



## REDCAR & CLEVELAND'S SAFEGUARDING CHILDREN BOARD

### MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON 18<sup>th</sup> March 2016, 10am – 12.30pm MAIN HALL, 25K YOUTH & COMMUNITY CENTRE, AYTON DRIVE, REDCAR

**PRESENT:**

Jan Van Wagendonk	(JvW) RCSCB Independent Chair
Neil Appleby	(NA) Head Teacher, Redcar & Cleveland Education – Secondary Schools
Barbara Shaw	(BS) Director of People Services, Redcar & Cleveland Borough Council
Chris Daniel	(CD) Assistant Director, Children & Families, Redcar & Cleveland Council
Mark Adams	(MA) Asst. Director of Public Health – Redcar & Cleveland Council
Karen McGarrity	(KMc) Community Information Officer, RCVDA
Alison Ferguson	(AF) Designated Nurse, South Tees CCG
Dr John Bye	(JB) Named GP, South Tees CCG
Dr K Agrawal	(KA1) Designated Consultant, Child Protection, STCCG
Helen Smithies	(HS) Head of Nursing (Safeguarding) South Tees NHS Foundation Trust
Karen Agar	(KA2) Associate Director - Tees Esk & Wear Valleys NHS Foundation
Alastair Simpson	(AS) Detective Superintendent, Cleveland Police
Julie Allan	(JA) Head of Cleveland National Probation Service (NE)
Barbara Gill	(BG) Head of Offender Services DTV Community Rehabilitation Company
Jason Lowe	(JL) Head of Independent Living Services, Coast and Country Housing
Cllr Craig Hannaway	(CH) Lead Member Children and Families, Redcar and Cleveland Council
Anton Curtis Cooper	(AC) Lay Member
Rosemary Nicholls	(RM) Lay Member
Anne Graney	(AG) NHS England
Jean Golightly	(JG) Executive Nurse, South Tees and Hartlepool and Stockton CCG's
Denise Jennings	(DJ) Team Manager, Adult Safeguarding and DoLs
Ros Pluck	(RP) Business Manager, Redcar & Cleveland Safeguarding Children Board
Nicola Porritt	(NP) Redcar & Cleveland Safeguarding Children Board (Minutes)

**GUESTS:**

Wendy Rudd	(WR) Service Manager, Redcar and Cleveland Council
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**APOLOGIES:**

Louise Walker	Service Manager Social Work & Safeguarding, Redcar & Cleveland B.C
John Anthony	Head of Education, Redcar & Cleveland Borough Council
Alison Brown	Youth Offending Service Manager, South Tees Youth Offending Service
Dave Turton	Head of Fire Prevention, Cleveland Fire Brigade
Kinga Pusztai	Head Teacher, Redcar & Cleveland Education – Primary Schools
Elisa Arnold	Service Manager, CAF/CASS

### OPEN SESSION

		ACTIO N
	<b>Welcome/Introductions/Apologies</b>	
<b>1.</b>	<b>Minutes of previous Open Session and Matters arising</b>	
1.1	The open session minutes of the previous meeting held on 15th January 2016 were reviewed and agreed as an accurate record.	

<b>1.2</b>	<b>Matters Arising</b>	
1.2.1	<b>Item 2.2.</b> – The outstanding contribution for the CDOP budget has now been resolved with Public Health meeting the shortfall.	
1.2.2	<b>Item 6.4</b> - KMc stated the meeting she was due to attend to discuss Section 11 Audits within voluntary sector had been cancelled and a new meeting is due to be arranged. <b>ACTION:</b> KMc will give feedback once the meeting has taken place.	<b>KMc</b>
1.2.3	<b>Item 11</b> – It was noted that the next dates for a potential Ofsted Inspection are 11 <sup>th</sup> and 25 <sup>th</sup> April 2016.	
<b>2.</b>	<b>Any other business for Open Session</b>	
2.1	AC – Safe 4 Us update	
2.2	BS – Safeguarding within Libraries and Leisure Centres	
2.3	AF - Child Protection Information Sharing Project.	
2.4	JG - Performance Framework	
<b>3.</b>	<b>Tees Procedures</b>	
3.1	<u>Prevent/Channel Procedure</u> RP highlighted that this is a new procedure which requires approval by all 4 Tees Boards before it can be adopted. Feedback was received from Board members and no issues were highlighted. <u>DECISION</u> – The Prevent/Channel procedure was endorsed by the Board.	
3.2	<u>Safer Referral Form - Amendment</u> The following issues in respect of the form were highlighted and discussed: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Early help box – Board members agreed with the outcome of discussion which took place at the recent Tees Procedures meeting that this is a relevant box and must remain.</li> <li>• The consent box is already ticked and this tick should be removed</li> <li>• The North Yorkshire email address should be changed to a secure email address.</li> <li>• Board members agreed that information in relation to ‘Voice of the Child’ was sufficient as also agreed at Tees Procedures.</li> <li>• Darlington email address to be added.</li> </ul> <u>DECISION</u> – Endorsed subject to the above amendments.	
<b>4</b>	<b>Discussion Items</b>	
4.1	<b>Strategic VEMT Annual Report</b> - Sept 14 – Aug 15  AS gave a summary of the Tees wide VEMT report highlighting that the objectives are now ordered under the 4 Ps; Prepare, Prevent, Protect, Pursue.  It was noted that Barnardo’s have supported the VEMT strategy with the Night Watch initiative.  AS thanked Rye Hills school for their support with the launch of ‘In the Wrong Hands’	

