



SOUTH GLOUCESTERSHIRE SAFEGUARDING CHILDREN BOARD MARCH MEETING 2019

PERFORMANCE REPORT

This is a standing item on the Board Agenda. At the March Board areas of challenge were

NB: The performance executive meeting did not take place this quarter due to heavy snow.

- Training attendance has fallen to 80%
- Parental Mental Health Data still not being provided
- Increase of under 13's, 13-14 year olds and 15 year olds presenting to drug and alcohol service

ELECTIVE HOME EDUCATION (EHE)

The board had a report and presentation from Guy Halley, Team Leader with responsibility for Attendance, Exclusions and Licensing with South Gloucestershire Council. The total number of young people of compulsory school age who are recorded as home educated in South Gloucestershire is 326. This is a significant increase (165 in 2015) 24 of these children have an Education and Health Care Plan (EHCP).

The practice of visiting – contacting every family each year in line with policy has been under pressure due to the increase in overall numbers. Although most parents accept a visit and share information this year 33 refused to do so.

The Home Education (Duty of Local Authorities) Bill (Lord Soley) To make provision for local authorities to monitor the educational, physical and emotional development of children receiving elective home education; and for connected purposes. This bill has had its first reading only, and is unlikely to proceed currently.

The SGSCB agreed to write to Ofsted and Dept. for Education about this delay.

NEW MARAC ARRANGEMENTS

Jennie Lowe gave the board an update about changes to the MARAC arrangements from April 2019. The new arrangements will replace face to face meetings with a virtual meeting held fortnightly on Wednesdays.

There will be a platform accessible to all involved professionals to view and upload relevant information. Each case discussed will have a 15 minute slot.



VOICE OF THE CHILD

Vanessa Parkhill brought feedback to board members from the youth board, who had reviewed agency submissions about how they listen to children and implement what they tell them. Each agency who submitted a template will receive individual feedback from Youth Board members.



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[Amy Weir](#) (Chair)

[Sarah Taylor](#) (Board Manager)

BUSINESS MATTERS

- **The findings from the Section 11 Inter Agency Walkabout were presented to the board**
- **The findings of the Section 175 audit were presented to the board**
- **The board began with a case study about a young person accessing support through Barnardo's BASE. At the June board a case study will be brought by Chrissie Hardman**
- **New Safeguarding Guidance for children with disabilities has been published [here](#)**

This is a snapshot of the Safeguarding Children Board that took place on 15th March 2019

Full details are available [here](#)