



## **Summary Feedback for South Gloucestershire Safeguarding Children Board (SGSCB) - 8<sup>th</sup> July 2016**

**Annual Report - Child Death Overview Panel (CDOP)** (Dr Mary Gainsborough and Vicky Sleaf). PPT presentation available. Additional points;

- Bereavement counselling – there is a Team (of 4 people) now based at Bristol Children's hospital.
- Kate Mansfield agreed to share a report with CDOP about end of life care spot purchasing.
- Discussion about the 'Alan Wood' Review of CDOP which may mean CDOPs fall under the Department for Education rather than DfE/LSCBs. This led onto a discussion about the number of processes potentially offering a similar outcome; CDOP, SCRs, Root Cause Analysis etc.
- Professionals (for example Ambulance Staff) being offered Post Traumatic Stress Disorder counselling for situations where they witness a child death

### **Annual Report on Private Fostering** (Nicola Hannaford)

Notifications in relation to private fostering remain low for South Gloucestershire which is similar to many Local Authorities throughout the South West. Ofsted research has confirmed that raising the profile of private fostering to the public has no direct impact on the number of private fostering notifications. Professionals in the education, health and social care fields need to ensure they are practiced in identifying and notifying ART in relation to private fostering arrangements.

### **Annual Report on Corporate Parenting** (Nicola Hannaford).

In summary there is improvement in a number of areas. Focus is currently upon;- recruitment of more foster carers; increasing the academic attainment of Looked After Children attending secondary school and increasing the numbers of young people in education, employment and training.

### **Annual Report on Adoption** (Nicola Hannaford).

The Government issued new Adoption Agencies Regulations 2013, which came into effect from the 1 July 2013. New Statutory guidance was implemented in July 2014.

A central element of the Government's Action Plan for Adoption has been the introduction of adoption scorecards, for all local authorities measuring performance in a number of key areas over a three year period. South Gloucestershire's performance has significantly improved.

An adoption and permanence strategy has also been devised to ensure that there is a shared vision for adoption and aspiration for the adoption of older children with complex needs.

### **Lessons learnt from Domestic Homicide Reviews** (Mark Pullin)

LSCB acting as a critical friend to the Safer, Stronger Communities Strategic Partnership.

This report has already been to LSAB who commented that the action plan within Appendix One should ideally be 'tighter' with dates and specific actions. There is a current review of Multi Agency Risk Assessment Conferences (MARACs) Training in Domestic Abuse, Stalking and Honour Based Violence training is 'patchy'. Be helpful to know which organisations including schools have received this training. College of Policing are working on a programme of training. Discussion about the needs to 'reach' male victims of domestic abuse and the LGBT community.

### **Annual Report on Prevent Programme (Mark Pullin)**

**Dissemination – this is how I do it** (Geoff Wessell on behalf of Will White)  
PowerPoint presentation available.

### **Information disseminated from LSCB.**

Recent random contacts with frontline staff in relation to CSE guidance and Sexual Exploitation Risk Assessment Form and 'Child's Journey of Need'. These are seen as key documents. Results from this piece of work suggest that the information may need to be disseminated by some Board members again and that further thought is given within organisations as to how they ensure key information reaches front line practitioners.

### **Quality Assurance Subgroup audit** (Susannah Hill on behalf of Lisa Harvey)

All Board members were asked to read the recommendations of the subgroup, identify relevant dissemination for their agency/organisation and report back at the next Board meeting (21<sup>st</sup> October 2016) in relation to the specific action taken.

### **Dissemination – follow up** (Rachel Cook).

- Voice of the Child. A discussion has been had with Vanessa and Blanche who work with the Children in Care Council. Vanessa and Blanche were observing today's Board meeting and will share in due course how best to include the Voice of the Child within the LSCB.
- Unannounced random contacts with frontline staff were viewed as helpful. Unknown whether Team will have capacity to undertake these again in the future.
- Reminder that S.11 is a mandatory self assessment tool.
- A voice of the practitioner group was viewed positively but frontline staff have limited capacity.

### **Structure and Governance of CAMHS** (Dr Ingrid Vanderlaag, Named Doctor and Wendy Ottaway, Named Nurse).

PowerPoint presentation available.

Contact details for Dr Ingrid Vanderlaag are:

### **Budget**

- 1) The appointment of an independent Board Manager was agreed for a fixed term of two years (to be shared with LSAB).
- 2) LSCB agrees a revised budget to accommodate this.
- 3) In a separate meeting with relevant finance leads, LSCB agrees that it is working towards financial contributions to the LSCB budget by the Council, A&S Police and South Gloucestershire CCG in the proportions of 50:25:25.

**Newsletter content**

The following agreed to contribute:

- Sarah Omell – about her new role with Avon and Somerset Police
- Duncan Stanway to be interviewed by Rachel Cook
- Any other relevant items are welcomed.

**The next meeting will be held on Friday 21 October 2016 at 9am**