



REDCAR & CLEVELAND SAFEGUARDING CHILDREN BOARD

MINUTES OF MEETING 13th May 2016 10am – 12.30pm 25K YOUTH & COMMUNITY CENTRE, AYTON DRIVE, REDCAR

PRESENT:

Jan Van Wagendonk	(JvW) RCSCB Independent Chair
Barbara Shaw	(BS) Director of People Services, Redcar & Cleveland Borough Council
Chris Daniel	(CD) Assistant Director, Children and Families
Mark Adams	(MA) Asst. Director of Public Health – Redcar & Cleveland Borough Council
Karen Agar	(KA1) Associate Director - Tees Esk & Wear Valleys NHS Foundation Trust
Louise Walker	(LW) Service Manager Social Work & Safeguarding, Redcar & Cleveland B.C
Elisa Arnold	(EA) Service Manager, CAF/CASS
Helen Smithies	(HS) Assistant Director of Nursing Safeguarding, South Tees NHS Trust
Karen McGarrity	(KMc) Community Information Officer, RCVDA
Alison Ferguson	(AF) Designated Nurse, South Tees CCG
Dr K Agrawal	(KA2) Designated Doctor, Safeguarding, STCCG
Alastair Simpson	(AS1) Detective Superintendent, Cleveland Police
Karen Blackburn	(KB) Deputy Head, Cleveland Area, NPS North East
Kay Dargue	(KD) Interim Head of Service, South Tees Youth Offending Service
Alison Smith	(AS2) Deputy Director Nursing, NHS England Cumbria and North East
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
Anton Curtis Cooper	(ACC) Lay Member
Ros Pluck	(RP) Business Manager - RCSCB
Nicola Porritt	(NP) Senior Business Support Officer - RCSCB (Minutes)

GUESTS:

Laura Burt	Safe4Us (Junior RCSCB) Member
Katy Bentley	Safe4Us (Junior RCSCB) Member

APOLOGIES:

Kinga Pusztai	(KP) Head Teacher, Redcar & Cleveland Education – Primary Schools
Dr John Bye	(JB) Named GP, South Tees CCG
Jean Golightly	(JG) Executive Nurse, South Tees & Hartlepool and Stockton CCG's

OPEN SESSION

		ACTION
1.	Welcome/Introductions/Apologies	
1.1	JvW welcomed everyone to the meeting. Brief introductions were undertaken and apologies were noted.	
2.	Minutes of Previous Meeting and Matters Arising	
2.1	Dr John Bye, Named GP, to be added to the attendance list. Denise Jennings, Team Manager, Adult Safeguarding and DoLs to be added to the	

	attendance list. Item 12.2 – Child Protection Information Sharing Project - It was noted that the ‘flags’ placed on children’s records are for those children subject to Child Protection and LAC, not Child In Need as stated in the minutes. AF advised that this project is due to go live in Redcar imminently. The minutes of the Open Session held on 18 th March 2016 were agreed as an accurate record subject to the above amendments.	
2.1	Matters Arising	
2.1.1	Item 3.2 - Safer Referral Form update – CD reported that the Early Help box has been removed as this tool will no longer be used for Early Help referrals.	
2.1.2	Item 7 - Teeswide Performance Management Framework – BS advised that at a recent meeting JG had informed her that Stockton has agreed to take the lead for this Framework. BS reported that having met with the lead officers in Stockton JG was feeling positive and assured regarding the process. JG had also advised BS that the first meeting of the Performance Management Group had been arranged in May. KA1 commented that she is a member of this group but is not aware of a meeting having been arranged. ACTION: KA1 to enquire further regarding meeting date. It was suggested that given the fact that we are already part way into 2016/17 that a phased implementation might be appropriate.	KA1
2.1.3	Item 8 - Budget – RP advised that the Statement of Financial Intent for the South Tees Youth Offending Service is still outstanding. KD confirmed that they have a 12% financial cut to their budget for this year savings for which have been identified. RP explained that the Probation contribution is now split between, CRC and NPS. NPS have confirmed their contribution with CRC’s still outstanding. ACTION: RP to progress final budget contributions for RCSCB. BS queried the progress regarding the CDOP funding arrangements for 2017/2018. RP explained that Public Health Directors are due to meet to discuss this funding and she is awaiting feedback from this. ACTION: RP to progress 2017/18 CDOP Funding.	RP RP
2.1.4	Item 10 - LSCB Review – JvW highlighted that no report has been published; however the new potential date for release is June 2016 along with the Government response. JvW noted that if there are major changes, primary legislation will be required thus it is unlikely that any changes to LSCBs would go ahead before 2018.	
3.	Private Fostering Report	
3.1	CD gave a summary of the report highlighting that Private Fostering numbers are low in Redcar & Cleveland as it is across the Tees area. CD noted that Redcar and Cleveland are continuously updating publications and promoting private fostering. The following responses were noted regarding each of the recommendations within the report: <u>Recommendation 1: Private Fostering to remain part of the RCSCB safeguarding children training.</u>	

