



REDCAR & CLEVELAND'S SAFEGUARDING CHILDREN BOARD

MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON FRIDAY 17 July 2015, 10am – 12.30pm MAIN HALL, 25K YOUTH & COMMUNITY CENTRE, AYTON DRIVE, REDCAR

PRESENT:

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| Jan Van Wagtendonk | RCSCB Independent Chair |
| Mark Adams | Asst. Director of Public Health – Redcar and Cleveland Council |
| Louise Walker | Service Manager, Adults Social Work & Safeguarding, Redcar and Cleveland Council |
| Victoria Wilson | Service Manager, Children and Families, Redcar and Cleveland Council |
| Wendy Rudd | Service Manager, Review & Inspection, Redcar and Cleveland Council |
| Kinga Pusztai | Head Teacher, Redcar & Cleveland Education – Primary Schools |
| Neil Appleby | Head Teacher, Redcar & Cleveland Education – Secondary Schools |
| Karen McGarrity | Community Information Officer, RCVDA |
| Jean Freund | Executive Nurse, South Tees and Hartlepool and Stockton CCG's |
| Alison Ferguson | Designated Nurse, South Tees CCG's |
| Bev Walker | Dep. Director of Nursing, NHS England, Durham, Darlington & Tees Area Team |
| Dr K Agrawal | Designated Consultant, Child Protection, STCCG's |
| Elaine Sherrick | Named Nurse (Safeguarding) South Tees Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust (representing Helen Smithies) |
| Jo Gamble | Named Nurse (Safeguarding), Tees Esk & Wear Valleys NHS Foundation Trust (representing Karen Agar) |
| Alastair Simpson | Detective Superintendent, Cleveland Police |
| Julie Allan | Head of Cleveland National Probation Service (NE) |
| Barbara Gill | Head of Offender Services DTV Community Rehabilitation Company Ltd |
| Sue Deehan | South Tees Youth Offending Service (representing Alison Brown) |
| Elisa Arnold | Service Manager, CAF/CASS |
| Cllr Craig Hannaway | Lead Member, Children and Families, Redcar and Cleveland Council |
| Anton Curtis Cooper | Lay Member |
| Rosemary Nicholls | Lay Member |
| Safe4Us | Junior LSCB Members (Item 18 only) |
| Deanne Taylor | Business Manager,- Redcar & Cleveland Safeguarding Children Board |
| Alison Hill | Administrator, Redcar & Cleveland Safeguarding Children Board (Minutes) |

APOLOGIES:

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| Barbara Shaw | Director of People Services, Redcar & Cleveland Council |
| Chris Daniel | Assistant Director Children & Families, Redcar & Cleveland Council |
| Alison Brown | Youth Offending Service Manager, South Tees Youth Offending Service |
| TBC | Chief Executive – Coast and Country Housing |
| Karen Agar | Associate Director - Tees Esk & Wear Valleys NHS Foundation |
| Helen Smithies | Head of Nursing (Safeguarding) South Tees Hospital NHS Foundation Trust |
| John Anthony | Head of Education, Redcar & Cleveland Council |

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| 1. | Welcome/Introductions/Apologies | |
| 1.1 | Jan van Wagtendonk welcomed everyone to the meeting, apologies were noted and brief introductions undertaken. Jan welcomed Rosemary Nicholls, Lay Member and | |

