

Minutes
Meeting Title: Leicester Safeguarding Children Board Meeting
Date: 30th November, 2017
Venue: Room G.01, City Hall, Charles Street, Leicester

Present:	
(The Chair) – Independent Chair of the LSCB	
(ASp) - Consultant/Designated Nurse, Safeguarding Children and Adults, CCG	(AEJ) - Acting Designated Doctor for Safeguarding Children, LPT
(AM) Head of Service, Educational Performance, Learning Services	(BC) – LSCB Manager
(CT) - Director of Social Care and Early Help, LCC	(CS) - City Primary Heads
(CD) - Deputy Head of Leicester, Leicestershire and Rutland Midlands Division 2, Probation	(CB) - Performance Information and QA Advisor
(CW) - Director of Nursing and Quality, CCG	(FC) - Strategic Director, Children’s Services, LCC
(JH) - Designated Nurse, Children and Adult Safeguarding, CCG	(RT) - Director of Public Health, LCC
(NT) - Children’s Service Manager, Barnardo’s CareFree Young Carers Service	(PP) - Legal Advisor, LCC
(SR) - Lead Member, LCC	(SC) - Head of Serious Crime, Leicestershire Police
(SJ) - Infrastructure Executive Manager, VAL	(VP) - Head of Professional Practice and Education, LPT
Apologies:	
AT – Lay Member	CR - Deputy Chief Nurse, UHL
Hillary Barrett – Assistant Director in A4/A5/A10, CAFCASS	IB – Director of Learning Services, LCC
JB – Head of safeguarding and Professional Standards, LCC	JC – Head of Service, Early Help Services, LCC
KM – Service Manager, CSC and Early Help, LCC	MC – Head of Safeguarding, UHL
SI – Deputy Principal, Leicester College	SH - Director of Clinical Quality, UHL
SC – Lay Member	SG – Head of Service, Children’s Safeguarding , LCC
Minutes: OR, Admin and Business Support Officer	
1.	Welcome, Introductions and Apologies.

1.1	<p>The Chair welcomed attendees and noted the above apologies. ASP confirmed to the group that he will be stepping down from Board due to his new role as Safeguarding Lead - Central Midlands at NHS England, although he will continue to chair the SIRG.</p>
2.	<p>Matters arising from the minutes of the Board meeting & Development Session on 29/09/2017</p>
2.1	<p>The minutes of the Board meeting & Development Session that took place on 29/09/2017 were agreed as an accurate record.</p> <p>It was noted that the following action was not included on the Action Log within Item 5.1 from the Board meeting on 29/09/2017: <i>The Annual Report from the Virtual School is to be circulated to LSCB partners to provide the LSCB assurance. AP33/17</i></p>
3.	<p>Chair's Update</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Safeguarding Children Summit • AILC Annual Conference <p><i>The Chair</i></p>
3.1	<p>The Chair discussed the Safeguarding Children Summit and informed the group that it was a very successful day, an interesting event, with a wide age range of children who were very attentive and engaged. The children were very happy to be able to ask questions to 'important people'. Emotional wellbeing at schools was a discussed theme and CS noted that it demonstrated the need to engage with younger children. It was stated that Primary age children offered the best contributions and openly discussed mental health. CS stated that not enough work is being done with younger children under the age of 11. The Chair agreed that if serious about early intervention, there is a need to engage with younger children. NT noted that although the event was a success, it is important that the feedback the children provided is worked on and taken forwards. It was agreed that a letter will be written to the children that attended the Summit to thank them for the day and their contributions. AP34/17</p> <p>The group was also informed that some members of the Shadow Board will be standing down shortly and SR noted the importance to acknowledge their hard work. AP35/17 It was noted that the Shadow Board are having a celebration event soon and it was requested that a member of the LSCB Office attend to share the LSCB's thanks. The date and time of the event will be confirmed. AP36/17</p>
3.2	<p>The Chair confirmed that the AILC Annual Conference was attended by herself and BC during the week commencing 20/11/17. The Chair noted that it was a very good, helpful conference and a very useful presentation on suicide and self-harm took place. A paper summarising the conference will be produced by AILC and shared with the LSCB. A new report revealing that children in secure estate do not feel safe was also presented and the Chair noted that some of the stories were very shocking. The presentation on Child Deaths raised some issues around the</p>

