

## EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

### MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD AT 2PM ON 20<sup>th</sup> November 2012

#### PRESENT

Hazel Blackman	Business Support Officer
Kerry Bott	Director of Quality, Bromley Healthcare
Joy Connor	LBB Legal and Support Services
Julie Daly	Head of Quality Assurance & Safeguarding, LBB
Helen Davies	Independent Chair (Chair)
Barbara Godfrey	Head of Social Care, Oxleas
Andrea Kilvington	CFVSF
Tessa Moore	Assistant Director, Access & Inclusion
Yvonne Onyeka	Business Manager
Denise Partridge	Safeguarding Lead for Education
Carolyn Pilkington	Safeguarding Named Nurse, Oxleas
Audrey Teodorini	MPS Bromley Borough Police
Sarah Turner	Designated Nurse, Clinical Commissioning Group
Kay Weiss	Assistant Director, Education and Care Children's & Social Care

#### Guests

Clare Elcombe	Domestic Violence Co-ordinator, LBB (item 10)
Susan Webb	Quality Assurance Manager (item 6)
Ian Leadbetter	Head of Care & Resources, LBB

ITEM	NOTES
1. Welcome, Introduction and Apologies	<p>Introductions were made.</p> <p><b>Apologies</b> Nike Adeoye, David Roberts , Angela Bhan, Kevin Clarke , Cllr Robert Evans and Jenny Selway</p>
2. Matters Arising from Previous Minutes – 11 <sup>th</sup> September	<p>The minutes were agreed.</p> <p>SG Management Review – an update on this case and progress with IPCC to be provided to next committee.</p> <p>Ofsted Multi Agency Inspection Framework Consultation - Responses were received by the Business Manager, who collated them and submitted a written response.</p> <p>MASH - Mark Thorn has spoken to EWS regarding representation and involvement in the MASH.</p> <p>FGM prosecutions - Chris Smart to be asked to provide an update at the next meeting.</p>

<p>3. Ofsted Inspections Action Plan</p>	<p><i>Safeguarding Inspection</i>  Kay Weiss updated the Executive on the action plan; everything is on target or has been completed. The action plan will continue to come back to the Executive until everything is complete. The QA &amp; PM should focus on some of the actions.</p> <p><i>Disability Inspection</i>  Tessa Moore is to ask Mary Cava ( Head of Service) to present an update on progress at the Executive in May. The link to looked after children who are disabled to be made.</p> <p><b>Action: Disability Action Plan to come back to the May 2013 Executive.</b></p>
<p>4. Private Fostering Annual Report</p>	<p>Yvonne Onyeka spoke to her paper and told the Executive Committee that the report should be a Social Care report and not a Board report. The responsibility is shared between the LAC and RAT teams.. She explained that she had to gather information from each team to write the report. We have very small numbers in Bromley with some cases coming from language schools. We don't know what the children feel about the arrangements and whether they know what their rights are within the arrangement. She said that two different assessment tools are being used. Julie Daly said that there maybe a problem with awareness and recognition across agencies and there needs to be an operational lead in Children's Social Care.</p> <p>Kay Weiss asked what other authorities are doing in particular those who have been judged as excellent, we could see what we can learn from them. Julie Daly said Lambeth are doing very well with private fostering. We need to know what agencies are doing to promote private fostering. Denise Partridge said she always includes it in her training in schools and Sarah Turner said it is included in their training, and an audit shows that all GP's except two are asking about private fostering.</p> <p><b>Action: Yvonne/Simon to create a multi agency action plan between Schools, Health and Social Care and bring back to the next Executive.</b></p>
<p>5. Safeguarding Looked After Children (LAC)</p>	<p>Ian Leadbetter is the Head of Service with responsibility for the authority's Looked After Children (LAC). He informed members about the new style unannounced inspection which will take place over 2 weeks, identifying the area that inspectors will be looking at, which includes the experience of care leavers and the effectiveness of interventions on their experience. Fostering and Adoptions services will be inspected together. Inspectors will analyse and make judgements on practice through observation, accompany social workers on visits, interview practitioners and children and shadow Independent Reviewing Officers (IRO's). He said the Board should be able to assess the quality of care; know about the number of children missing from placement and those placed outside the borough; be aware of all allegations in relation to LAC; know how to prevent child sexual exploitation (CSE) and be able to challenge robustly.</p> <p>Kay Weiss enquired about the issues in relation to Health input for LAC. Sarah Turner said examinations for LAC, particularly when they are out of borough and CAMHS, were pressing issues. It was noted that the Board needs to be aware of the residential units within the borough and the number of out of borough children placed within them. The YOT take responsibility for out of borough children who are placed here. Oakview residents usually have mental health problems and they are in a secure environment.</p> <p>Members agreed that the Board must map the residential and secure units in Bromley and used by Bromley as out of borough and identify and access the sources of information about the young people within them.</p>