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| | Councillor Craig Hannaway, Lead Member for Children and Families to the Board. | |
| 1.2 | Jan advised that Ros Pluck has been appointed as the RCSCB Business Manager and will start in post on 5 August 2015. Jan further advised Ros is currently employed as a Manager within Cleveland Police Accident Reduction Scheme and has multi-agency working experience. Jan expressed his gratitude to Deanne for all the work she has undertaken as Business Manager and wished her success in her new role as Service Manager for the All Age Disabilities Service, Redcar and Cleveland Council. Jan also advised that the interviews for the Business Support post will take place on 23 July 2015 and thanked Alison for all her help and support. | |
| 2. | Minutes of previous meeting and matters arising | |
| 2.1 | Amendments to the minutes – Page 5 Item 9.1 to be amended to read ‘Corporate’ Director; following this it was agreed that the minutes of the meeting held on 8 May 2015 are an accurate record of the meeting. | AH |
| | Matters Arising – | |
| 2.2 | Item 2.3: Jan requested an update regarding the appointment of a named GP. Jean Fruend advised there is a GP interested in the post and she has arranged to speak with them over the weekend. Jean confirmed she will advise Jan of the outcome of this conversation and will report back to the next Board. | JF |
| 2.3 | Item 2.9: Jan advised he is still concerned and requires further assurance regarding the low PEP figures. Jan requested a PEP progress report from John Anthony to be presented at the next Board. | JA |
| 2.4 | Item 4.1: Wendy advised that ‘Peer Group Support’ in schools is being progressed by the Principal Social Worker who took up post May 2015. | |
| 2.5 | Item 5.2: Update with regards to Recommendation 2 (SCR). Bev reported that she has provided a response to RCSCB LLIPSG in respect of the audits that will be undertaken in Primary Care. Victoria advised that CPP3 forms are routinely received by the First Contact Team from the Probation Service and this process works well. Julie Allan confirmed the Probation Service feel this system is also working correctly. | |
| 2.6 | Item 7: Jan advised that the RCSCB Annual Report has been presented to and discussed with the Police and Crime Commissioner and the Health and Well Being Board; the report was accepted by both. | |
| 2.7 | Item 8: Jan advised the ‘In the Wrong Hands Campaign’ has been launched across the Tees Area. Jean further advised that the CCG’s are using a saturation approach with GPs to launch this campaign. | |
| 2.8 | Item 9: Jan advised that he has not received any volunteers for the position of Vice Chair of the Board. Jan asked if members felt we should approach someone to request they be vice chair and asked for responses to be discussed at September’s Board. | |
| 2.9 | Item 12.3: Bev and Alison advised a Sub Regional Group has been set up to look at the Children in Custody Policy and a meeting has been arranged for 23 July 2015, which Alastair is leading. | |
| 2.10 | Item 15.1: Deanne advised that LSCB’s have been given certain responsibilities around the subject of Safeguarding pupils from the risk of extremism and radicalisation (PREVENT) and as a Board we need to be more accountable in this area. Jan questioned how we are going to report on Prevent and suggested that issues regarding Prevent are often reported to Police and could be fed into the VEMT Sub Group. Jan asked members for their suggestions and received the following comments. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Dr Agrawal suggested the Board are given a short presentation on Prevent to assist members with their understanding of the subject. | |

