



SOUTH GLOUCESTERSHIRE SAFEGUARDING CHILDREN BOARD MEETING

Friday 9 March 2018

PRESENT:

Amy Weir, Independent Chair; **Adam Bond**, Bristol Diocese, Diocesan Safeguarding Adviser; **Councillor Jon Hunt**, South Gloucestershire Council, Lead Member for Children and Young People; **Sue Jones**, NBT, Executive Lead for Safeguarding; **Rachel Light**, CRC Probation; **Lindsey Mackintosh**, North Bristol Trust, Designated Doctor, Safeguarding Children; **Holly Magson**, South Gloucestershire, Workforce Development Advisor (SAF and Safeguarding); **Kate Mansfield**, South Gloucestershire Clinical Commissioning Group, Named GP For Safeguarding Children; **Jackie Mathers**, South Gloucestershire Clinical Commissioning Group, Associate Director of Nursing and Quality (Safeguarding); **Sonya Miller**, South Gloucestershire Council, Head of Integrated Children's Services; **Peter Murphy**, South Gloucestershire Council, Director for Children, Adults and Health; **Jayde O'Brien**, NPS Probation, Team Leader; **Victoria Penaliggon**, CAFCASS, Service Manager; **Jon Peyton**, AWP, Head of Safeguarding Children; **Carol Sawkins**, University Hospitals Bristol, Named Nurse for Safeguarding Children; **Alison Sykes**, South Gloucestershire Council, Head of Secure and Emergency Services; **Sarah Taylor**, South Gloucestershire Council, Safeguarding Board Manager; **Sarah Telford**, Survive, Chief Executive; **Rachel Webb**, South Gloucestershire Council, Education Adviser Early Years;

APOLOGIES:

Penny Chislett, South Gloucestershire and Stroud College
Paul Coates, Merlin Housing, Director of Housing and Communities;
Helean Hughes, South Gloucestershire Council, Head of Education, Learning and Skills;
Annie Hunter, South Gloucestershire Council, Principal Social Worker;
Julie Jones, Soldiers, Sailors, Airman & Family's Association, Personal & Family Support Worker;
Anne Morris, South Gloucestershire Clinical Commissioning Group, Nurse Director and Head of Quality and Safeguarding;
Tim Ruck, Primary Phase Schools, Headteacher;
Lucy Smith, South Gloucestershire Council, Team Manager (People), Legal Services;
Duncan Stanway, Barnardos;
Robert Walsh, South Gloucestershire Council, Head of Safe Strong Communities;
Steve Waters, South Gloucestershire Council, Youth Offending Team Manager;

REPRESENTATIVES:

Catherine Boyce, South Gloucestershire Council, Strategic Safeguarding Services Manager, represented by Catherine Parry
Mark Evans, Avon & Somerset Constabulary, Chief Inspector; represented by Charlie Leason

Sara Blackmore, South Gloucestershire Council, Deputy Director of Public Health; and **Lynn Gibbons**, South Gloucestershire Council, Public Health Consultant; represented by Jacqui Offer

Chrissie Hardman, Sirona, Head of Children's Services, and **Gareth Jones**, Sirona, Lead Disabilities Nurse; represented by Jill Chart

OBSERVER

Amanda Deeks, South Gloucestershire Council, Chief Executive

NON ATTENDANCE:

Maria Hennessy, North Bristol Trust, Head of Nursing and Governance in the Community Child Health Partnership;

Carol Metters, Next Link, CEO;

Rhian Priest, Bristol Technology and Engineering Academy, Principal;

Suzanne Smith, HMP/YOI Eastwood Park, Head of Safety & Equalities;

Sarah Thompson, (interim representative) South Western Ambulance Service, NHS Foundation Trust, Safeguarding Named Professional;

EVACUATION PROCEDURE

The Chair drew attention to the emergency evacuation procedure

61. WELCOME AND INTRODUCTIONS

Amanda Deeks, Chief Executive, joined the meeting. All introduced themselves for the benefit of new members and representatives

62. Quality Assurance Sub Group Audit

Jackie Matthers presented the report from the last audit regarding children 7 and over with a CP plan with a category of neglect

Education/early years joined the audit for the first time and their input was found to be valuable.

The board members worked in small groups looking at recommendations from the learning.

Feedback from the groups as follows:

- Lack of escalation
- Evidence that not all professionals received minutes of multi-agency meetings
- One audit was rated good and this was challenged as, although there was evidence of good practice, the outcome for the young person was not good
- Future audits will show a breakdown of ratings alongside the overall grading to include management oversight and use of tools
- Lack of evidence of use of neglect toolkit – discussion about the LSCB can promote this - recognition that where the neglect toolkit is used there can be a huge impact on families. The toolkit has just been updated and will be re-launched in May
- Important to establish what a good audit looks like
- Health information for strategies needs to come from the most appropriate representative which may not be the GP

- Two of the families have suffered significant bereavement. A discussion was had about resources and strategies available for professionals to support families. LSCB to make sure bereavement guidance is in place and up to date
- Voice of the child should be evidenced from all agencies

63. Minutes Of Meeting Held On 13 October

The minutes were agreed as a true record of meeting

a) Action Log Tracker

All actions completed unless on agenda

Peter Murphy reviewed the new PADA strategy and has recommended that this should be a shared document between PADA and both safeguarding boards showing all logos. The updated version will be presented to both the children's and adults' boards in June.

