.



**Hounslow Safeguarding Children Board**

**Hounslow Safeguarding Children Board Meeting,**

**Monday 24th September 2018,**

**3.00pm – 5.00pm,**

**Committee Room 1, Civic Centre**

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| **Attendees** | | |
| **Name** | **Agency** | **Designation** |
| Hannah Miller | Hounslow Safeguarding Children Board | Independent Chair |
| Councillor Tom Bruce | Education and Children’s Services | Councillor |
| Dr Johan Redelinghuys | WLMHT | Director of Safeguarding |
| Dr Nirmala Sellathurai | CCG | Designated Doctor Safeguarding Children |
| Michael Marks | London Borough of Hounslow | Director of Education |
| DCI Helen Flanagan | Hounslow Police | Detective Chief Inspector |
| Amanda Lowes | LB Hounslow | Head of Housing Client Service |
| Jo Leader | Hounslow Safeguarding Children’s Board | Acting Business Manager |
| Janet Johnson | Hounslow Safeguarding Children’s Board | Training & Development Manager |
| Julie Hulls | CCG | Designated Nurse Safeguarding Children |
| Tony Bowen | HRCH | Named Nurse Safeguarding Children |
| Clare McKenzie | London Borough of Hounslow | Children’s Commissioning Manager, Public Health |
| Permjit Chadha | Community Safety Partnership | Community Safety Manager |
| Vicky Wallas | Community Safety Partnership | Head of Community Safety |
| Ray Whyms | Lampton School | Assistant Headteacher |
| Monica King | WLMHT | Named Nurse Safeguarding Children |

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| **Apologies** | | |
| **Name** | **Agency** | **Designation** |
| Alan Adams | London Borough of Hounslow | Executive Director Children’s, Adults and Housing |
| Jacqui McShannon | London Borough of Hounslow | Director of Safeguarding & Specialist Services, Children’s Services |
| Lara Wood | London Borough of Hounslow | Head of Safeguarding & Quality Assurance |
| Greg Ashman | Borough Commander | London Fire Brigade |
| Karen McLean | Voluntary Sector Representative | Homestart |
| Kylee Brennan | iHear | Service Manager |
| Mary Harpley | London Borough of Hounslow | Chief Executive |
| Samantha (for Graeme Baker) | West Thames College | - |
| Laura Maclehouse | London Borough of Hounslow | Acting Director of Public Health |
| Richard Arnold | London Fire Brigade | - |
| Chris Domeney | Youth Offending Service | Head Youth Offending Service, Children’s Services |
| Martin Forshaw | London Borough of Hounslow | Head of Safeguarding Specialist Services |
| Marcia Lennon | CAFCASS | - |
| Sharon Pearce | Feltham YOI | Head of Safeguards |

**1) Introductions & Apologies**

Board members introduced themselves to the meeting. Apologies of members unable to attend were noted. Due to the unannounced ILACS Ofsted Inspection of Children’s Social Care which commenced on 24th September 2018, members for Children’s Social Care were unable to attend the meeting.

**2)** **Minutes of the last meeting & matters arising**

The minutes of the last meeting were agreed and no matters arising were discussed. The action log was updated.

**3) CAMHS Transformation & Child Protection**

Susie O’Neil (Lead Commissioner for Hounslow CCG) and Dr Ariana Marconi (Consultant Child Psychiatrist, Hounslow CAMHS) summarised the report, which was circulated to members prior to the meeting and welcomed comments and questions.

The Chair acknowledged that the CAMHS Service is stretched and asked what priority children subject to Child Protection Plans are given. It was confirmed that the average waiting time for assessment is 14 weeks however there are some families waiting for over a year.

The delay in waiting times were acknowledged and currently there is no mechanism to count children subject to CP Plans on the Rio system. A business case has been proposed to make the change to the system to pull the data. However, it was reiterated that children are prioritised based on clinical needs and not social factors. Prioritising clinical factors can impact other children being diagnosed it was acknowledged regardless a child should not be waiting up to a year for a diagnosis.

Michael Marks noted that the CAMHS tier 2 offer will be incorporated into Hounslow Early Help offer.

Dr Redelinghuys agreed that the broader CAMHS offer needs to be developed by other agencies not just the trust.

***Action: Early Help Lead to present Early Help strategy progress update to the board in January 2019.***

**4) LADO Annual Report 2017/18**

Hetsie van Rooyen, Safeguarding Advisor (SA) summarised the report which was circulated to members prior to the meeting and welcomed comments and questions.

Last year’s plans were completed with positive progress. No Further Action (NFA) outcomes had increased in number by 127% which is significantly higher in the 2017/18 period. This is partly due to an improved way to record the data on LCS but also an increasing demand in general LADO advice (there has been an increase of 55% more DO referrals than last year). There was more complex safeguarding issues referred in the year 17/18 including an increase from FYOI. There is no data available on cases which have ended up in prosecution.

The Allegations Workspace on LCS was developed in 2017 by the Safeguarding Advisor (SA) and Business Improvement managerand went live in February 2018.