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| | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Kinga advised she attended a training session held by the Foreign Office which was very informative, however not many staff from Redcar and Cleveland were in attendance. Wendy suggested that the Strategic VEMT Group could look at how this subject is escalated across the Tees. <p>Jan agreed the way forward would be to ask the Strategic VEMT group to look at possible ways of reporting and to arrange a short awareness raising session at the Board and to look at arranging multi-agency training on Prevent.</p> | AS DT |
| 2.11 | Item 17.3: Cllr Hannaway requested an update regarding the perceived slow development of a Multi-Agency Safeguarding Hub (MASH), as recorded in the previous minutes. Jan advised that a MASH is being developed in North Tees, with South Tees on a watching brief. Jean reassured Cllr Hannaway that she attends MASH meetings alongside Barbara Shaw, so all learning from North Tees is fed into the Board and it is envisaged, therefore, that the roll out in South Tees will be much quicker than originally anticipated and worked on a tested model. | |
| 2.12 | Item 23.1: Wendy Rudd advised she has been involved in the Joint Strategic Needs Assessment analysis. Wendy further advised work has been distributed and is now being pulled together and quality assured ready to be launched in September 2015. Jan requested that before this strategy is launched the Board need sight of it. Alastair advised this was also to be discussed at the VEMT Tees Strategic Group and will before it goes forward. Jan stressed the Tees Boards need to see the document before it is launched, as although it is owned by the Health and Well Being Board, the LSCB have a pertinent role. | |
| 2.13 | Item 24: Deanne advised that following the May 2015 Board Meeting an extra ordinary session was held to review the RCSCB Dataset and Business Plan. The dataset is ready for presentation today however Deanne reported that the Business Plan requires further work. Deanne proposed that the new Business Manager arranges a Task and Finish Group involving partners to do further work on the Business Plan. Jan advised he is happy to be involved with this group and would like to involve partners, including Karen, to ensure voluntary sector input. Members confirmed they are happy for the Task and Finish Group to be arranged. | RP |
| 3. | Items for any other business | |
| 3.1 | Jan advised the following items will be discussed under any other business: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Brief on Redcar and Cleveland's new Serious Case Review– Jan Changes in Adoption – Jan Graded Care Profile – Jan Update around NHS England Accountability Framework – Bev | |
| | Decision Items | |
| 4. | CDOP Progress report and Annual Report 2014 -2015 | |
| 4.1 | Deanne presented the Child Death Overview Panel Progress Report and Annual Report 2014-15 to the Board. Deanne reported on the following: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Rapid Response discussions are still ongoing. Tees CDOP has been asked to review the arrangements for Local Case Discussions and consider this role sitting with the Local Authority. Further discussions are being held. Information Sharing Primary Care – this action is ongoing work continues between NHS England and CCG's to improve information sharing. Co sleeping – meetings have been held Tees wide regarding co-sleeping and a proposal it to be presented to Board's in September. Jean suggested that CDOP consider this is a refresh of previous co-sleeping campaigns as a | DT |

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| | <p>lot of previous work has been carried out. Deanne advised minutes from the co-sleeping meetings recognises all the work that has been undertaken to date.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Membership – Membership of CDOP has been reviewed and this is highlighted in the Annual Report • CDOP Forms from the RVI – These forms are now of sufficient quality for review at CDOP. Dr Agrawal proposed to the RVI that Dr Laing is willing to attend meetings to help complete Forms however there is reluctance from the RVI. <p>Deanne advised with agreement of Board the complete actions will be removed from the document.</p> | |
| 4.2 | Deanne presented the CDOP Annual Report to the Board and advised the report highlights the small amount left in the CDOP Budget and proposed the Tees LSCB's need to consider how CDOP is funded in future years. Deanne further advised there will be some slight changes in the CDOP Budget for 2015/16 as the RMSO contract has ended, however advised that the future funding arrangements are being considered by the Director of Children's Services. | |
| 5. | RCSCB's Learning Review Procedure | |
| 5.1 | Deanne presented this procedure on behalf of Helen Smithies, Chair for the Redcar and Cleveland Safeguarding Children Board Learning Lessons and Improving Practice Sub Group. Deanne advised the procedure sets out the process to be followed if a referral is received for a potential SCR. Deanne further advised this procedure has been considered and agreed by LLIPSG, and if ratified by the Board today it will be inserted into the Redcar and Cleveland Quality Assurance Framework Document. Board members ratified this document. | |
| 6. | RCSCB's LLIPSG Audit and Review paper | |
| 6.1 | Alastair presented the RCSCB's LLIPSG Audit and Review Paper. Alastair advised this is discussion paper which was written following discussion at the Stockton LSCB LLIPSG. Alastair advised this paper proposes a different approach to learning by focussing on key themes which have been identified in Redcar and Cleveland as Neglect, Professional Challenge and Managing Parents/Carers challenging behaviours and culture of optimism. | |
| 6.2 | Bev advised she agrees that a fresh way to look at how things are done is important and believes that key themes is the correct way to take this forward. | |
| 6.3 | Jean acknowledged that we are seeing the same things time after time and the learning is not being embedded, therefore it does need to be looked at differently. | |
| 6.5 | Jan identified that when we reflect back, communication is a big issue in every SCR since the 1970's. Jan agreed with the principle of the thematic approach however stressed this must be multi-agency. | |
| 6.6 | Alastair advised that discussions held at other LSCB Executive Groups and Boards suggest we may need to explore unpicking the culture of organisations, and professional challenge may need to be looked at by an independent researcher. | |
| 6.7 | Karen McGarrity welcomed the opportunity for the voluntary sector to become involved in this and Jan suggested that the Board's lay members could also play a role in auditing. Jan requested Alastair give this some thought and suggested a wider piece of work for partners to consider. | AS |
| 7. | Teeswide CSE Strategy and Action Plan | |
| 7.1 | Alastair presented the Teeswide CSE Strategy and Action Plan. Alastair advised both documents were developed through the Tees Strategic VEMT Group taking into account the Rotherham enquiry, Louise Casey's Views, Local Review's, previous actions plans, the 12 area project, and recommendations. Alastair further advised | |

