



REDCAR & CLEVELAND'S SAFEGUARDING CHILDREN BOARD
10am – 12.30pm, 27 November 2015
25K YOUTH & COMMUNITY CENTRE, AYTON DRIVE, REDCAR

OPEN SESSION

PRESENT

Jan van Wagtendonk	(JvW)	RCSCB Independent CHAIR
Mark Adams	(MA)	Asst. Director of Public Health – R&CC
Karen Agar	(KA1)	Associate Director - Tees Esk & Wear Valleys NHS Foundation Trust
Dr K Agrawal	(KA2)	Designated Consultant, Child Protection, STCCG's
John Anthony	(JA)	Head of Education, R&CC
Chris Daniel	(CD)	Assistant Director Children & Families, R&CC
Alison Ferguson	(AF)	Designated Nurse, South Tees CCG's
Rosemary Nicholls	(RM)	Lay Member
Ros Pluck	(RP)	Business Manager,- RCSCB
Kinga Pusztai	(KP)	Head Teacher, R&C Education – Primary Schools
Barbara Shaw	(BS)	Director of People Services, R&CC
Alastair Simpson	(AS1)	Detective Superintendent, Cleveland Police
Helen Smithies	(HS)	Head of Nursing (Safeguarding) STH NHS Foundation Trust
Louise Walker	(LW)	Service Manager, Adults Social Work & Safeguarding, R&CC
Joan Guy	(JG)	In place of Karen McGarrity - RCVDA
Jason Lowe	(JL)	Head of Independent Living Services, Coast & Country
Paul Harrison	(PH)	Operations Manager, ST Youth Offending Service
Cllr Craig Hannaway	(CH)	CCG's Lead Member, Children and Families, R&CC
Nicola Porritt	(NP)	Minutes

GUEST SPEAKERS

Mike Batty	(MB)	Cleveland Police, Special Branch
Steve Gates	(SG)	Cleveland Police
Gordan Bage	(GB)	Service Manager, Review & Inspection, R&CC
Wendy Rudd	(WR)	Review & Inspection, R&CC
Jayne Hunt		Review & Inspection, R&CC

ABSENT/APOLOGIES

Neil Appleby	(NA)	Head Teacher, R&C Education – Secondary Schools
Jean Golightly	(JG)	Executive Nurse, South Tees & Hartlepool and Stockton
Karen McGarrity	(KMc)	Community Information Officer, RCVDA
Anton Cooper	(ACC)	Lay Member
Alison Smith	(AS2)	Deputy Director of Nursing Youth Offending Service
Alison Brown	(AB)	Manager, ST Youth Offending Service

1.	Welcome/Introductions/Apologies	ACTION
1.1	JvW welcomed attendees to the meeting. Apologies were noted and brief introductions undertaken. JvW highlighted that the next potential date for OFSTED is 11 th January 2016.	
2.	Minutes of Previous Meeting 18 September 2015	
2.1	The minutes of the previous meeting held on 18 th September 2015 were reviewed and were agreed as an accurate record.	
Matters Arising from minutes		
2.2	Item 2.3 – Appointment of Named GP - It was noted that Dr John Bye was not in	

