriate replacement for SA as chair of LLR Training Group"</i> from the last Board meeting is still outstanding and no nominations have been received. The Chair requested that Board members re-consider this and attempt to provide a nomination if possible.
3.4	<i>Care Quality Commission (CQC) Action Plan</i> The group agreed that the proposed forum/format for the monitoring of this inter-agency action plan is the LSCB. JQ noted that the action plan is already being managed by the CQC and questioned whether it needs to be managed by the LSCB. FC challenged that the safeguarding partnership does have a role and it needs to be shared collectively. The Performance Analysis and Assurance Group

3.5	<p>(PAAG) have a role around assurance of the safeguarding system and will hold to account and scrutinise the action plan, but will not actively monitor it.</p> <p>The Clinical Commissioning Group (CCG) will pull in the required information and provide to PAAG for scrutiny. It was agreed that monitoring the action plan sits with the CCG, who will provide a quarterly highlight report on progress to be challenged, scrutinised and discussed. JR requested that the report be triangulated and SR noted that it will be helpful that everybody now has access to the action plan as it will assist the Board in understanding the progress. Partners were asked to note the contents of reports submitted.</p>			
Ref	Actions	Person/s responsible	By	Desired outcome
3.1	The Chair requested that Board members re-consider a replacement for Steve Atkinson as chair of the LLR Training Group and attempt to provide a nomination if possible.	LSCB members	Next LSCB meeting	New chair for LLR Training Group to be nominated.
4. Update from Independent Chair				
4.1	The Chair stated that the Executive Chairs Group is functioning in a much smarter way and focussed on priority areas of work.			
4.2	The Chair provided details around her 'Day in the Life of'...(DILO) visit at UHL Leicester Royal Infirmary (LRI). One issue raised during the visit was around consent when referrals come in. The Chair looked to unpick the blocks and feels a solution should be in place within 6 months. The Chair and LSCB Manager undertook a visit (floor walk) to the Duty and Assessment Team and spent time with frontline staff within Children's Services. The Chair also met with the Bishop of Leicester and his safeguarding team. A strong wish to engage more with LSCB in terms of safeguarding issues was professed. The Chair has also held a meeting with education leads from across the sector as well. Discussions were had around working better in regards to safeguarding and education. The Chair summarised that this has been productive period with a lot of activity and some good, useful conversations.			
5. LCC Improvement Board Update				
5.1	FC presented a PowerPoint presentation regarding the progress on the LCC improvement plan. The LCCIB are of the view that progress is very positive.			

5.2	<p>LCC KW, Principle Social Worker is developing a hybrid model 'Supporting Safety' to promote better partnership arrangements for assessing and responding to the needs of children, young people and their families. It is based on some of the principles of 'Signs of Safety' which is a renowned model. It is felt to be dynamic and hugely effective.</p> <p>SG noted that KW is developing a similar model which will be linked to methodology. The expected date of launch for this model is at the end of January. The importance of this model being launched across the whole service was noted. The working title of this model is 'Supporting Safety'. This model will be presented at a later Board meeting.</p>
6.	<p>CSE Operations Group</p>
6.1	<p>FC reported on the governance of the CSE Operations Group and its importance. It can be very challenging working across Leicester, Leicestershire and Rutland, with the different approaches and styles. It was agreed that the Police will host and chair the meetings. A Service Manager is yet to be employed and the job description is being reconsidered and the advertisement will go out again.</p> <p>It is felt that everybody is committed to an integrated CSE Hub. Leicester city has appointed a team, with the induction complete and the methodology developed. They are currently picking up work on CSE.</p> <p>Assurance work around the CSE Operations Group's activity/performance will be scrutinised by PAAG. Agreeing the indicator set is currently in progress and is coming together.</p> <p>SG confirmed that lots of progress is being made. The team is in place and is made up of social workers, a team manager and Early Help workers. The team was formed on 12/09/16 and is currently working with 26 children and young people. The team being together helps focus on risk assessments and ensure plans do what they need. The case load is low but allows more direct work with children and appropriate linking with partners. Generally, the group is much more focussed.</p> <p>Future plans include moving into the Hub in December.</p>
7.	<p>Executive Chairs Group Highlight Report</p>
7.1	<p>JR presented the Executive Chairs Group highlight report and noted that the sub-group is working very well.</p> <p>The Multi-agency Frontline Practitioner group met two weeks ago. The group wanted to ensure that the Board were aware of issues relating to communication pathways. They did not know who their respective board representatives were and noted the importance of developing a way of ensuring relevant information is accessible to any practitioner. The group reported that there appears to be a disconnect between the LCCIB, the LSCB and the reality of frontline practice. An example of this being the barriers regarding the lack of lead practitioners reported at a strategic level differ to their perspective. It was noted that this was a result of the differing duration</p>

