

BROMLEY SAFEGUARDING CHILDREN BOARD COMMITTEE MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD AT 2PM ON 12th February 2013

PRESENT

Nike Adeoye	Designated Dr, Bromley CCG
Avey Bhatia	Deputy Chief Nurse, SLHT
Hazel Blackman	Business Support Officer
Kerry Bott	Director of Quality, Bromley Healthcare
Sonia Colwill	Director of Quality, Governance & Patient Safety, Bromley CCG
Julie Daly	Head of Quality Assurance & Safeguarding, LBB
Helen Davies	Independent Chair (Chair)
Robert Evans	Portfolio Holder, Care Services
Selene Grandison	Assistant Chief Officer, London Probation Service
Sally James	Quality Improvement Service Manager, CAFCASS
Andrea Kilvington	CFVFSF
Tessa Moore	Assistant Director, Education
Terry Parkin	Executive Director of Education & Care Services (Statutory DCS)
Carolyn Pilkington	Safeguarding Named Nurse, Oxleas
Simon Plummer	Business Manager
Chris Smart	DCI, CAIT
Dave Smith	DI, Bromley Borough Police
Lynn Torpey	Named Nurse, SLHT
Sarah Turner	Designated Nurse, Bromley CCG
Kay Weiss	Assistant Director, Children's & Social Care
Marion Westropp	Named Nurse, Bromley Healthcare

Guests

Asad Ashraf	NHS Bromley
Lorraine Duffus	Bromley YOT
Paul King	Head of Youth Support Programme, LBB
Ian Leadbetter	Head of Care & Resources, LBB
Virginia Read	Group Manager QA, LBB
Peter Sibley	Public Protection, LBB

ITEM	NOTES
1. Welcome, Introduction and Apologies	<p>Introductions were made.</p> <p>Apologies Kevin Clarke, Jenny Selway, Kerry Bott, Jennie Hall and Colin Newman.</p>
2. Matters Arising from Previous Minutes – 20 th November	<p>The minutes were agreed.</p> <p>SG Management Review – Julie Daly went over the background of the review and explained that the Board had been waiting for the Police independent review. Helen Davies and Julie Daly said they had seen the police report and there are no major</p>

	<p>issues of concern. It reveals that SG had taken drugs previous to the incident and that there is evidence that she did not jump but was trying to escape the police. It was agreed in the light of the report the Safeguarding Board will not be undertaking a review.</p> <p>FGM – Chris Smart informed the group that there have been no successful prosecutions for FGM.</p> <p>Oakview – a report will be presented at the next meeting.</p> <p>Away Day minutes were agreed along with the new structure.</p>
<p>3. Strengthening Families Update</p>	<p>Virginia Read presented her report to the Board. She said that the pilot had been running for 6 months and that 100 conferences had taken place. The working group continues to meet on a regular basis. The feedback they have received about the new style conferences are that they are more focused and involve the parents more but some conferences have been lengthy. Conference reports from GP's had dropped and the Board had agreed for a shortened version of the template to be produced for them to make it easier for them to fill in. It was suggested that School Nurses also use the shortened version of the conference report form and Midwives would also use it for initial reviews. Sarah Turner said that an audit later in the year will look at GP's completion of conference reports.</p> <p>Virginia told the group that from 1st February young people aged 12 and over, will be invited to attend conferences and have the use of an advocate. Virginia asked the group about limiting one professional per agency attending the conferences as there can sometimes be quite a lot of professionals in a conference which is sometimes very daunting for the parents and for any young people who may attend. There was some discussion around this and it was agreed that it should ideally be limited but it should be looked at case by case as it may be sometimes necessary to have more than one professional from an agency.</p> <p>Risk management of the process has been undertaken by observations of conferences and there have been audits done on some conferences where the child/children were not made subject to a plan. The London Safeguarding Children Board is doing a survey on Strengthening Families and a report will be out in April.</p>
<p>4. Safeguarding Looked After Children</p>	<p>Children Social Care</p> <p>Ian Leadbetter spoke to his report and reported on the main points. When children are placed in the borough by other local authorities, Bromley Children's Social Care are informed but are not always updated when they move. The Board agreed that Children's Social Care should ask other boroughs if they have placed any children in Bromley. Kay Weiss said that this can be done with a standard letter every 6 months.</p> <p>The police have problems with data on missing children. Helen Davies said that the Board needs to agree how it gets the data, which can be taken forward along side the work on the procedure. A working group is to be set up to review the missing children procedures and report back at the next Board meeting.</p> <p>Ian said half of LAC are placed out of the borough and those placed far away may have trouble accessing services such as CAMHS. Julie Daly said that an audit was done on LAC looking at cases in and out of the borough and there was no apparent difference in them obtaining services. Independent Reviewing Officers also check this when they are carrying out their reviews.</p> <p>Terry Parkin said there is work being done which is looking at the Foster Carers contracts.</p>