	<p><b>Action: Update of Oakview inspection to come to the next Executive.</b></p> <p><b>Action: Yvonne, Simon and Julie to do the mapping, which authorities, which agencies and sources of information about where LAC come from.</b></p> <p><b>Action: Ian Leadbetter to write a report to come back to the Executive to cover:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Sufficiency of placements.</b></li> <li>• <b>Number of LAC in and out of borough</b></li> <li>• <b>Robustness of placements – criteria and oversight.</b></li> <li>• <b>Placement turnover per child/ young person.</b></li> <li>• <b>Quality of care of for those placed out of borough</b></li> <li>• <b>Numbers, nature of placement and quality of experience for disabled children who are LAC.</b></li> <li>• <b>Allegations against foster carers</b></li> <li>• <b>LAC experiencing CSE, Missing LAC</b></li> <li>• <b>Interventions and analysis of impact of services on outcomes for LAC</b></li> <li>• <b>Comparative data - statistical neighbours</b></li> <li>• <b>Strengths and limitations of procedures</b></li> <li>• <b>Access to specialist support, timeliness, quality etc.</b></li> </ul> <p><b>Separate reports from agencies to include:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Health to provide a report from specialist nurse on LAC children’s access specialist services, timeliness, quality, outcomes for example CAMHS. Sarah Turner to lead.</b></li> <li>• <b>YOT to report on YO from other authorities placed within the borough.</b></li> </ul>
<p>6. Independent Reviewing Officers Annual Report</p>	<p>Susan Webb spoke to her paper she explained that Independent Reviewing Officers (IRO’s) chair the meetings, but they also challenge agencies which is what the Board requires. The report notes that 42% of LAC are placed out of borough, it addresses placement stability, young people on remand and advocacy arrangements.</p> <p>Members asked Susan to add a question into the next annual report which is ‘How this can help with the quality of care? In addition, the safeguarding of LAC should be covered in the report to address issues such as missing children and CSE.</p> <p>Some questions raised were what can the IRO service do to inform CSC, and what can we do to improve the experience of older young children, is there anything that can be done differently to keep them safe.</p> <p>Susan represents Bromley at a DFE national forum, where issues such as links with the court Guardian and court processes are high on the agenda and of which the Board should be cognisant.</p> <p><b>Action: Susan Webb to add the question on impact on quality of care and specific heading for safeguarding LAC children to her next annual report.</b></p>
<p>7. Children First, Report of the House of Commons Select Committee</p>	<p>Julie Daly spoke to her paper she told the Executive the report focused on neglect, child protection and older children and the thresholds for intervention. Members recognised the particular vulnerability of this group. Issues explored included timescale for school placements, access to CAMHS, training and the skillset of foster carers to work with older young people.</p> <p>Further issues to consider include safeguarding older young people on the edge of care and the experiences and outcomes for this group.</p> <p>She asked the Executive to consider the implications for Bromley. These items will be scheduled to come back to the Board in 2013.</p> <p><b>Action: Julie Daly - Audit of the quality of multi agency plans and impact on young people to come to Board in April/May 2013</b></p>