	attendance at today's meeting.	
2.3	Item 2.13 – Chelsea's Choice - RP confirmed that this will once again be available to all year 8's in Redcar secondary schools w/c 18.4.2016. There is also an opportunity to hold 2 twilight shows with a possibility of neighbourhood officers and local Councillors to attend.	
2.4	Item 11 – Audit of paediatric assessments. ACTION – BS/WR to progress and provide feedback.	BS/WR
3.	Any Other Business	
3.1	<u>SSI closure</u> JvW highlighted the distress of the closure of the steelworks and the impact this will have on Redcar. Agencies need to monitor this impact on children and children's poverty. JvW offered his commiserations as the aftermath will need to be dealt with.	
4.	CDOP Budget	
	<p>RP reported that CDOP endorsed the content of this report on 20.11.2015. RP highlighted that the expected expenditure has not been finalised due to Rapid Response admin not being resolved.</p> <p>RP highlighted that in recent years costs have been reduced significantly and the request is that each LSCB contribute £3000 for 2016/17, then £7000 a year thereafter. Board members approved the content of the report and the budgetary requirements in principle.</p> <p>JvW highlighted that Rapid Response administration remains outstanding despite attempts to resolve at a senior level. BS confirmed that she will be attending a meeting with Tees Directors and the CCG to get some resolution. BS stated that Working Together clearly states that co-ordination of this lies with the Designated Paediatrician. However this will need to be escalated to Health and Wellbeing Boards if there is no resolution.</p> <p>KA confirmed that a Rapid Response meeting in Newcastle did take place after being organised in a great deal of hurry and that, attendees found this very helpful and inside information about the case was gained.</p> <p>KA highlighted that at least 3 further cases would have reached the criteria for a Rapid Response meeting and this would have been very helpful. ACTION: RP to give the details of these cases to JvW.</p>	RP
5.	Performance Management Update – Mike Batty	
	<p>A presentation took place from Mike Batty followed by a Q&A session.</p> <p>JvW queried if there would be resource implications around analysis. MB has completed some interviews to produce a framework. This framework was discussed with Ofsted. Section 8 of the report looks at options of how this may be resourced and implemented. Option 1 was the lowest cost but this is probably not satisfactory. MB is due to meet with Directors of the 4 Local Authorities to discuss this. MB feels that savings are in time rather than cash.</p> <p>BS highlighted that MB has completed a really good piece of work gaining many views and it is appreciated that MB has followed up this up with Ofsted.</p> <p>CH highlighted if there are any cultural issues. MB felt there was none highlighted during the interviews. Some information was given and his impression is that its</p>	

	<p>variable between the 4 boards. MB suggested that the final package could do with further design on the type of questions that could be asked.</p> <p>AS stated he has sent feedback directly to MB. AS highlighted the key areas where in depth reports are required. MB feels there is a flexibility of local indicators but not more than 30 which was agreed. KA queried if staffing is included in the in depth reports as this has an impact. MB's is sceptical about the value of including workforce data</p> <p>JvW highlighted that Frontline feedback sessions are important to gain morale, skills and commitment and when this goes wrong figures are there to fall back on e.g. agency staff</p> <p>MA queried some of the factors for the in depth reports and if indicators such as alcohol and drug use is linked to this. What proportion of parents are in treatment for alcohol and drug use. MB agreed that all data should be linked.</p> <p>MB highlighted that the new reports might take approximately a year to bed in but that once this has occurred we will see much improved usable data.</p> <p>ACTION: RCSCB board members to give feedback to NP by the end of Monday 30th November. ACTION: NP to collate feedback and send to MB</p> <p>JvW queried if all agencies could consider what staff they have within their organisations that collect data. It was noted that this may be difficult due to the amount of varied data that is collated. AS explained that they have a small team that meet the organisations data requirements but there may also be other people who do this.</p>	ALL NP
6.	Annual IRO Report 2014-2015 – Wendy Rudd	
	<p>WR explained that it is there statutory responsibility to report on IROs regarding LAC and she highlighted the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Review and Inspection unit has a wealth of experience –. The unit identifies the needs of the children and appoints the correct IRO for children. • Focus for the IRO is service improvement and they are well placed to do that • Caseloads appear to sit well when compared with other Local Authorities and allow for IROs to become involved in service development. • Dispute Resolution process – IROs are completing informal and formal challenges. <p>HS feels that this report does not adequately reflect and acknowledge how an IRO acts as an independent within safeguarding and that they are really valuable. An IRO offers partners an independent person to speak to which is important.</p> <p>HS also highlighted that if the Initial Health Assessment is not available for the first review this should be challenged. WR confirmed that from July 2015 a prompt has been added for health on the convening sheets so this can be picked up from 1st review.</p> <p>AS queried the 'voice of child' as there have been some good findings around LAC reviews. AS suggested WR look at the feedback from the children in Hartlepool regarding how they felt they could be more involved. WR stated 'My Conference Packs' are now available for children and young people to complete.</p> <p>AF highlighted that the Monitoring & Evaluation Group has been missed off the 'representation on the following groups'. ACTION: WR to add this to the report.</p>	WR