	<p>More work needs to be done with missing children who are absent from placement.</p> <p>Kay Weiss said that when a placement finishes, Children’s Social Care do not speak to the child to find out what their experiences are, she said that this will be done in future.</p> <p>The numbers for BME is 26.7% which is higher than expected, Julie Daly said an audit was done on this in the past and it was difficult to pinpoint the cause as many of the cases examined had been LAC for a long period and practice has changed over that time. One theory was that BME families did not access Early Intervention services to the same extent but on examination this proved not to be the case.</p> <p>Health Asad Ashraf presented the Health report, he said that the information had been obtained from a database which was over a 12 month period. In that period 30% had been placed out of borough and the previous year it had been 50%. Of 130 children placed out of borough, only 17 of them had their medical out of borough which shows the majority of them had continuity of care. Under 5’s have a medical every 6 months and most of them were having them done on time. Asad said they have a robust system in place. Terry Parkin raised a question about those who do not have their immunisations. Asad said looked after children have a Designated Dr and Nurse who monitor the records and make sure they are immunised.</p> <p>Youth Offending Team Paul King presented his report and outlined that the quality of the information received from other authorities transferring children in is not always good enough for them to make a risk assessment. He said the numbers of transfers in are increasing and they bring with them gang affiliation. Lorraine Duffus said that YOT get referrals who are not LAC but are involved in gangs and before the YOT accept them they have to go through a transfer in process so the YOT know what they are dealing with. A large number of the transfers in are BME. Paul said that current practice needs to be assessed against the report by HMIP. Once this is done the results will come back to the Board.</p> <p>Action: Paul King to bring the results from the review back to the Board.</p>
<p>5. YJB Safeguarding Roles & Responsibilities – Bromley Response</p>	<p>Paul King spoke to his paper and said the main issue is the time spent in custody, and that with the LASPOA act any child in custody will automatically become looked after. Julie Daly asked if they have numbers of those in custody who self harm. Paul said that over the last 3 years they have had 50 children on remand. Half of those were aged 15 years or above and some of those were at risk of self harm. An assessment would be done and the information would be given to the secure unit or prison so that they can act accordingly.</p> <p>Terry Parkin said it will cost around £½ million per year to cope with the changes.</p> <p>Lorraine Duffus said that the YOT would like to have more arranged meetings with Social Workers and Social Care Managers.</p> <p>Kay Weis said that Social Care will be carrying out some case work audits for LAC and the learning will be shared with QA & PM.</p>
<p>6. A Multi agency Approach to Tackling Gangs in Bromley</p>	<p>Peter Sibley presented his paper; he focused on the 8 recommendations in the report and said that the first 4 are being done. Chris Smart said that sexual exploitation needs to be integrated into the recommendations. Helen Davies said that the work on CSE needs to be joined up with the work on gangs.</p> <p>Action: Chris Smart and Peter Sibley will meet outside the meeting to discuss the integration.</p>