	<p>prevalence of deaths in England against other European countries and how they were relatively higher in the UK. It was noted that the information on early adopters of safeguarding arrangements showcased three different models and the size and situation of each of the localities were very different. The Chair therefore also agreed to share presentations from early adopters when published. AP37/17</p> <p>It was noted that there was lots of challenge and concerns were expressed around the impact of austerity and cuts on LSCBs from Working Together 2018, and that focus may be lost on priorities. The Chair requested that any feedback is provided, not necessarily just around the consultation.</p>
4.	<p>CSE Missing and Trafficked Assurance Report <i>BR & DS</i></p>
4.1	<p>BR and DS presented the CSE Missing and Trafficked Assurance Report along with a presentation.</p> <p>It was noted that a lot of work is being done with schools around awareness of CSE. It was stated that every CSE related referral features some level of online coercion, grooming and/or other online methods. Strategies and initiatives around keeping safe online have been showcased to schools. The Chair highlighted that the CSE Information Sharing event held on Monday 27/11/17 had been very useful but did not have the right people present for it to have the best impact. The Chair had therefore asked CT as the CSE Communications lead to make contact with the LSCB Manager in order to develop linkages between the two.</p> <p>SR queried how many Leicester city based schools were represented at the event as CS was not invited, and it was confirmed that none had attended as they were not provided information for the event. FC highlighted the importance to engage all schools in delivery and also stated an issue with strategic ownership and noted that such events should be channelled through the CSE Strategic Partnership.</p> <p>SR questioned whether parents are receptive at parents' evenings and noted it was unclear at a strategic level how parents should be engaged. It was clarified that this is the role of the Parent Support coordinator who looks at the strategy for disseminating awareness and to skill parents up to identify and respond to concerns about CSE, Trafficked and Missing Children. However, this role is not currently funded beyond the initial scope of the SPDF CSE Project and this is a challenge for this work. It was requested that BR and DS collate the challenges and present them at the CSE Executive with further assurance to be provided to the next board meeting.</p> <p>FC commented that while progress that has been made we need to acknowledge where we are and what more needs to be done. There is a lot of information about process, figures and data, however it is unclear we are making any difference. The LSCB therefore needs to assure itself regarding what impact is being made by this work to keeping children safe and promoting <i>their</i> welfare.</p>

	<p>CS highlighted a recent article in the Times Educational Supplement that indicated the profile of the perpetrator is changing and that the biggest risk is within young people’s own social networks and that the majority of children are already known to perpetrators who prey on their vulnerability. SC agreed and said this had been borne out in the recent prosecution of the perpetrator in the MB case who had been grooming young people through social media and introducing them to drugs and alcohol. SC stated this demonstrates the important of disrupting the perpetrator, as they will often move on to another victim. The perpetrator will look to stop any disclosure as this raises the risk towards them of being prosecuted.</p> <p>SJ discussed ways in which appropriate information regarding CSE can go out to young people. Currently a newsletter and training are ways to do so, however, although a lot is being done, more can still be done. There was discussion about the different models used by perpetrators and how victims can then go on to become facilitators and there are element of groups and gangs and looking at younger siblings that need to be considered.</p> <p>It was agreed that BR and DS will provide an update to the next LSCB Strategic Board and provide assurance on the issues and challenges raised as discussed above. AP38/17</p> <p>The huge importance to intervene before CSE occurs was agreed and FC noted that it is essential that partners understand their responsibilities. The Chair agreed and added that a joined up partnership approach is also critical.</p> <p>SJ reiterated that the online element is very important and children’s views of online behaviour is often very different to adults and they potentially see the online world as extending in to their reality rather than a virtual world. SJ therefore highlighted the importance of digital media and the need for resources but also consultation with young people.</p> <p>The Chair thanked BR and DS for their work and noted that work on CSE has moved on greatly in the past few months and requested that the next report included further information about age, gender, BME, perpetrators, locations of concern, disruptions and how the board can support work to prevent CSE, Trafficked and Missing Children.</p>
5.	<p>Executive Chairs Group Highlight Report</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • PAAG Highlight Report (CB) • LSCB Risk Register
5.1	<p>CB presented PAAG Highlight Report the group and stated that the timescales of PAAG meetings have shifted to fit the governance arrangements of partnership agencies. In the short term, the PAAG will be looking to refine the ToR and membership. It was also confirmed that training data is to be shifted to the Inter-agency Training Group report to the LLR JEG as it does not fit PAAG’s remit currently.</p>