	<p>It was noted that this training continues. AS1 advised that he will be requesting Training Sub Groups consider including Human Trafficking training in their training calendar and highlighted the links to Private Fostering.</p> <p><u>Recommendation 2: Board to consider how best to further engage GP's in identifying potential private fostering arrangements.</u></p> <p>It was noted that the Safeguarding Officer for the CCG is completing work regarding raising awareness, this is also being promoted via a CCG bulletin sent from Dr Bye and GP's are now attending LSCB training. Awareness will also be raised during Private Fostering week.</p> <p><u>Recommendation 3: Board to endorse the Private Fostering Statement of Purpose, updated in February 2016.</u></p> <p>This document was tabled at today's meeting. ACTION: Board members to send any comments directly to CD</p> <p><u>Recommendation 4: Private Fostering week in July 2016 to be planned in collaboration with the Teeswide Private Fostering Group.</u></p> <p>It was noted that Jo Levie, Redcar and Cleveland Council is the contact for Private Fostering.</p> <p>Decision: Board members endorsed The Private Fostering Statement of Purpose in principal.</p>	ALL
4	Quarter 3 Dataset	
4.1	<p>The Quarter 3 Dataset was reviewed and the following was identified:</p> <p>Page 4 – 1.1 It was noted that children subject to strategy meetings has increased – AS noted police may not attend all strategy meetings but they are often still involved via telephone discussions and other communication methods.</p>	
4.2	<p>Page 5 – 1.4 – reports requested for ICPCs - JW felt encouraged by relatively high reports being received for this quarter which was the equivalent of more than 90%. AF highlighted that data regarding GPs providing reports was a concern and Dr John Bye is currently reviewing this.</p> <p>KB noted that Probation is now split into two departments consisting of NPS & CRC and KB queried if the data could be split. ACTION: RP to explore if this data is available in a split form.</p>	RP
4.4	<p>Page 7 – 1.7 Board members queried the data questioning how Unborn Babies and children under age 1 are sharing their wishes and feelings at conferences.</p>	
4.5	<p>Page 8 – 1.9 BS highlighted how it was interesting that children made subject to a CP plan under Emotional Abuse has significantly increased in this quarter thus querying if the Local Authority should be aware of any underlying issues. ACTION: CD to explore this data further.</p> <p>It was noted that Children subject to CP plans has increased in quarter 3.</p>	CD
4.6	<p>Page 11 – 1.12 It was noted that there is a significant decrease in the number of children referred as a result of domestic abuse. This was queried by Board members. However, it was suggested that a possible rationale for this could be that Operation Encompass is providing support at an early stage. HS highlighted if the data regarding children receiving Early Help, that are referred as a result of domestic abuse has increased, this may also have some influence on this data. AS1 highlighted that quarter 4 data should be considered before analysing this</p>	