Resolved

- That the PADA strategy be presented to the next Board meeting

b) Risk Register

Charlie Leason asked about other issues not included in the risk register and whether it is a robust enough tool.

Amy Weir requested that Charlie write to her and copy in Sarah Taylor with the issues she would like to see included. The board agreed to have a 20 minute agenda item at the June Board to look at this in more detail.

Resolved

- That Charlie Leason writes to Amy Weir with a copy to Sarah Taylor with issues she would like included in the Risk Register

64. Minutes Of Executive Committee On 8 February 2018 (and any actions not scheduled on this agenda)

The minutes were agreed as a true record.

MARAC needs to be included in the challenge log

Resolved

- That MARAC is updated on the challenge log

65. Multi-Agency Performance Report

The minutes of the Executive Committee include a list of actions relating to the performance report and these were distributed with the papers for this meeting.

Discussion regarding lack of agency engagement in multi-agency training. Charlie Leason requested that wider information regarding multi-agency training being included for agencies that cover more than one Local Authority as

practitioners may have attended in another area. Holly Magson agreed to obtain this information from SWIAT group and include in her report to the board.

There was a discussion regarding multi-agency training and the challenges for agencies. The chair emphasised the importance of multi-agency training.

Peter Murphy reported that for the SAB a list of no shows at training by agencies is being compiled for the next board. It was agreed that Holly Magson would do the same for the children's board and bring this back to the June Board meeting.

Item 1.4 showed a drop in number of strategy meetings. Future reports to include greater commentary to explain changes.

Resolved

- That a report on the 'no shows' at training by agencies be presented at the next Board meeting

66. Ofsted Improvement Plan

Amy Weir presented the report. She explained we are about to review this document as it is a year old and needs updating.

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Catherine Parry updated the Board about the contact established by Catherine Boyce with the National Working Group. It is hoped to have a better idea of what they can offer before the next monitoring group.

1.9

Risk Assessment model/pathway for high risk children. Amy reported that there would be an update before the next board about this as work is underway.

2.7

Children with Disability. QA Sub group are conducting audit on 12 March. There is a new structure in place with a sub group, chaired by Nick Lowe, for the 0-25 board and will report to the LSCB

Signs of safety Training still being offered, however, Holly Magson reported that the training scheduled for this week was cancelled due to low numbers (4)

3.1 to 3.4

Early Help. LSCB has not been as engaged as might have been in hearing about Early Help Review. Progress report on early help review will be tabled on agenda of next meeting in June.

Resolved

- That a progress report on the Early Help Review be presented to the next Board meeting

67. Ofsted Monitoring Visit Update

Peter Murphy gave an update following the latest monitoring visit, and the letter has now been published on the Ofsted website. Amy Weir asked for the letter to

be sent out with the minutes of the meeting. Peter shared the key findings with the LSCB.

The next monitoring visit will take place on 22/23 May – there will be a focus on care proceedings.

Sonya Miller shared with the board that there has never been a CP plan escalated for poor quality and reminded the board that plans are multi-agency and asked partners to be challenging when a plan is not of the required quality. There was a discussion about challenge, and ways of ensuring barriers to challenge are addressed.

Resolved

- Ofsted letter to be circulated with the minutes (letter can be found [here](#))

68. Section 11 Walkabout Update

Sarah Taylor gave an update on the four walkabouts that have taken place. Members of the board have accompanied Sarah. The walkabouts have gone very well, and the reports are being processed. Each agency will see their own report first and the full report including visits within Bristol, BANES and North Somerset will be presented at the June board.

Resolved

- That a full report on the Section 11 Walkabout be presented to the June Board

69. Dissemination Survey

Sarah Taylor presented the results of the dissemination survey. This has been completed by most board members. The challenge for agencies remains, that even if the board member distributes information to practitioners it is often impossible to know how many people have read it, or have adapted their practice.

70. CDOP Issues

Alison Sykes presented information from the February CDOP meeting which had a theme of suicide.

Issues identified in the sample:

- 1 in 5 of the young people had self-harmed by age of 15
- Higher incidence of suicide among males
- Higher incidence of suicide among LGBT young people
- Higher incidence of suicide when parental mental health is a factor
- The impact of education was identified – the people who did know how the young person was feeling were their friends. Important that information is given so friend know who to tell/when to share

Question raised about whether this is addressed in South Gloucestershire secondary schools. Agreed that Alison would have a discussion with Helean Hughes.