	<p>of which some agencies are involved with families and the confidence of less qualified professional to take up the Lead Practitioner (LP) role.</p> <p>FC suggested that 12 week action plan picks up on this valuable feedback re LP. Board members were asked to continue to encourage their staff to take up the role. At the Executive Chairs group, this will be looked at carefully, focussing on how the LSCB can engage in a two way dialogue with that group. The group needs to know who their representative at the LSCB is and how they can raise issues.</p>			
7.2	<p>- <i>LSCB Website Demonstration</i></p> <p>JR and OR presented LSCB website at the end of the meeting. The website will 'go live' shortly.</p>			
7.3	<p>- <i>Budget LLR Training and Development Group (embedded document)</i></p> <p>SA's report was presented. It contained concerns that funds that relate to training provision have not been determined. The report details SA's proposal that there is a continuation of funding to the training programme. Budget needs to be confirmed. This was discussed later in the meeting during SG's update on the LSCB budget and partner agency contributions.</p>			
7.4	<p>FC noted that a substantial report is required from the multi-agency audit. The impact from MACFA can be seen and the LSCB needs discuss this.</p>			
Ref	Actions	Person/s responsible	By	Desired outcome
7.1	Board members are to report back on what action is taken within their own agency to develop effective communication pathways.	LSCB members	Next LSCB meeting	Improve communication pathways, feedback to and from frontline practitioners.
7.1	Board members are to ensure there practitioners are aware of the representatives who sit on the LCCIB and LSCB.	LSCB members	Next LSCB meeting	Clarity to the MAFP group.
7.4	A report to next meeting on MACFAs	SG LSCB Office	Next LSCB meeting	Provide assurance to the LSCB on the scope and numbers of cases audited. Audits are evidence improved multi-agency practice
8.	LSCB Budget and Partner Agency Contributions			

8.1	SG provided an update around the LSCB budget on the back of the discussion at previous the LSCB meeting in September. SG understood that the budget was agreed in principal at the September meeting and Probation has been contacted. Probation/Community Rehabilitation Companies funding leaves a deficit of £[REDACTED]. Additional conversations are currently on-going around this. If this cannot be agreed and the deficit is apparent, another budget meeting will be required. In regards to SA's previous report around the LLR training group, the training base budget has been agreed. The LSCB agreed that profit making agencies that don't contribute to LSCB, are to be charged for training going forwards.			
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8.1	Urgent budget meeting and resolution required.	FC/SG	Next LSCB meeting	LSCB budget and contributions approved
9.	Update from Other Partners – Other matters arising from partnership- Opportunity for partners to highlight anything that the Board needs to know about their own agency (inspections, new emerging themes, risk that might impact on delivery of safeguarding services)			
9.1	CR provided an update. The CQC undertook a full announced inspection in June of this year. The draft report should be ready next week (w/c 24/10/16) and is extensive, with several hundred pages. CR will report back formally to the LSCB.			
9.2	NT provided an update around Barnardo's. An increase in the reluctance to share reports has been found. The cause of this was discussed and it was felt that staff may be anxious about secure data sharing. This trend appears to be across both the city and the county and seems to be an emerging theme. NT and SG are to have conversation around this. JM will also discuss this with Paul Burnett (Independent chair of Leicestershire and Rutland Children Safeguarding Board) and confirm that this issue has been raised within the LSCB.			
9.3	FC noted that there has been lots of dialogue with the Home Office. The Department for Education confirmed that 15 young people have arrived in the UK at reception centres for young males deemed unaccompanied and/or asylum seekers. There has been no impact on Leicester yet, although it is expected to at some point. This will hold both legal and financial implications.			
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9.2	SG and NT to meet to discuss the increase in the reluctance to share reports.	SG & NT	Next Board meeting	Improve the multiagency response to safeguarding CYP

9.2	JM to discuss the increase in the reluctance to share reports with Paul Burnett and confirm the issue has been raised in this meeting	JM	Next Board meeting	Ensure that consistent approach across LLR
9.3	A longer item around the potential influx of young people deemed unaccompanied/asylum seeking into Leicester City and the legal and financial implication to be in the agenda of the next LSCB meeting.	LSCB Office	Next Board meeting	LSCB to assured that there is a coordinated response to need and demand which is child focussed
10.	Any other business			
10.	No other business was raised.			
11.	Meeting Close			
	Next Meeting: 08/12/2016 – City Hall, Room G.01			