	further. ACTION: RP to raise this query at the Reducing Domestic Abuse Partnership.	RP
4.7	Page 12 – 1.14 KA noted that this data is primarily from self-reporting and not necessarily from TEVV records. JvW requested a report from CAMHS be presented at the next Board meeting regarding children in Redcar and Cleveland being active to Mental Health Services and for this to include did not attend appointments information. ACTION: KA1 to submit report to next meeting in respect of CAMHS.	KA1
4.8	Page 13 – 1.17 It was noted that there is an increase in children becoming subject to CP plans for a second or subsequent time. JvW noted that this has also increased nationally.	
4.9	Page 16 – 1.25 & 1.26 - Education statistics. It was noted that it would be useful to include an explanation of definitions for reader's information. ACTION: RP ensure that relevant definitions are included within the Dataset. JvW noted that 72% return interviews have been completed and he would like this to be nearer 90%. CD confirmed that as of the end of quarter 4 this has increased to nearer 90%.	RP
4.10	Page 18 – 20 It was noted that the figures regarding Health Assessments on these pages do not appear to match ACTION: CD to revisit these figures for accuracy.	CD
4.11	Page 20 - 21 – LAC placed out of area. JvW queried if relevant risk assessments are undertaken regarding out of area placements. ACTION: CD to provide assurance that risk assessments are undertaken when placing children out of area.	CD
4.12	Page 22 – 2.5 HS explained that health's statistics differ to those within the report. HS queried if agencies are gathering different data and felt this data must be accurate. CD feels that agency data must coincide before publication of the Dataset. CD proposed that a discussion should take place between the people gathering the data within Health and the Local Authority. ACTION: HS to consider data from a health perspective and meet with representatives from Social Care to progress.	HS
4.13	Page 23 – 2.6 it was noted that PEPS remains an issue, however, a new electronic system for PEPS is due to be in place from Autumn 2016.	
4.14	Page 24 – 3.1- Parenting Standard has improved. It was noted that this is positive data.	
4.15	Page 25 – 3.3 fixed term exclusion and persistent absences. BS explained that there is a significant increase in fixed term exclusion and this continues to rise within Redcar and Cleveland. BS confirmed that she has written to the Regional Schools Commissioner regarding this issue and she is awaiting a response. BS noted that exclusion has an impact on the child's education and highlights the concern regarding what the children are doing and where they are when they are absent from school.	
4.16	Appendix 1 - VEMT information. AF noted that referrals from health are now being broken down.	

5.	Middlesbrough and Redcar and Cleveland Threshold Document (Providing the Right Support to Meet a Child’s Needs in Middlesbrough and Redcar and Cleveland)	ACTION
	<p>RP noted that this is a joint document with Middlesbrough Safeguarding Children Board. RP gave a brief summary of this document.</p> <p>The following amendments were noted:</p> <p>Page 5 - 2.20 - The word ‘only’ is used 3 times in this paragraph and it was agreed that these should be removed.</p> <p>Page 5 - 2.22 - It was agreed that the last sentence should read “and <i>the impact of parental factors</i>”</p> <p>Page 9 - level 4 box – It was suggested that the word “evidence” within the sentence ‘evidence of fabricated or induced illness’ should be replaced with the word concern. After a discussion it was agreed that the word “evidence” should remain. HS noted that there is quite a high number of cases involving fabricated or induced illness at present within the South Tees area, however the majority were in relation to claiming financial benefits.</p> <p>Decision: Board Members endorsed this document subject to the amendments noted.</p>	
6.	Business Plan & monitoring report	
6.1	<p>RP explained that the standalone Business Plan will be published on the website and a Monitoring Report will run alongside tracking progress and RAG rating on a quarterly basis. The responsibility for each indicator/action within the Business Plan has been allocated to Sub Groups, Business Manager or Board Members, either individually or as a collective.</p> <p>RP advised that progress against the Business Plan will be reviewed by the Executive Group on a Quarterly basis with exceptions being reported to the Board. RP clarified that all RCSCB Sub Group Chairs will attend the Executive Group. As Business Manager RP attends Tees Procedures Group, the Training Sub Group and the E-Safety Group on behalf of RCSCB and will provide updates to the Executive Group as appropriate.</p> <p>ACTION: RP to add information regarding the Partnership Protocol and the Challenge Register to the Business Plan.</p> <p>Decision: Board members endorsed the Business Plan and Monitoring Report.</p>	RP
7.	Any other business	
7.1	<p><u>Joint Partnership Protocol</u></p> <p>RP explained that there is a Joint Partnership Protocol in place which is published on RCSCB website and is currently under review. This protocol outlines how strategic partnerships within Redcar and Cleveland communicate with each other to ensure there is robust information sharing.</p> <p>ACTION: RP to liaise with Chairs of partnerships and seek agreement to the Protocol.</p> <p>ACTION: RP to email revised protocol to board members once completed.</p>	RP RP