Agreed that Sonya Miller and Alison will work together on a joint LSCB and CYP partnership staff briefing about young people and suicide

Resolved

- That Alison Sykes would talk with Helean Hughes regarding suicide awareness in schools
- That Sonya Miller and Alison Sykes work on a joint LSCB and CYP Partnership staff briefing

71.SCR Update

Catherine Parry reported that there has been a child death. The SCR sub group met and recommended to Amy Weir that a Serious Case Review is undertaken. Amy has agreed and Catherine Parry is alerting Ofsted today (9 March). There is also a meeting to take this forward later today. There will be a further update to June board.

Resolved

- That a SCR update be given at the next Board meeting

72.MASH Update

Sonya Miller gave a verbal update and reported to the board that Health colleagues are currently co-located and police are participating but as virtual partners.

The MASH has moved to the Access Team, which has had a positive effect. ART is now in a better place than it was.

There has just been approval for a part time IDVA (Independent Domestic Violence Advisor) placed within MASH. There is currently funding for a 0.5 post. A report will be brought to the next meeting of the LSCB to consider additional funding of 0.5 from underspend. This will be for a 1 year contract in the first instance.

Sonya also reported that the new IT system MOSIAC goes live next week (week commencing 12 March) and that there may be some teething problems.

Resolved

- That a report will be brought to the next meeting of the LSCB to consider additional funding of 0.5 from underspend for an Independent Domestic Violence Advisor (IDVA)

73.Avon and Somerset Consortium Update

Sarah Taylor reported that following our December development morning there was a meeting of the Avon and Somerset Consortium. A working group has been established. This group will put together proposals of possible models that will be presented at the next consortium meeting on 3 May. Further updates to the board will follow.

The timescales for implementing new safeguarding arrangements have changed and it now appears there will be 12 months from end of May 2018 to agree new arrangements and implementation by September 2019.

Resolved

- That the Board is updated on further development of the Avon and Somerset Consortium at the next meeting

74. MARAC Update

Charlie Leason reported that there is a pooled pot of funding from the Home Office which has enabled the appointment of a MARAC manager to work across Avon and Somerset police area to look at MARAC process. Charlie explained that there are three working possible models. One model looks at aligning with, another aligning around IT systems. Also, being considered is what functions undertaken by MARAC should be done by other processes. North Somerset are currently doing an audit on MARAC and looking at how to take this forward.

No decision has been made, however, the current MARAC model is not sustainable. There is a focus on what a victim can do to make themselves safer and not enough emphasis on disruption of perpetrators. What can the victim do to be safer and can we do to make the victim safer not about the perpetrator.

The review is also using learning from 'One Front Door' in North Somerset

75. Adoption West

Paper was deferred and will be presented to the next Board meeting.

Resolved

- That the Adoption West paper be presented to the next Board meeting

76. Eastwood Park

The mother and Baby Unit has not reopened. Amy Weir and Catherine Parry were due to visit last week, but this visit had to be cancelled due to the weather and is being rearranged.

77. Social Media: The Digital Board

- Sarah reported that the LSCB have a twitter account [www.twitter.com/southglosLSCB](https://twitter.com/southglosLSCB).
- This is a way of getting messages out to practitioners. Details are in the board manager bulletin
- 18 March is CSE awareness day – the digital team have created an email banner for signatures
- Sarah also reported that the board is exploring a multi-agency app for mobile working.
- A meeting is scheduled with Alan Sharp on 28 March to help explore the possibility. The initial set up cost is £8,000 and a decision will need to be made once this option has been explored.

- Holly Magson informed the board that Care Leavers and members of the Youth Board will be attending the LSCB conference on 20 March

78.Challenge Log

- Nothing new added, the board considered if anything from today's meeting should be added to the challenge log
- Agreed that multi-agency training, and use of the escalation policy would be added. Sonya Miller to provide wording for this.
- Include a challenge about re-establishing the partnership's commitment to the neglect toolkit being used in CP processes and ensuring practitioners are confident in its use.
- Need update on challenge from April regarding Health Visitors Sarah Taylor to send to Public Health to update.

Resolved

- That updates to the challenge log are processed

79.Forward Plan

The forward plan needs to be updated from outcomes of this meeting

Resolved

- That the forward plan be updated

80.Any Other Business

Historic Sexual Abuse

Jill Chart from Sirona raised historic sexual abuse from people who have a mental health issue in relation to being a red action on the challenge log. She reported there had been 4/5 cases within the last few months and a clear process and guidance needs to be established.

CAFCASS – Ofsted judged CAFCASS as good at the last inspection. This time the judgement was outstanding. The use of tools shows more confident policies.

Sarah Telford gave an update to the board regarding Survive. The waiting list for new referrals has been closed, as there is a shortfall in funding for survive and Survive is at risk of closure. Sonya will contact social work teams to make them aware. Sarah told the board there would be a press release shortly

Adam Bond gave information about the Public Hearing into Church of England in relation to former Bishop of Gloucester. Adam, agreed to bring anything of interest from the public hearing to the board.

Resolved

- That Adam Bond updates the Board on information from the Public Hearing into Church of England in relation to former Bishop of Gloucester when available

81. Information Reports

- ART Update Reports to Improvement Board
- Annual Report of the Safer and Stronger Communities Strategic Partnership

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