



September 2012 Meeting

The meeting took place on 11th September 2012 from 2pm until 5:30pm

Attendance

The following agencies were represented at the meeting:

Agency

- Birmingham and Solihull NHS Cluster
- West Midlands Police
- Solihull MBC
- UK Border Agency
- Solihull Clinical Community Group

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- Heart of England NHS Foundation Trust (Acute and Community Health Services)
- Birmingham and Solihull Mental Health NHS Foundation Trust
- Staffordshire and West Midlands Probation Trust
- Solihull Community Housing
- Strategic Health Authority

Councillor Tildesley was in attendance as a 'Participant Observer', 2 Lay Members and a representative of the 3rd Sector were also in attendance.

Priority areas of Business/Business Plan Activity

(i) LSCB Business Plan

The LSCB approved its business plan for 2012-13; a copy can be accessed at <http://www.solihull.gov.uk/staysafe/20499.htm> The plan focuses on securing effective governance of local safeguarding activity, promoting frontline practitioners to exercise greater professional judgement and understanding the child's journey through the helping system as well as assessing the effectiveness of local safeguarding arrangements.

(ii) Child's Journey through helping system including update on CPRU performance management framework

The Local Authority presented a report that provided data in respect of children and young people subject to Child Protection Plans. The LSCB were advised that there has been an increase in unborn children becoming the subject of Child Protection Plans. The LSCB again provided advice to the Local Authority on what information it needed to receive in order to understand the child's journey and local safeguarding arrangements. The Board reflected on the report and noted that the time lapse from when such information was originally requested from the Local Authority. It was agreed the LSCB Chairperson would meet with Local Authority Senior Officers to pursue further.



(iii) LSCB Statutory Annual Report 2011/12

The LSCB agreed its annual report for the period 2011-12. The report can be accessed by clicking at <http://www.solihull.gov.uk/staysafe/20499.htm>

The Board accepted 14 recommendations including agreeing its 3 priority areas of business will continue to be:

- Child Sexual Exploitation
- Domestic Abuse
- Neglect

(iv) Section 11 Action Plans (safeguarding standards)

Section 11 of Children Act 2004 requires named partners to put in place arrangements to safeguard children and young people in the course of their normal duties. The LSCB has a statutory duty to monitor compliance with S11 Children Act 2004.

The LSCB received a report presented by LSCB Safeguarding Officer that evidenced how agencies had worked to secure compliance. Positive progress was noted and the LSCB will carry out a further audit in 2013.

(v) Outcomes for Early Help/LINCS

The LSCB received a report of a thematic audit carried out in respect of early help support. Practitioners have been engaged in this audit and the findings have been shared with the Early Intervention group. The LSCB agreed a number of recommendations and tasked the Children and Young Peoples Trust Board, to ensure the Early Intervention Strategy addresses the learning and also that the Early Intervention group reports back to the LSCB on the impact of the learning in 6 months time.

(vi) LSCB Scorecard

The LSCB received a summary report of the LSCB Scorecard. The Local Authority shared that whilst they have agreed a detailed safeguarding dataset work to populate it had yet to commence.

Reflection

The LSCB used the time allocated for reflection to consider the gaps in information provided by the Child Protection and Review Unit in respect of the child's journey and also quality assurance activity in respect of core group activity/Child Protection Plan. The LSCB Chairperson agreed to take this forward with the Local Authority to ensure progress.



Any Other Business

Children's Health – A position statement

The LSCB received a paper for information setting out the changes to the health economy and plans to ensure an effective safeguarding system.

You+ event

One of the Lay Members contributed to a community event held in September and used the opportunity to raise awareness of Child Sexual Exploitation.

LGA Peer Review

LSCB Members were reminded of the forthcoming LGA Peer Review.

Working Together 2012 consultation

The LSCB were advised that a formal response to the Working Together Consultation had been submitted.

Future meetings

The LSCB next meets on 13th November 2012 and observers are welcome; however, advance notification is required.

If you are interested in observing a future LSCB meeting please contact

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Further information on the work of the LSCB can be found at www.solihull.gov.uk/staysafe