



REDCAR & CLEVELAND SAFEGUARDING CHILDREN BOARD

MINUTES OF MEETING 8th July 2016, 10am – 12.30pm MAIN HALL, 25K YOUTH & COMMUNITY CENTRE, AYTON DRIVE, REDCAR

OPEN SESSION

PRESENT:

Jan Van Wagendonk	(JvW) RCSCB Independent Chair
Jon Rush	(JR) Newly appointed RCSCB Independent Chair
Barbara Shaw	(BS) Director of People Services, Redcar & Cleveland Council
Linda Bulmer	(LB) Head of Early Years and Partnerships, Redcar and Cleveland Council
Mark Adams	(MA) Asst. Director of Public Health – Redcar & Cleveland Council
Kinga Pusztai	(KP) Head Teacher, Redcar & Cleveland Education – Primary Schools
Alison Ferguson	(AF) Designated Nurse, South Tees CCG
Helen Smithies	(HS) Assistant Director, Safeguarding South Tees NHS Foundation Trust
Alastair Simpson	(AS1) 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 Ltd.
Kay Dargue	(KD) Interim Youth Offending Service Manager, ST Youth Offending Service
Jason Lowe	(JL) Head of Independent Living, Coast and Country Housing
Cllr Craig Hannaway	(CH) Lead Member Children and Families, Redcar and Cleveland Council
Rosemary Nicholls	(RM) Lay Member
Anne Graney	(AG) Transforming Care Programme Lead, NHS England
Karen Agar	(KA1) Associate Director of Nursing (Safeguarding), TEWV NHS FT
Jean Golightly	(JG) NHS Hartlepool and Stockton-on-Tees CCG and NHS South Tees CCG
Ros Pluck	(RP) Business Manager - Redcar & Cleveland Safeguarding Children Board
Nicola Porritt	(NP) Senior Administrator- RCSCB (Minute taker)

APOLOGIES:

Neil Appleby Vice Chair	(NA) Redcar & Cleveland Education – Secondary Schools
Louise Walker	(LW) Service Manager Social Work & Safeguarding, R&C Council
Karen McGarrity	(KMc) Community Information Officer, RCVDA
Alison Smith	(AS2) Deputy Director of Nursing, NHS England
Dr K Agrawal	(KA2) Designated Doctor, Safeguarding, STCCG
Anton Curtis Cooper	Lay Member

1.	Welcome/Introductions/Apologies	ACTION
1.1	JvW welcomed everyone to his last meeting, introductions were made and apologies were noted. JvW introduced the new Independent Chair, Jon Rush.	
1.2	JR explained that his primary career has been with the police, holding the position of Chief Superintendent and also working within Child protection, Adult Protection and with vulnerable people and more recently as a Divisional Commander. JR confirmed he was heavily involved in partnership working during this time. At present JR is a Lay Member with Cumbria CCG, Cumbria Safeguarding Children Board and Adult Safeguarding Board and a Governor for Bury College.	

2.	Minutes of Previous Meeting and Matters Arising	
2.1	JG noted the following amendment in the previous minutes: Dr Agrawal's role to be changed to 'Designated Doctor, Safeguarding, South Tees CCG on the attendance list.	
2.1.1	Minutes from the open meeting on 13 th May 2016 were agreed as an accurate record subject to the above amendment.	
2.2	<u>Item 2.1.2</u> – Teeswide Performance management Framework JG confirmed that KA is not a member of this group and this is why she was not aware of the first meeting date. JG gave the following update: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Two meetings have taken place. Data analysts and some safeguarding professionals are exploring all data for all four Tees LSCBs • The lead partner has been agreed as Stockton. • TOR agreed and Vice Chair, Ian Coxon of Stockton has been appointed • It was agreed that the national data baselines will be used for analysis. • It was agreed that where possible, to include 8 quarters of data, however it was recognised that this may not always be available. • Envisaged having quarterly meetings however meetings are currently monthly. • Analysts need to make sure that there is consistency when matching data and all data is recognised as the same across all 4 SCBs. • Reports from Mental Health Services will not include data that belongs to TEWV. • A draft document of appendix B should be available for the next Board meeting. 	
2.2.1	AS feels that the initial focus should be on the key set of indicators. JG stated that agreement for 23 items for additional reports from organisations, however there is a concern around who will provide the data until the lead partner is up and running.	
2.2.2	JG highlighted that existing performance measures should continue in parallel until the new processes are accurate and robust.	
2.2.3	<u>Item 4.12</u> – HS reported she has met with RCBC colleagues and it was identified that analysts are not comparing the same data. A number of errors were identified of which some may have been human error due to double entries and information for one particular Local Authority was hidden. A further meeting is due to take place at the end of July to explore Quarter 4 data.	
2.2.4	<u>Item 4.13</u> – PEPS – It was noted that there is a delay in the new electronic system being in place due to the tendering process. The Virtual School Head has designed a new process and social workers are aware and working accordingly.	
2.2.5	<u>Item 4.15</u> – Fixed term exclusion and persistent absences – BS confirmed that she has written to the Regional Schools Commissioner regarding this however no response was received. BS has raised this again and she has been assured that a detailed response will be provided.	
2.2.6	<u>Item 9.1</u> – Safe4Us – RP confirmed that Safe4Us group are hoping to work with a contact from R&C IT department to reduce the content of the screen saver or	