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| | the Strategy document details where we going, what we want to achieve and the action plan backs this up. Members agreed they are happy to endorse the CSE Strategy. | |
| | <p>The following discussions were held regarding the Action Plan:</p> <p>Item 8: Gather information relating to young people's experience of agencies managing CSE. Alastair advised Wendy Shepherd is looking at voice of children in the CSE/VEMT process.</p> <p>Item 23: Engagement with local businesses around CSE. Alastair reported that discussions have been held with the Stockton Licensing Officer as Peter Kelly invited them to the VEMT Strategic Group. Initial discussions with the taxi trade in Stockton suggest they would welcome CSE Training.</p> <p>Item 24: Systematic on-line surveillance of social networking sites used by young people. Alastair raised the concern around the ethical issues in respect of this. Deanne advised that as an outcome from Jan's feedback from the Independent Chair's conference, she is currently liaising with the RCBC Communication team in devising a Social Media Policy which will be presented at a future Board meeting for partners to consider adopting. Anton advised he felt on-line surveillance could be intrusive to young people.</p> | DT |
| 8. | Safeguarding Policy in Voluntary and Community Groups | |
| 8.1 | Karen McGarrity presented the Safeguarding Policy for Voluntary and Community Groups. Karen advised that the DfE have withdrawn the funding for the Safe Network Standards regional coordinator. Karen reported that she has met with Deanne to work on improving Safeguarding in the local Voluntary and Community Sectors. Karen further advised this paper proposes to develop a Local Offer based on the Safe Networks Standards which will provide a minimum expected standard of safeguarding practice which can then be used within an accredited system adopted by the Local Authority when awarding grants. | |
| 8.2 | Alastair advised within Stockton, the Voluntary and Community Sector is overseen by body called Catalyst and a paper has been presented to Stockton LSCB which was a comprehensive piece of work and maybe useful for Karen to consider. | KM |
| 8.3 | Louise advised that the Adults Safeguarding Board has developed a Quality Standards Charter to bring the VCS organisations on a par with commissioned services for Adults. Organisations have to comply with the Quality Standards Charter before they are promoted by the Local Authority or Peoples Information Network. Jan requested that progress from the Adults Board's is recognised and considered. | KM |
| 8.4 | Mark challenged this proposal also needs to be taken to the Health and Well Being Board Executive Group to take forward the mechanism of how we are going to make this happen. Mark agreed to take this report to the next HWB Executive Group and will invite Karen to present. | MA KM |
| 8.5 | Jan asked partner organisations if it is appropriate for them to consider and Jean advised CCG's do not commission services where appropriate safeguarding arrangement are not in place. Mark challenged that the rigour around grants awarded maybe different in the voluntary sector and Jean agreed she would look into this further. | JF |
| 8.6 | After discussions with members; the Board endorsed this proposal. | |
| | Discussion Items | |
| 9. | RCSCB Serious Case Review | |
| 9.1 | Jan advised that RCSCB LLIPSG have recently recommended to him that a SCR is | |