	<p>In the longer term, CB and JH (Chair of the County Safeguarding Effectiveness Group (SEG)) are looking at the implications of merging the PAAG and SEG as of the next financial year. It was noted that the merging is not without complications as there are some practical issues such as different governance and the fact that SEG includes adult, whilst the Leicester does not. A proposal will be provided at the next JEG taking place on 22nd February 2018. SC stated that the deep dive needs to link to Board priorities. JH agreed that a strategic look is of importance. CT noted that the risks of joining up need to be looked at, and should be an important this is part of the process.</p> <p>It was agreed that the Board requires reassurance of discussions taking place, but the actual discussions are not required at Board meetings.</p>
5.2	BC presented the LSCB Risk Register to the group and highlighted that CSE remains as an Amber risk and whether following the CSE presentation this needed to remain Amber. The Board did not note any changes or additions required on the Register.
6.	Working Together Consultation 2018 <i>JM</i>
6.1	<p>The Chair confirmed that the final date of consultation for Working Together 2018 is 31/12/17 and the Board Office will submit any feedback.</p> <p>Discussions took place around how this process should be approached. It was agreed that the Leicester City and Leicestershire & Rutland Safeguarding Children Boards will submit their own responses separately. Partners are also to respond individually if required. It was confirmed that the final date for submission of feedback to the LSCB Office is 8/12/2017 unless previously agreed due to governance arrangements. AP39/17</p> <p>ASP informed the group that RH (Public Health Consultant, CDOP) is coordinating for LLR and the response will be sent to the LSCB Office. CW stated that all partners have a responsibility to respond separately, as well as collectively. It was also noted that LCCG will be unlikely to be able to respond to the LSCB by the deadline, but will respond themselves. The LSCB will attempt to include LCCG once submitted as long as it doesn't delay the final submission.</p>
7.	LSCB Budget 2018/19 <i>BC</i>
7.1	FC noted that a group have met to discuss the budget, however, they felt they were not in a position to present a final budget decision. It was also recognised that in-year changes to budget may need to be made. It was agreed that Chief Officers from agencies are to meet with statutory partners to make these decisions. AP40/17

	<p>The group stated that the LSCB Budget report was very clear, useful and provided the detail required where the LSCB had spent and committed their finances. FC acknowledged that the budget for 2018/19 is very challenging and requires the key funding partners to make decisions on it.</p> <p>SJ agreed but highlighted that there may be risks in working to an austerity agenda and noted that it is important to retain the infrastructure required to maintain the Board and steps have to be made to not destabilise current safeguarding arrangements.</p> <p>It was noted that the Board will continue to exist and must meet statutory functions as they currently exist. JH stated that she feels that an Executive Group can drive the agenda further and show the Board what progress has been made, whilst there is more work in progress.</p>
8.	<p>Business Plan Refresh 2016/18 <i>JM/BC</i></p>
8.1	<p>BC presented the much more streamlined LSCB Business Plan that has been worked on and the group agreed that it will need to go back to the ECG for comments and development. AP41/17</p>
9.	<p>Domestic Abuse and Sexual Violence Executive <i>SC</i></p>
9.1	<p>SC referred to his report and informed the group that the Domestic Abuse and Sexual Violence Executive is beginning to coordinate responses across the partnership. A strategic needs assessment is planned for the group and it was noted that setting the strategy is next big item on the agenda. The DV and SA Executive will report further on this in the next scheduled report in six months' time.</p> <p>In terms of violence against women and girls, new posts and structures are currently being created and these predominantly relate to Multi Agency Risk Assessment Conference (MARAC) and how it is implemented. It was confirmed that a MARAC manager will shortly be in place and partnership officers within the MARAC process will also be put into place. This is an ongoing process and consultation around who fills these posts is required. A MARAC operations group is also in place and is starting to map out how the future MARAC operations will happen. There was discussion around Domestic Abuse and Sexual Violence as a Public Health issue and who are the right partners to take this forward. This is referenced in the Joint Targeted Area Inspection Report on Domestic Abuse.</p> <p>It was noted that discussions around whether the Domestic Abuse Health Group continues or not are on-going. It was noted that this needs to be agreed through Domestic Abuse and Sexual Violence Executive who will then provide assurance that children are being safeguarded and their welfare promoted within families experiencing or at risk of domestic abuse and sexual violence.</p>