	<p>JvW stated that linking of IROs within social work teams needs to be continuously developed equating to good ideas and seeing the difference.</p> <p>WR acknowledged that there is a lot of statistical data in this report and the format will be reviewed for next year's report.</p>	
7.	Annual Child Protection Chair's Report 2014-2015	
	<p>WR highlighted the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • NYAS and viewpoint advocacy for children and young people is really working well in Child Protection. NYAS workers will attend conference and also produce a document. NYAS is an opt-out process. In addition to this a 'MY Conference Pack' has been introduced and this is valuable as it is around the child and their feelings and gives good quality information. • Areas of Development – ICPC single report has now gone live, this is 1 report which forms the basis of family assessment and a the Child Protection report ensuring families are at the centre of planning • Recording of IRO challenge and timeliness of CP minutes and the quality of these is good – JvW highlighted that the number of reports available 1 or 2 days prior to conference has vastly improved and congratulated WR. This needs to be at 90%. • WR highlighted that recently a young person aged 11/12 yrs attended conference and when this person was asked about what they wanted they asked if some food could be provided. This has now been placed in the family room. WR feels it is vital to gain a child's critical point of view. This simple feedback from this child has improved the process for them. The Board agreed that this was an excellent example of ensuring the child's voice is heard and responded to. 	
8.	Tees JSNA	
	<p>WR summarised the document highlighted the key issues for Redcar:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Increase of SE (do you mean CSE?) demand for services – JSNA will start to address the needs of R&C • Impact of historical cases • Early intervention, being robust and continuity • Effective sharing information <p>JvW asked if the reference to SCR could be removed. This was agreed.</p> <p>AS feels this is comprehensive but that online CSE needs further development. The importance of recognising the vulnerability of missing children to CSE was highlighted and it was noted that a Task and Finish group has been established to further develop processes for missing and repeated missing children.</p> <p>It was noted that there needs to be effective sharing of information between agencies and if anyone feels there is a potential risk of CSE a form can be submitted by professionals through local VEMT meetings and not necessarily via the police.</p> <p>CH advised that he had recently attended an Operation Sanctuary event in Newcastle and stated that he was amazed by people going above and beyond regarding this Operation. WR expressed that everybody understands that raising awareness is a key issue and that a variety of professionals are involved albeit not necessarily under the banner of 'Operation Sanctuary'.</p>	WR

	<p>MA explained that JSNA is permanently available on line at http://www.teesjsna.org.uk/redcar-and-cleveland and this site is regularly refreshed and specific topics can be highlighted. RCSCB board members agreed they are happy for this to be published subject to the minor amendments highlighted.</p> <p>WR reported that 124 children are presently subject to Child Protection plans.</p>	
9.	Involving Police in School Incidents Guidance	
	<p>PH reported that the need for developing this guidance was identified following a number of issues at a School which had led to frequent calls for police assistance.</p> <p>PH explained that this guidance is intended as a pathway to help schools identify which incidents might require police attendance. PH feels that this will support the schools to look how to address misbehaviour and offer training and offer more positive ways dealing with student's poor behaviour. This guidance has been presented to Middlesbrough LSCB and they have accepted this.</p> <p>AS feels that there is no right answer and during a student misbehaving it is a matter of judgement at that time. AS highlighted that if police become aware of information that may result in a crime this has to be reported, resulting in police involvement at some point.</p> <p>JA feels it is about relationships between the police officers and the schools and he feels schools would want to hear about restorative intervention. It was noted that schools could ask if police officers could come along to schools to show their presence which may stop potential misbehaviour. JA feels that when relationships do not work well it may cause problems.</p> <p>BS highlighted that further information should be provided regarding this flow chart giving contextual information about restorative approaches. PH explained that they can go into school and give advice and provide training with regards to this if necessary.</p> <p>RCSCB Board members feel that this flowchart should not be distributed on its own but as part of a contextual package.</p> <p>HS feels that the voice of the victim is missing and their rights are not reflected in this. AS feels that this does not stop the child or parent calling the police if they wish to do so. JA explained that whilst the child is in school the school is acting as 'loco parentis' so in this situation the voice from the school is on behalf of the parent and child. HS feels that the school is then being the voice of both the victim and the perpetrator querying if this is subjective. PH confirmed that the process will focus on the victim.</p> <p>CH feels that the head teacher must keep the governors involved to stop information getting to them via third parties. The flow chart needs to be reviewed and potentially add a box re the child's voice. ACTION PH to progress</p>	
10.	You Said – We Did	
	<p>CD explained that this was the outcome of workshops in April with JvW and it was agreed that a 'You Said We Did' action plan be developed. Social Care responses and progress have been added, however updates are required from partner agencies.</p> <p>ACTION: RCSCB members to look at the actions that need to be addressed within their own agency and respond to NP by 11 December.</p>	ALL