	potentially making several screensavers that will scroll across the screen.	
2.2.7	<p>AS reported that the VEMT group would like to do some work with Safe4Us regarding reporting mechanisms; how to get the message out to children and young people and what they will listen to. RP confirmed that Safe4us are not due to meet over the summer holidays and dates for September have not been arranged as yet.</p> <p>ACTION: NP to send Safe4Us meeting dates to AS when available.</p>	NP
3.	LSCB Review	
3.1	JvW gave a brief summary of the report and why this review was initiated. The report was published at end of May 2016 together with the Government response.	
3.2	<p>JvW highlighted the following;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Potential of the present Board to remain as is. • LSCBs potentially ceasing with a new arrangement to be established however there are no details as to the requirement of any new arrangements. • The 3 key agencies Health, Local Authority and Police to be responsible for and agree arrangements. • CDOP to be the responsibility of health. • A national SCR panel to be established. • Multi agency arrangements to remain in place at present to safeguard children. • No mention of political/member involvement. <p>Health will have one person able to speak for all Health services and able to commit Health to agreed actions within the proposed changes however it is not known who this will be. JG highlighted that it is the CCG not NHS England who are the statutory organisation.</p>	
3.3	In his opinion, JvW feels that there will be major change but in the meantime RCSCB must continue to ensure a focus is maintained on safeguarding services until any new requirements are in place.	
3.4	<p>Discussion took place regarding how the Board should take the proposals detailed in the report forward. It was noted that the proposals allow consideration of a wider geographical area for any new arrangement and both the Police and National Probation Service highlighted that consideration of a Teeswide Board would be of interest to them, given that they sit on all 4 Boards.</p> <p>It was agreed that there was merit in all 4 Tees LSCBs meeting to have an initial discussion.</p>	
3.5	JR highlighted that potentially the Chief Executive from each of the Tees Local Authorities may want to have an input.	
3.6	ACTION: RP to draft a letter from JR to the other 3 Tees SCB Chairs, Health, Police and the Directors of Social Care to discuss moving forward and the options available.	RP
3.7	HS highlighted that it was positive that CDOP is moving to Health as this will stop making every family tragedy a safeguarding concern which is not always the case.	

4.	Budget Report	
4.1	RP gave a summary of the income and expenditure for 2015/2016 and highlighted that some expenditure for the XYZ SCR is still outstanding. The projected income for 2016/17 was also presented.	
4.2	BG confirmed an email had been sent to RP confirming the NPS 2016/17 contribution to the Board.	
4.3	JG highlighted that the CCG make an additional contribution to CDOP. RP advised that only financial contributions are included within the budget report , however she will highlight within the report the additional support provided by the CCG. ACTION: RP to annotate that this budget does not include the CCG contribution to CDOP.	RP
5.	Joint Targeted Area Inspections	
5.1	BS noted that this briefing has been produced by ADCS and is for information only.	
6.	South Of Tees Children’s Hub	
6.1	BS reported that arrangements are moving forward and acknowledged that the manager at North Tees Hub has been sharing information and learning from their experiences.	
6.2	Item 2.1 of the report. JR highlighted that a potential issue could arise regarding everything being sent to the hub. BS explained that discussions are ongoing regarding if Early Help will be included. It was also noted that professionals who don’t normally work with children may need to access the hub for support.	
6.3	BS noted that the North of Tees Hub has had positive feedback from Directors and staff and it is very busy.	
7.	Annual Sub Group Reports	
7.1	The following information was noted: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • CCG attendance at VEMT & M&E meetings is not very high and this is due to staff vacancies. • HS noted that the Tees Procedures meeting has been stood down for a second time. • LLIPSG – TEWV do not appear to be a member • LLIPSG - Coast and Country are only invited for certain agenda items. • In the VEMT report it should read ‘South Tees CCG’ as this is the correct title. • VEMT focus appears to be on awareness and not on service delivery but the TOR highlights service delivery ACTION – Jayne Bulmer to be invited to RCSCB to discuss this further. • CH highlighted that VEMT attendance has a large amount of members. RP noted that Jayne Bulmer, as new chair may review the membership of this group. 	

8.	Sub Group Terms of Reference	
8.1	JG queried if resources are being deployed appropriately due to the amount of VEMT groups in the Tees area. JvW noted that the Stockton and Middlesbrough Ofsted report was complimentary of VEMT. AS confirmed that the VEMT Sub Group drives delivery of the Strategic Tees VEMT.	
9.	Any Other Business	
9.1	Jan took this opportunity to thank Board members for their commitment as he felt that everyone had worked very well and he wished them all the very best for the future. Jan also thanked Ros Pluck, Deanne Taylor and Yvonne Priestley, RCSCB Business Managers past and present for their support.	
9.2	Barbara stated that over the time she has known Jan she has had admiration and respect for what he has brought to Children's Services nationally and most recently to Redcar and Cleveland. Barbara hopes that Jan leaves feeling fulfilled by his career and his time in Redcar and Cleveland. Barbara is thankful for his friendship and hopes that Jan has some wonderful memories and he manages to maintain his roots in this country. Barbara wished Jan a really big thank you and "tot ziens en success" (goodbye and good luck in Dutch).	
	Date of Next Meeting:	
	2nd September 2016 10.00am – 12.30pm 25K Community Centre, Ayton Drive, Redcar	