<p>7. Recommendations from the Office of the Children's Commissioner's Inquiry into Child Sexual Exploitation in Gangs and Groups</p>	<p>Chris Smart spoke to his paper and said that all the recommendations were in hand or had been done. The working group is moving forward and multi agency training is being arranged as well as awareness raising. Helen Davies asked how many children have been identified in Bromley. Chris said that originally it was 8 – 10 but since then others have come to light so there is approximately 20 – 25 but they have been told a truer figure would be ten times more. The question was raised about if the police were getting additional resources but Chris said that funds were just being moved around. Kay Weiss asked if all officers are trained on the signs of CSE. Chris said they were not currently, but they will be. Julie Daly told the Board that the additional resources from Banardos is coming to an end and steps are being taken to look at how this can be resourced. The Board is commissioning the awareness training.</p>
<p>8. Draft BSCB Business Plan 2013/14</p>	<p>Simon Plummer spoke to his paper and said that the 3 year plan had been converted into a 1 year plan and this was the first draft. There are 5 key areas, focusing on outcomes for young people. The draft went to the QA & PM meeting where it was agreed to add milestones which will make it easier to keep a track of progress and keep agencies more outcome focused. Simon asked for each agency to take away the Business Plan and send any comment to him by 22nd February.</p> <p>Action: Comments on Business Plan to Simon by 22nd February</p> <p>Action: Business Plan back to 5th March QA & PM, and back to Board in June.</p> <p>Helen Davies said the aim is to challenge and make the Business Plan more focused and concrete.</p> <p>Julie Daly asked agencies to think about what evidence they could produce for the outcomes. Terry Parkin said we need to look at JSNA and bring it together. He asked if the Board had the power to approve or does it receive other agencies Business Plans. After some discussion it was decided that it is somewhere in between. The Board holds to account, scrutinises and challenges. Nike Adeoye asked if any of the information from the Away Day had been incorporated into the Business plan.</p> <p>Action: Simon Plummer to look at the information from the Away Day and see if it can be incorporated into the Business Plan.</p> <p>Action: Simon to look at points 4.1 and 4.2 as they conflict each other.</p> <p>Terry Parkin asked the group to also focus on area 2 information sharing as some Boards have been failing in this area.</p>
<p>9. BSCB Budget 2013/14</p>	<p>Julie Daly presented the proposed budget to the Board and said that we were not asking for an increase for the second year running. She explained that the reason the board was not asking for an increase in contributions was because we had budgeted for a Serious Case Review and we have not had one for 2 years.</p> <p>Avey Bhatia told the Board that SLHT would pay for quarter 1 and 2 but could not commit to paying the full year as management will shift to KCH Trust.</p> <p>Action: The budget was agreed.</p>
<p>10. Multi Agency Action Plan on Private Fostering</p>	<p>Simon Plummer presented the action plan; he told the Board that numbers in Bromley are very low. He said that Yvonne Onyeka had put the action plan together and it was in draft format and asked the Board for any comments. He explained that one of the problems identified was that there was no lead on this in Social Care. The</p>

	<p>action plan will be held within Social Care and Kay Weiss will identify someone at operational level in Social Care who will be responsible to map out and do the thinking around this work. Helen Davies said that action on Private Fostering needs a multi agency commitment. Designated staff are doing assessments and reviews and some Health Visitors could do some work in this area. Kay Weiss told the group that most private fostering arrangements would not want Social Care involved so would not be willing to come forward.</p>
11. NHS Bromley Safeguarding Children Annual Report	<p>Sarah Turner told the group that the annual report had been completed in August and was produced by Nike Adeoye and herself. She said that they had made progress in gathering assurance data and tracking levels of training. Sarah said that softer information comes through and auditing will identify any gaps and most of the audits will be taken to QA & PM.</p>
12. Chairs National Conference and London Board Update	<p>Helen Davies updated the Board and said that at the National Chairs Conference they had a presentation from a government minister for children services who was pushing the new performance management framework. There was also a presentation from Jackie Tiotto from Ofsted on what makes a good Safeguarding Board.</p> <p>Action: The slides from Jackie's presentation to be circulated to the Board.</p> <p>At the London Chairs meeting they had a presentation on CSE and looked at the London wide document between London Boards and MAPPA and the joint work. She said the LCPP's will be retained and re-written when Working Together is published. The proposed date for the new Working Together is March.</p>
13. AOB	<p>The Edlington Case – Julie Daly said the paper was for information for all agencies to look at as it will impact on the new information sharing guidance.</p> <p>Avey Bhatia said that SLHT will be dissolved by October but the exact date is not known. The PRUH is being taken over by Kings and face to face meetings have taken place. Resources will be protected and continue. The person taking over in Kings will attend the next meeting with Avey so the handover can be done and Board papers will be shared with them.</p> <p>Sarah Turner said CCG has been formally authorised and there is a Designated Nurse for Adult Safeguarding.</p> <p>Chris Smart said plans are changing all the time and that Safeguarding will sit with the borough and is likely to become the Public Protection and Sexual Exploitation team.</p> <p>Tessa Moore said that a third of schools have become academies and it is expected by September it will be 50%.</p> <p>Selene Grandison said that by 2015, 70% of their low risk work will be going to private providers, and that the consultation process is in place now.</p> <p>Terry Parkin commented on the Caldicott Review and said that there would be a report from the Secretary of State by the end of the month and we should share information with professionals.</p> <p>Action: Caldicott Review to come back to the next meeting.</p>

Approved by
CHAIR – Helen Davies

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