11.	ADCS Policy Position Paper	
	Report circulated for information.	
12.	Research in Practice – Review of LSCBs	
	Report circulated for information.	
13.	FGM Mandatory Reporting Requirement	
	<p>AS highlighted that it is the mandatory responsibility of all agencies to report FGM.</p> <p>JvW highlighted that midwives and other health professionals would be most likely to see the majority females involved with FGM. It was reported that Health are developing a policy which will be presented to the Trust this week and key professionals will be in place.</p> <p>AS provided assurance that any Police response would be to deal with this sensitively and Police will work with Health Professionals to consider ant risks/issues.</p> <p>HS highlighted that colleagues in other areas will refer cases through their associated MASH rather than via 101.</p> <p>KA1 highlighted that a marker for FGM would be placed on the child's records and queried how this will be reported throughout the child's life.</p> <p>ACTION: AF to present further information to the board in January 2016.</p>	AF
14.	PREVENT presentation – Steve Gates	
	<p>PREVENT Presentation was given. The following was highlighted:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Increase in referrals this year, • Peak in reporting when events like the recent Paris attacks take place, • Mental Ill Health will impact on people's behaviour and may pose risk, • Referrals are sent via prevent.contest@cleveland.pnn.police.uk. <p>JL queried that when police are building intelligence from the recent Paris incidents they focussed on specific geographical parts of Belgium which highlighted that people may have known things but across agencies it was not reported. JL queried if there are any targeted hotspots in our area. It was confirmed that there are not any.</p> <p>KP queried the 14 referrals highlights and it was confirmed that these were mainly regarding primary school age and the youngest referral has been a 5 year old which was referred due to language used in the classroom.</p> <p>KP queried how support has been received by those being referred. GB stated some people will refuse to work with anyone and some people accept the support provided.</p> <p>ACTION: NP to email out additional document.</p>	NP
15.	Serious Case Review (SCR) Update	
	This was discussed in the closed session of the meeting.	
16.	Association of Independent LSCB Chairs	
	JvW highlighted that this document identifies what the association has done and includes a strong statement asking all agencies to be clear, given the ongoing reduction in funding, how they are going to safeguard the safeguarding agenda.	

	ACTION: JvW to write up the factors highlighted for discussion at the next board meeting.	JvW
17.	Tees Procedures Group update	
	RCSCB Board members noted and agreed the content of the report.	
18.	Any Other Business	
18.1	<p><u>Ofsted Inspection Preparation</u> RP explained that OFSTED preparation is expected. As there was no time to do this today RP asked the RCSCB board members to think about story boards looking at</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Where we were – 18mths ago? • Where we are now? • What difference have we have made? • What next? <p>The Business planning meeting is due to take place and this will be included in this meeting. .</p> <p>ACTION: NP to email to all agencies with request for further information and deadline.</p>	NP
18.2	<p><u>Audits</u> JvW highlighted including Lay members in audits as discussed at the last meeting. A response was received from WR regarding this highlighting that it would be difficult for lay members attending Child Protection Conferences due to the sensitive information shared. It was noted that anonymised material must be used for audit purpose discussion. Further discussion to take place regarding how best to progress this.</p>	
18.3	<p><u>Commissioners Report – Protecting Children from Harm - a critical assessment of child sexual abuse in the family network in England and priorities for action.</u> JvW gave a brief summary of this report which will be distributed and discussed further at January's Board meeting.</p>	
	Details of future meetings	
	<p>Future meetings will begin at 10am, closing at circa 12.30pm Venue: 25K, Ayton Drive, Redcar, TS10 4LR Friday, 18 March 2016</p>	