7.2	<p><u>Independent Chair</u></p> <p>JvW advised Board Members that the next Board meeting in July will be his last as he is retiring from the position after 4 years.</p> <p>In respect of the recruitment of the new Independent Chair, BS explained that following a recent recruitment process an appointment has been made subject to satisfactory references and DBS clearance. The successful candidate is a retired police officer who is currently a lay member on a Safeguarding Children Board and also has experience of chairing SCR panels. It was highlighted that all 4 Tees Boards will be now be Chaired by former police officers.</p> <p>RP advised that a member of Safe4Us group was part of the interview panel and her contribution was invaluable.</p>	
8.	Chelsea's Choice	
8.1	<p>RP confirmed that Chelsea's Choice was performed during w/c 18th April 2016 to every secondary school within Redcar and Cleveland primarily at year 8 students. It was noted that EOTAS and Pathways students were also given the opportunity to attend another secondary school but unfortunately there was no attendance. A total of 1650 students attended a performance and 47.5% completed the online survey.</p> <p>Two twilight performances were held on Monday 18th and Wednesday 20th April.</p> <p>The performance on 18th was primarily for professionals and Councillors with 45 people attending.</p> <p>The performance on 20th April was primarily aimed at year 8 parents with professionals who couldn't attend the Monday performance also being invited. It was disappointing that no parents attended the Wednesday performance despite efforts being made to encourage attendance.</p> <p>All performances were supported by two PCSOs and either a worker from Barnardo's or Targeted Youth.</p> <p>RP advised that Wendy Rudd, Service Manager Review and Inspection Unit, and Kellie Wigley, First Contact Manager, attended the Wednesday twilight session in the hope of encouraging parents to volunteer for a PACE (Parents Against Child Exploitation) type group, however this was not achieved due to non-attendance.</p> <p>Feedback from those who attended was very positive and all felt it was hard hitting and also moving. It was noted that there were no reports of any disclosures, however some young people did ask for advice regarding some aspects of this performance.</p> <p>CH expressed the opinion that having seen the performance himself he feels that the year 8 age group was the appropriate audience as the actors in the performance identified that grooming is most common between ages 11 and 15 years.</p> <p>The following future challenges were noted:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Encouragement of parents to attend twilight session • Possible use of social media to raise awareness of twilight session for parents • Improved liaison with Pathways and EOTAS to attend a performance. 	

	Board members agreed that it would be beneficial for Chelsea's Choice to return in 2017.	
9	Safe4Us Presentation	
9.1	<p>JvW welcomed Katy and Laura from the Safe4Us group to the meeting and explained that they were here to present their project on online safety.</p> <p>Katy and Laura explained that they had designed a 'Wall Wrap' and Screensaver using the letters from 'E-Safety' to support their message. Safe4Us members are hoping the screensaver and 'Wall Wrap' will be used by schools, colleges, youth centres and other community places with computer suites.</p> <p>The following comments were made by Board Members: AS1 queried how to get young people to change their attitude towards internet safety. Katy and Laura felt it would be beneficial to use real life examples to illustrate to young people exactly what can happen.</p> <p>BS felt there was a lot of information on the screensaver and suggested that the text size could possibly be increased or the content be simplified. BS praised the Safe4Us members for their hard work.</p> <p>Katy and Laura advised that they are hoping to apply to the Police and Crime Commissioner for funding. JvW suggested that the Board could also consider a funding contribution towards this project.</p> <p>HS noted that the children on the children's wards also have access to the internet and it was a possibility that the screensaver could be used in hospitals.</p> <p>Katy and Laura highlighted that the next topic the group intend to consider is that of gender/sexual identity and bullying.</p> <p>CC asked Katy and Laura how they would encourage parents to attend Chelsea's Choice as this has been difficult. They felt it would be beneficial to have parents attending the production with their son/daughter to give them support.</p> <p>ACTION: RP to take wall banner and screensaver to the next Tees E-safety meeting. ACTION: RP to provide the Safe4Us group with a contact from R&C web team to assist them with the screen saver.</p>	<p>RP</p> <p>RP</p>
9.2	<p>ACC explained that the group felt their logo looked too much like the main Board logo and had therefore designed a new logo for consideration.</p> <p>Board members were very impressed with the initiative of the group and felt the new logo was very good.</p> <p>Decision: Board members endorsed the change of logo after 1 amendment; to change the letter 'L' to 'RC' in Junior LSCB at the bottom of the logo.</p>	
10.	Date of Next Meeting:	
10.1	8th July 2016 – 10.00am -12.30pm 25K Community Centre, Ayton Drive, Redcar	