	<p><b>Action: Yvonne and Julie to schedule the items coming to the Executive.</b></p> <p><b>Action: Yvonne to turn the appendix into an action plan.</b></p>
<p>8. BSCB Business Plan &amp; Progress on BSCB Priorities 2012-13</p>	<p>Yvonne spoke to her paper she said that we are slightly behind with the Section 11 audits, Denise Partridge is doing some work to pull together the schools section 11's. We did some work on gangs but the working group have not carried on meeting since the Board withdrew. The police is committed to gang work.</p> <p>The question was raised about how we get information from a young person who is on the receiving end of gang activity, It was suggested that we could get this information from their advocate or the IRO annual report. Julie Daly said we need to map where the information is. The business plan needs to be refocused and the items that have been completed need to be removed.</p> <p><b>Action: the police to send Yvonne the contact details of those working with the gangs and Yvonne will provide the police with the Bromley contacts.</b></p> <p><b>Action: Yvonne to tidy up the business plan, remove the items that have been completed and add the items that have been discussed.</b></p>
<p>9. YJB Safeguarding Roles &amp; Responsibilities – Bromley Response</p>	<p>Julie Daly told the Executive that she had received an email from Paul King in which he said</p> <p>The government is introducing some changes to the remand system through the introduction of the Legal Aid Sentencing and Punishment of Offenders Act 2012 which Children Social Care colleagues are presently considering.</p> <p>Key features of the changes, which are due to be implemented during December:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1: reduced reliance on custody during remand in favour of community based alternatives</li> <li>2: introduction of a new legal test aimed at restricting the numbers eligible for remand to custody</li> <li>3: LAC status for <b>all</b> young people placed on remand</li> </ol> <p>With this in mind he asked if the item could be deferred to the next meeting.</p> <p><b>Action: This item to come to the next Executive February 2013.</b></p>
<p>10. Domestic Violence – Perpetrators Programme Update</p>	<p>Clare Elcombe spoke to her paper; she explained that the report was still in draft, they have received the first of four evaluations. The take up was disappointing and several administrative factors could account for this, particularly the short lead in time and the referral criteria. Options for taking project forward are under consideration including raising awareness in schools to address perpetrator behaviour at early stage. Kay Weiss asked about the impact of the interventions made to those involved in the programme. It was noted that there is limited provision for men and she did not want to lose the programme, when there is clearly a need for provision. Clare explained that she was looking for further funding to continue the programme. The programme will be evaluated at 6 months and then in a year, which will provide a foundation for analysing impact.</p> <p>The Police has data of all perpetrators so if it was to become a permanent service they could make referrals to it. Clare said that they intend to have a rolling programme rather than a rigid start and finish date. She should know by January if the bid has been successful and they would start in February/March.</p> <p>The Executive agreed that they would like the programme to continue but would like it to have a rigorous evaluation.</p>

	<p>Audrey Teodorini noted that the MPS had experienced a reduction in domestic abuse crime incidents. The following may account for this in part, arrest rate was higher at 82%, fewer perpetrators are bailed, more placed in custody and charged, reflecting some changes to CPS and tagging used more.</p> <p><b>Action: DV report to be brought to the Executive to include:</b>  <b>Overview of services</b>  <b>The progress on the DV strategy</b>  <b>The Multi-agency work being undertaken from prevention to intervention</b>  <b>Multi-agency audit should be undertaken. The Evaluation to be put in the work programme for 2013.</b></p>
11. CSE Strategy and Work Programme 2013	<p><b>Action Plan</b></p> <p><b>Rochdale Case Review</b></p> <p>Sarah Turner spoke to the paper and the main points were that there was nothing in the Rochdale report that we didn't already know or have not included into our action plan. The main findings from the report included multi agency strategy, awareness raising, specific services aimed at those at risk; police need to build cases when perpetrators are identified. Identifying types of CSE prevalent in areas.</p> <p>The CSE working group met last Friday and are working towards Social Care, Health and the police looking internally at how they can capture CSE data and start setting baseline data, training for Practitioners is planned for February, they are also looking at a training package for schools and presentations are to be arranged for 'Love or Lies' training programme. Multi Agency Sexual Exploitation panel (MASE) is to be set up and launched in April. The police are setting up pan London group including partner agencies to look at pathways and uniform ways of working ie MASE panels in each borough.</p>
12 Update on Health Agencies	<p>Sarah Turner spoke to her presentation and gave the Executive an update of the Health agencies.</p>
13. London Board Chairs Update	<p>Helen Davies told the Executive that at the Chairs meeting they discussed the new inspection framework, she shared Bromley's experience with them as we were the only Board who had gone through the new process. She said the Board needs to become more outcome focused and we need to be able to show we can hear the voices of young people.</p> <p>The first meeting of the National Association of Safeguarding Board Chairs will take place this week.</p> <p>Boards can hold academies to account through Section 11 audits.</p>
14. AOB	<p>Helen Davies told the Executive that the Board would be asking agencies for the same financial contribution as last year.</p>

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**CHAIR – Helen Davies**

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