



SOUTH GLOUCESTERSHIRE SAFEGUARDING CHILDREN BOARD OCTOBER MEETING 2017

PERFORMANCE REPORT

This is a standing item on the Board Agenda. For the first time these had been looked at by the performance exec group and actions from this were presented with the report. At the October Board areas of challenge were

- Increase in referrals to ART, this quarter is the highest since reporting began, a task & finish group is underway to look at this issue
- Child Protection Conferences taking place within timescales have fallen

ELECTIVE HOME EDUCATION

Guy Halley spoke to the board and brought the Annual report for Children Missing Education and Children who are Home Educated (EHE).

240 children are home educated in South Gloucestershire, this number has been steadily rising. South Gloucestershire has a part time (0.4) support teacher and a part time education officer (0.5) and children are visited every year, some families elect not to meet with the local authority officers. A trend on social media was highlighted where support groups for families give advice not to meet with the local authority.

- ✓ Many families who are home educating their children do a good job and provide suitable education
- ✓ The number of home educated children who go on to attend college in year 10 & 11 has increased significantly

There are concerns for the SGSCB that:

- Some schools are suggesting EHE as an alternative to their child being excluded, the board will write to schools in South Gloucestershire about this.
- There are 70 children missing education in South Gloucestershire. Many of these have moved abroad, and are being followed up. Reminder to go to schools to ensure they gather information about forward plans of families who move away.

CQC CHILDREN'S TEAM

Alexia Granatt & Jan Knott introduced themselves as the children's team for CQC. CQC are usually inspectors for adult service providers.

Alexia & Jan are a point of contact for the Board for support where there are concerns. For example children visiting adults in care homes or other settings. They can also help with signposting. contact them on 01373472337 or Alexia.Granatt@cqc.org.uk



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[Amy Weir](#) (Chair)

[Sarah Taylor](#) (Board Manager)

BUSINESS MATTERS

- **Mark Evans, Avon & Somerset Police representative was agreed as Vice Chair**
- **The Safeguarding Children Board Annual Report was adopted and will be published [here](#)**
- **Annual Reports received from the LADO and PREVENT**
- **Update report from 0-25 service and MARAC received**

This is a snapshot of the Safeguarding Children Board that took place on 13th October 2017.

Full details are available [here](#)