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| | undertaken on individuals linked to a police investigation in Redcar and Cleveland regarding Child Sexual Exploitation. Jan has given his recommendation to the National Panel that this SCR is undertaken. Jan discussed there is a current Police investigation ongoing however no charges have yet been brought. The main perpetrator is identified as a female. Three young people have been identified as the main focus of the review. Two potential reviewers from Stockport are being considered and they are attending a scoping meeting arranged for 30 July 2015 to discuss governance and terms of reference. | |
| 10. | LAC Health Assessments | |
| 10.1 | Elaine presented a report, on behalf of Helen Smithies, regarding the timeliness of Initial Health Assessments undertaken within South Tees Hospital NHS Foundation Trust. This report focusses on children looked after by Redcar and Cleveland Local Authority who are placed in any of the four Tees local authority areas. | |
| 10.2 | Alison questioned if a further audit was being undertaken around the timeliness of the Review Health Assessments, as Alison advised she thought the audit would consider both. Elaine agreed to discuss this with Helen and report back. | ES/HS |
| 10.3 | Jan advised the audit highlights that the figures are still not at an acceptable level; out of the 5 assessed, all took more than 6 weeks and one did not happen at all. | |
| 10.4 | Victoria advised that changes have been made this week regarding the administration of LAC Health Assessments and the new process should be fully rolled out by the end of August 2015. Jan suggested that following this change we would expect to see an improvement in the future figures. | |
| 10.5 | Alison advised currently the LAC Nurse coordinates the Review Health Assessments and she will be moving into the Local Authority and be based with the LAC Team which should improve communications. | |
| 10.6 | Jan queried the reciprocal arrangements across Tees and Alison advised there is an arrangement in place when young people are placed in a Tees Local Authority but this is affected by staff sickness/vacant posts. Jan asked if this is a commissioning issue. Bev agreed that in Tees there are reciprocal arrangements in place, however advised that this is bigger issue, as outside of the Tees area staff are not commissioned to undertake these reviews. Jean suggested she pick up this issue and work with colleagues to resolve this and report back to the Board; to which Jan agreed. | JF |
| 11. | Police attendance at Strategy meetings | |
| 11.1 | Alastair presented a draft report by Cleveland Police Child Abuse Investigation Unit (CAIU) which provides an evaluation of the Video Conference Pilot to enable Police attendance at Strategy Meetings. Alastair highlighted that Police attendance at Strategy Meetings figures is reported to be 34%, however this figure does not include Police input to Strategies via telephone. Alastair further advised to improve accessibility the Police have introduced a duty phone which ensures a Police Detective Sergeant is always available for Strategy discussions within working hours. Alastair reported there are still difficulties with video conferencing which has been highlighted to IT and escalated appropriately within the Police to ensure progress is made. | |
| 11.2 | Victoria advised that improvements have been felt on the ground with Police being increasingly involved in telephone strategy discussions. Victoria further advised Video Conferencing would be welcome within the Local Authority and Alastair advised a date for implementation is not yet available. | |
| 11.3 | Jan advised he feels reassured that more than 80 percent of strategy discussions have police input whether by telephone or in person. | |
| 12. | Examining Multi-Agency Responses to Children and Young People who sexually offend | |