	<p>SC confirmed that the Joint Targeted Area Inspection (JTAI) had been sent out to partners, although it will be re-sent through the LSCB Office. It was noted that this is a very important area for partners to do work around and if it is possible to create a single data set, it would be very useful. AP42/17</p>
10.	<p>Feedback from other Strategic Partnerships and Partners - 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)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • HMIC Child Protection Inspection – SC • LCC Ofsted Action Plan – FC • Turning Points CQC Inspection Report - RT <p><i>JM</i></p>
10.1	<p>The Chair advised that the LSCB had requested that SC present the recommendations from the HMIC Child Protection Inspection together with their Action Plan, however the paper that had been tabled did not include the recommendations made or details or themes around actions being taken. It appears there had been some confusion over the requirements as the request had been for a formal report and action plan which had superseded the action for her to meet with DCI MD as assurance was required at board to enable partnership challenge and scrutiny.</p> <p>SC informed the group that HMIC had stated that the force was the best inspected to date and had resulted in only eight recommendations and all relate to issues already identified within Leicestershire Police. Seven out of the eight recommendations have already been responded to. It was confirmed that the 'Revisit' is starting on Monday 4th December 2017.</p> <p>SR requested that recommendations and subsequent Action Plans are shared from any inspections for partners as previously agreed as this is an important aspect of the LSCB's challenge and scrutiny role. It was important to have all partners Inspection recommendations and action plans where they relate to safeguarding children and young people not just that of the local authority.</p> <p>FC raised that continued discussion around CSE Hub is important as attempts are made to establish whether they are having the best impact possible.</p> <p>SC agreed to circulate the recommendations and Action Plans ASAP and to provide an update on the revisit at a future meeting. AP43/17</p>
10.2	<p>The Chair requested an update on the LCCIB and the plans to move it into a Development Board and the partners input into supporting improvements. FC advised that the LCCIB had been ended and there was still discussion ongoing regarding the role of partners in supporting development. However, she could confirm the dates being held by partners for future LCCIB meetings could be released.</p>

	<p>FC informed the group that the LCC Ofsted Action Plan will be submitted to the LCC Executive in December 2017. FC will ensure the new DCS provides a report at the next Board meeting taking place on March 2018, around the implementation of the plan and how partners can support it and strengthen the multi-agency safeguarding system. AP44/17</p>
10.3	<p>RT informed the group that a CQC Inspection took place in June 2017. The CQC report was noted as positive, although one issue that arose was that it is a large new service with six services combined into one, which delivers a very large programme, however, there are issues with agencies referring service users in for access to services. The CQC report states that the transition is being handled well, although there are some issues apparent around facilities, most of which now picked up.</p> <p>A key message was that the referral rate particularly around children and young people had dropped off and there is a need to understand why. There is a meeting to be held on 12/12/17 of referring agencies where this will be explored. It was requested that RT ensure the invitation goes to all Further Education Colleges, Primary Schools and any services provided for groups for Young Parents.</p> <p>The group agreed that partners will go back to their respective agencies and confirm their understanding around whether they are referring appropriately and if not, why not? AP45/17 It was noted that quarter on quarter returns on the progress would be very useful to PAAG.</p>
11.	<p>Reflections/Any other business. <i>All</i></p>
11.1	<p>The Chair noted that today's meeting will be the last FC attends and offered congratulations for her new opportunity. The Chair stated that FC's challenges, commitment to the LSCB and support to the Chair was exemplary and a real achievement, with much time and energy provided. The group also expressed their thanks for FC's hard work.</p> <p>FC's role as Strategic Director for Children's Services is already being advertised and it is hoped that an appointment will be made by end of January. It was noted that the transition must be as smooth as possible.</p> <p>VP informed the group that LPT had recently been re-inspection by the CQC and a draft report is expected by January, which will be shared at next Board meeting. AP46/17</p> <p>It was also noted that UHL are currently being inspected and that is why their representative is not present today.</p>

11.	Meeting Close
11.1	Next Meeting(s): H1 Extraordinary Board meeting - Monday 19th February 2018, 9.30am-12:30pm Room G.02, Ground Floor, City Hall Board meeting – Monday 19th March 2018, 9.30am-12:30pm Room G.01, Ground Floor, City Hall, 115 Charles Street Leicester