	campaign.	
4.2	<p><b>Page 4 - Section 6 – ‘What is the Local Picture?’</b> - AS expressed the opinion that the data included does not reflect the full picture as there are silent victims resulting in under reporting, particularly from boys and the BME community. AS highlighted that CSE occurs across all areas of the Cleveland Police Force area and this should be recognised by all agencies.</p> <p>AS reported that Trafficking occurs within the Tees area, however often foreign nationals do not recognise themselves as being trafficked as they can feel they are being treated better than they were in their own country.</p>	
4.3	<p><b>Page 8 - Missing From Home (MFH)</b> - AS highlighted that work is ongoing in Redcar &amp; Cleveland in respect of MFH, particularly in respect of those aged 5-9 years. He explained that reasons for children in this age group going missing need to be identified and early interventions put in place.</p>	
4.4	<p><b>E-Safety</b> - AS expressed the opinion that E-Safety is a major issue and highlighted that there has been a lot of work completed within schools and that a variety of resources are available. AS advised that Police support is available to deliver the E-Safety message in schools.</p> <p>It was reported that both Stockton and Middlesbrough Local Authorities have conducted an attitudinal survey which focusses on changing attitudes in respect of internet safety and relationships. AS noted that this was a valuable piece of longitudinal data and encouraged Redcar &amp; Cleveland to consider conducting the survey in schools in Redcar &amp; Cleveland. BS highlighted that it would be useful to have Tees wide comparative data.</p> <p>AS highlighted that Chelsea’s Choice has been a valued production and welcomed its return to the area in April. NA proposed that the Ofsted Inspectors are offered the opportunity to see a performance of Chelsea’s Choice should they be in the area at this time.</p> <p>ACC gave an update from the Safe4Us Sub Group and reported that they are currently working on an E-safety campaign. The group are hoping to create a wall wrap 6ft x 3ft banner to be placed in areas of high computer use, such as libraries and school IT rooms. They are also developing a screen saver for use in schools, public libraries and other relevant places. NA stated he would welcome the screen savers in his school.</p>	
4.5	<p><b>Sextortion</b> – AS gave an overview of this newly emerging issue. Sextortion is typically targeted at teenage males and often involves them being asked to send sexually explicit photos of themselves; they then receive threats demanding money otherwise the photos will be posted on the internet. AF highlighted that they not only threaten to post them on the internet but also threaten to send them to family and friends of the victim. AS advised that advice regarding sextortion will be available soon and will be made available to agencies.</p>	
5.	<b>VEMT Strategy and Work Plan – Wendy Rudd</b>	
	<p>WR highlighted that today is National CSE day. She advised that Redcar &amp; Cleveland have raised awareness of the issues via Twitter, Facebook and the Redcar &amp; Cleveland Website.</p> <p>WR presented the revised VEMT Strategy and Workplan and highlighted that the main revision was that it was now driven by the 4 P’s as opposed to the previous 3 I’s.</p>	

	<p>The 4 P's being:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Preventing</b> the abuse from happening</li> <li>• <b>Protecting</b> young people who are victims or at risk of sexual exploitation</li> <li>• <b>Prosecuting</b> offenders wherever possible</li> <li>• <b>Publicising</b> this activity, including how people can report child sexual exploitation</li> </ul>	
<b>6.</b>	<b>Female Genital Mutilation (FGM) Mandatory Reporting Requirement</b>	
	<p>AF delivered a presentation regarding FGM.</p> <p>The Mandatory Reporting Duty document can be found via the following link <a href="https://www.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/512906/Multi_Agency_Statutory_Guidance_on_FGM_-_FINAL.pdf">https://www.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/512906/Multi_Agency_Statutory_Guidance_on_FGM_-_FINAL.pdf</a></p> <p>CH queried if there are any difficulties in reporting FGM due to cultural sensitivity. AF explained that there is a legal requirement to report FGM and she was not aware of any problems. She felt that the fact that it is now mandatory makes it easier to report.</p> <p>AS highlighted that reporting such cases could potentially protect siblings and the wider family in addition to the victim themselves and professionals take this into consideration.</p> <p>KA queried the process if a child was taken out of the country to undergo FGM. AF explained that it is illegal to take a child to another country and that awareness raising has taken place with GP practices. It was highlighted that FGM partnership meetings are established involving the Police and the Border Agency. JG highlighted that Border Agency staff are trained in identifying potential FGM cases.</p> <p>HS highlighted that professionals should not assume that all women who have had some form of FGM will then allow this to happen to their own children and that professionals whilst being mindful of the risk should not make assumptions.</p>	
<b>7.</b>	<b>Tees Wide Performance Management Proposals</b>	
7.1	<p>JvW reported that all Tees Boards had agreed to jointly fund the proposed Tees wide performance management function, along with the Police and Crime Commissioner for Cleveland.</p>	
7.2	<p>JG took the opportunity to discuss the Tees wide dataset at this point rather than under AOB.</p> <p>JG explained that she has thoroughly considered the documents in respect of the agreed Performance Management Framework. She highlighted that there are a total of 13 thematic reports that need to be produced which represents a substantial amount of work for designated agencies across the 4 Boards.</p> <p>JG highlighted that the timetable for reports will be crucial and that all those required to produce thematic reports will need to be aware of the requirements.</p> <p>It was also highlighted that there is no established tool for completing the agreed data set and this will need to be considered.</p> <p>JvW confirmed that each Board has agreed to the proposed framework and that the initial priority will be to ensure a functional dataset is established.</p>	