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| 12.1 | Jan advised this item is deferred until September's meeting when the MAPPA coordinator will be in attendance. | |
| 13. | Audit at South Tees Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust (STHNHSFT) of Paediatric Assessment of Children subject to a Protection Plan for Neglect | |
| 13.1 | Kailash advised that due to reported inaccuracies in the report he requested this item is deferred to a future meeting. | KA |
| 14. | De-planning Multi and Single Agency Audits | |
| 14.1 | Wendy presented the report findings of the de-planning multi and single agency audits. The audits were undertaken to provide assurance to the Board regarding the rapid decrease of children subject to child protection planning in 2014. Wendy identified that the multi-agency audit was particularly challenging as the auditors were unfamiliar with the audit processes which created difficulties and not as many cases were audited as they originally anticipated. | |
| 14.2 | Wendy advised the assurance from the audits is that at the point of conference all of the auditors felt the right decision was made. Wendy acknowledged that was disappointing that some partners felt that they could not provide any comments in respect of the conference, however the overarching message was at point of de-plan people felt happy it was the right decision. Wendy advised the Single Agency audit also provides assurance that at the point of de-plan agencies were in all in agreement. | |
| 14.3 | A discussion was held regarding multi-agency representatives being able to fulfil the auditing role competently. Jan suggested there is some work to do to improve how we undertake multi-agency audits and how we need to prepare auditors for including ensuring they have an understanding of the threshold criteria. | |
| 14.4 | Julie advised a discussion was held at the Stockton LSCB yesterday in respect of the threshold criteria which evoked a useful debate around professionals having a shared understanding of the thresholds. Jan suggested in Redcar and Cleveland we may need to repeat the sessions which were previously held with frontline staff as positive feedback was received at that time in relation to the thresholds. Julie suggested we could recirculate information to staff and Deanne advised the RCSCB's Threshold: Continuum of Need document is already available to staff on the RCSCB Website. Deanne added that this document has recently been sent to Safe4Us for a young person input led by Anton and she would welcome any other comments from partners. | ACC ALL |
| 14.5 | Alastair questioned the issue of disguised compliance and highlighted the evidence recorded in the audit report from each of the cases in respect of the lack of risk assessments on absent parents. Alastair highlighted concern with regards to not dealing with violent/difficult behaviour and suggested this needs further exploration. Neil advised the current Serious Case Review highlighted the same issues. Jan identified there is a need for a deeper dive in thematic inspections on these issues and asked for this to be considered in establishing the audit programme. | WR |
| 15. | LSCB Dataset 2014-15 | |
| a. | Child Protection Statistics (Quarter 3&4) | |
| b. | Proposed Future Dataset | |
| 15.1 | Jan requested that members consider the 2014-15 dataset and provide questions or observations. | |
| 15.2 | Cllr Hannaway observed the spike in the number of Child Protection Plans and requested clarification. Jan advised that this figure does tend to peak and trough which often relates to high profile cases triggering more referrals within a period which then drop off again. Victoria added that early intervention sometimes identifies issues which need to be escalated and in turn this can increase referrals. | |
| 15.3 | Kinga raised concerns that schools are not always aware when pupils are involved with Early Help Services and when she has requested information from Early Help | VW |

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| | incorrect details have been provided. Victoria agreed to look into this further and feedback to Kinga outside of the meeting. | |
| 15.4 | Cllr Hannaway questioned the number of children being re-planned. Wendy advised that Redcar and Cleveland are performing well in this area in comparison to others. Victoria explained that a child being on a plan for a second time may be due to them moving out of the authority and then back in and provided assurance that there has not been an increase in re-planning this year. Jan further assured Cllr Hannaway that the Board has always paid attention to this figure and asked for explanation regarding the re-planning cases, if they had been re-planned within two years, which Wendy agreed to provide to a future Board. | WR |
| 15.5 | Jan requested clarification on the data regarding the number of children referred as a result of domestic abuse, which is on Page 5 of the RCSCB Dataset. Wendy agreed to look into this and report back. | WR |
| 15.6 | Jan questioned the data in respect of return interviews and Wendy advised that the return interviews figure has significantly increased which provides good assurance, however this issue has been raised at Strategic VEMT as the quality of the interview needs to be considered further in addition to the quantity. | WR |
| 15.7 | Jan requested a further explanation regarding the YOS data on Page 17 'reoffending rate per 100 offenders' as this figure has significantly risen. Sue advised that the figure is reported on a cohort on a rolling programme therefore the quarterly figures do not relate. Sue advised that the data provided is being reviewed. | SD |
| 15.8 | Deanne presented the proposed RCSCB Dataset and advised the data from the Child Protection Quarterly Dataset has been included in the revised RCSCB Dataset to avoid duplication of work. The proposed dataset now also includes a summary section at the front which would be completed by the Monitoring and Evaluation Sub Group on a quarterly basis before being presented at Board. Wendy advised the Monitoring and Evaluation Sub Group considered and accepted the proposed dataset yesterday and would welcome the Board's views. Board members were happy to endorse the proposed Dataset. | |
| 16. | Teeswide Dataset | |
| 16.1 | Jan advised the government have agreed to provide some funding for consultation on producing a Teeswide dataset. Jan identified that as a Board we need to ensure we feed the concept of our dataset into this process. | |
| 17. | School Nursing Service for Redcar and Cleveland | |
| 17.1 | Mark presented a briefing note to provide the Board with an update position on the provision of School Nursing Services across Redcar and Cleveland. Mark advised he is working closely with partners to bring the service safely into the Council and the workforce have been involved and engaged in the process. Clinical Governance and Safeguarding are working closely to maintain current links as the service is initially moved on a lift and shift approach with a plan to remodel the service once it is in house. Mark advised it is envisaged the service will move to the Local Authority from 1 September 2015, however if this doesn't happen the service continuity will remain with CCG's and a revised date will be planned. | |
| 17.2 | Bev requested clarification on the professional registration and assessment of the Nurses. Mark advised in the first instance South Tees Hospitals Foundation Trust will be commissioned to supervise the nurses and risks are being considered around the future recruitment and retention of staff. | |
| 17.3 | Cllr Hannaway asked how personnel data will be transferred. Mark advised paper files will be moved across with School Nurses, in line with retention of records and electronic files will all stay in System One. | |
| 17.4 | Jan suggested it is essential for the Board to be updated on the safeguarding provision within the service. | MA |

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| 18. | Safe 4 Us - Pre and Post CSE questionnaires re Chelsea's Choice | |
| 18.1 | Safe4Us presented to the Board their findings from the questionnaires completed by the year 8 and year 9 pupils following the Chelsea's Choice Performance which was commissioned by RCSCB for presentation in all of Redcar and Cleveland Secondary Schools. | |
| 18.2 | The following points from the completed questionnaires highlighted: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 42% rise in Young People understanding what CSE means. • 36% rise in Young People understanding what the grooming process is. • Young people are more informed of who it affects following performance. • After watching the performance Young People are 7 times more likely to tell someone if they were worried with approximately 75% confirming they would now tell someone. | |
| 18.3 | Deanne asked if Safe4Us members are confident that pupils understand the answers they are provided on the questionnaires, for example the previous questionnaire demonstrated that they were not fully aware of what child sexual exploitation was despite some pupils ticking yes, when this was unpicked some pupils answered that they thought it was horse grooming. A Safe4Us member responded they are now confident that the written answers in the post questionnaires do make sense whereas before the performance some of the answers did not. | |
| 18.4 | Cllr Hannaway asked if it would be useful for the LSCB to recommission Chelsea's Choice for further performances in Redcar and Cleveland Schools. Neil Appleby responded that Secondary School Head Teacher would definitely want to recommission the performances as they feel it is essential that every youngster going through schooling is given the opportunity to view the performance. Neil advised that Schools would assist with future funding of this. | |
| 18.5 | Karen made an observation that the awareness has increased across the Borough. | |
| 18.6 | Deanne thanked Safe4Us and Anton for all their hard work in undertaking the evaluations following the performance. | |
| 19. | Any Other Business | |
| 19.1 | Jan advised that the Government has published a report which encourages local authorities and independent adoption agencies to consider developing a regional adoption service (an area should deal with 200 adoptions a year). is aware that Teesside and Darlington are currently working on a regional proposal. | |
| 19.2 | Graded Care Profile. Wendy reported that 69% of children and young people in Redcar and Cleveland are on a Child Protection Plan due to neglect. Wendy advised the reviewed neglect model favoured the graded care profile and this has been approved by CFMT. Wendy advised that Middlesbrough are also adopting this approach and are looking to commission a training agency to implement this from October 2015. RCSCB supported this and welcomed the opportunity for this to be included in the LSCB training programme. | |
| 19.3 | Bev advised that NHS England have published a revised accountability document which did not particularly change from the draft version that was circulated for consultation. Bev advised she will be working with the CCG Nurses and Designated Nurses regarding the issues it raises. Bev further advised a pragmatic approach will be taken in respect of NHS England attending future Board meetings due to geography issues the service is expected to cover. | |
| | Date of next Board Meeting – Friday 18 September 2015 – 10am – 12.30pm 25K Ayton Drive, Redcar, TS10 4LR | |