	<p>It was highlighted that the working group set up to manage the performance framework will need to assess what is required and agree how this should be progressed.</p> <p>JG suggested that partners review the data-set and familiarise themselves with what they have agreed to provide.</p>	
<b>8.</b>	<b>Budget</b>	
	<p>The proposed 2016-2017 RCSCB Budget was distributed to members.</p> <p>It was highlighted that the commitment to the Tees wide Performance Management Framework of £8,000 represents a 5% increase to the budget.</p> <p>It was agreed that in the first instance agencies will be asked to confirm that their contribution to RCSCB will be at least the same as last year.</p> <p>It highlighted that there is some inconsistency in the amount that agencies contribute to the respective 4 Tees Boards, for example Redcar &amp; Cleveland receive the lowest contribution of all 4 Boards from the Cleveland Police and Crime Commissioner. Further work in respect of local and regional comparators will be undertaken to support any proposals to the budget.</p> <p>JA highlighted that the probation service is now 2 separate entities and reported that they halved the contribution in 2015/16. This arrangement will be reviewed and JA will provide an update when agreement is reached.</p>	<b>RP</b>
<b>9.</b>	<b>Integrated Dataset</b>	
	<p>RP advised that the Quarter 2 dataset was not yet complete in terms of analysis and commentary from agencies providing the 'story' behind the data. She confirmed that this is in development and should be completed imminently.</p> <p>It was agreed that this would be done as a priority and RP will e-mail all partners requesting their contribution.</p> <p><b>Action:</b> RP to complete data set and present analysis, including completion of Quarter 3 data at the next Board meeting.</p> <p><b>Action:</b> All to provide updates and commentary as requested.</p>	<b>RP</b> <b>All</b>
<b>10.</b>	<b>LSCB Review – Submission from Association of Independent LSCB Chairs</b>	
	<p>JvW gave an overview of this report highlighting that the National Review might include the centralisation of Serious Case Reviews.</p> <p>JvW's opinion was that the Independent Chair's role may be changing from that of a facilitator to systems leader, however this may be a difficult role to fill as the Independent Chair has no responsibility for agencies.</p>	
<b>11.</b>	<b>Information Items</b>	
11.1	<p><b>Forced Marriage Resource Pack</b></p> <p>This was distributed to Board members and an electronic copy is available via <a href="https://www.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/322310/H">https://www.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/322310/H</a></p>	

	<a href="#">MG Statutory Guidance publication 180614 Final.pdf</a>	
<b>12.</b>	<b>Any other business</b>	
12.1	<p><b>Libraries/Leisure Facilities</b></p> <p>Stockton SCB has shared a recent paper regarding unaccompanied children in community buildings such as libraries and leisure facilities.</p> <p>AS commented that Stockton's progress in respect of this matter was positive and provides the opportunity for staff to receive appropriate guidance. AS highlighted that Cleveland Police Sex Offender Management Unit is Tees wide and whilst there is no RCSCB board representative on the group there is a representative from Redcar and Cleveland Council.</p> <p>It was noted that the paper was received positively by SSCB.</p>	
12.2	<p><b>Child Protection Information Sharing Project</b></p> <p>AF updated the Board in respect of the Child Protection Information Sharing Project which is ongoing.</p> <p>AF reported that any children subject to Protection Plan and those who are Looked After will have a 'flag' placed on the national spine so when the attend out of hours or walk in centre for care their status will be highlighted. The intention is that the 'flag' would remain 'live' until a year after the status has ceased.</p>	
	<b>Date of Next Meeting:</b>	
	<p><b>13<sup>th</sup> May 2016 – 10.00-12.30</b></p> <p><b>Main Hall, 25K Neighbourhood Centre, Redcar</b></p>	