LCS workspace (online database) showcased a detailed view for LADO work and captures more information than the previous manual Allegations Spreadsheet and should provide a wider reporting mechanism for the 2018/19 DO report.

The SA developed bespoke training modules and delivered sessions in 2018 to Education services and other agencies. There is an increase request for bespoke training.

The SA continued to offer feedback to Feltham YOI to ensure YOI staff training in safeguarding is updated frequently. A risk assessment tool was developed specially for FYOI to look at learning for cases which do not meet the LADO remit.

WRAP training (Workshop to Raise Awareness of Prevent) sessions were completed by the SA with schools and agencies alongside Janet Johnson, HSCB.

**Ongoing priorities for 2018 / 2019**

* To maintain and continue strong relationship with FYOI
* To ensure all new starters in the team are provided with LCS DO Module training
* Protocol document uploaded
* Protocol document developed for FYOI
* Effectiveness of duty service to be reviewed regularly. All new staff to be trained on this new system to ensure it remains robust.
* Template developed for lesson learned cases

The board would like to say a huge thank you to Hetsie van Rooyen for the proactive way she has worked with the board and FYOI. Members would like to wish her the very best of luck in her new role.

**5) School Nursing Attending Safeguarding Meetings**

Clare McKenzie summarised the report, which was circulated to members prior to the meeting and welcomed comments and questions.

The contractual agreement was for all school nurses to attend all ICPCC’s and only remain involved if there was an ongoing health concern, and this approach was endorsed by the HSCB in 2015 when the provider changed. Under the previous provider, School Nurses continued to attend case review meetings where they were not directly working with the family or there were no identified health needs**.** During the recent re-commissioning of school nursing services and change of provider the changes that were previously approved had not been implemented. It is the expectation that there should always be a School Nurse at ICPCC’s and full health assessment completed after the conference and then the most appropriate health representative should be identified to attend review case conferences and core group if required.

Tony Bowen assured that if there is a health representative needed then they would attend.

The Chair said that the appropriate health representative should be in attendance. Assurance will be sought at future Board meetings to ensure arrangements are in place and working effectively.

Members asked how social workers would be supported to identify the appropriate health representative if it is not a health visitor or school nurse. It was reiterated that school nurses and health visitors will attend ICPCC’s and complete and initial health assessment and direct the social worker to the appropriate health provider.

**6) MASH – Timeliness of Health Checks**

Tony Bowen summarised the report, which was circulated to members prior to the meeting and welcomed comments and questions.

Julie Hulls commented that the CCG has taken the issue of timeliness of health checks very seriously and undertaken a piece of work to better understand the ongoing issue.

HRCH are making progress in relation to the timeliness of health checks in the MASH.

Areas considered for improvement are:

* How is information provided
* Reports nurses are developing standard template for nurses to use (draft format)
* Around working with practitioners to standardise practice
* How people are working operationally
* Reports are detailed – what info do the local authority need
* Developed a Standard Operating Protocol
* Looking at the level of detail if required

***Action: Tony Bowen to provide monitoring reports to each board meeting until improvements are seen.***

**7) DVIP Annual Narrative Report 2017/18**

Liz Ostrowski**,** summarised a report, which was circulated to members prior to the meeting and welcomed comments and questions.

Eighty-six consultations have been delivered in 2017-18. This is on a par with last year’s figures, when eighty-five consultations were completed with families.

Permjit Chadha commented that DVIP has worked well in Hounslow. The Chair said that the good work in relation to DVIP was acknowledged by Ofsted during the JTAI inspections and it is positive to see it is reflected in the annual report.

There were no further questions or comments by members.

**10) Leaving Care Forum Presentation**

Adriana Thomas Participation Officer for Children in Care and two Care Leaversdelivered a presentation on Mental Health Support Services for care leavers to the members and welcomed comments and questions.

It was explained that care leavers have a lack of understanding of mental health and what it covers. There need to be training for young people to understand mental health, ways of coping and how and where to obtain advice.

There were comments on the limited support available when care leavers reach 18. Particularly around mental health and money management. The Board heard that sometimes it can be lonely for care leavers for example moving from semi-independent to own place however care leavers added that living alone is manageable if the right support in place.

Cllr Bruce asked whether they felt things have improved for care leavers in recent years.

It was acknowledged there is a need for a drop-in service for young people to replace Da Spot which was a hub for young people to access many support systems. A place where care leavers can go to do when they require unscheduled support.

Michael Marks commented that “mental health” is broad and needs understanding in the wider context. There are many things that trigger mental health and more work needs to be done on this.

Hounslow has adopted Mental Health First Aid Train the Trainer and asked if care leavers would be willing to offer their voice and explore if their experience could be incorporated into the course.

Dr Redelinghuys stated that it is important to differentiate between the impact of day to day life for care leavers and being isolated and mental health and this must not be grouped as mental health and consider instead to explore a way care leavers can feel less isolated.

The Chair invited Adrianna Thomas and care leavers back to the board meeting in 6 months to see outcome of this piece of work.

**Standing Agenda Items**

**11) Feedback from Strategic Boards**

**Youth Crime Management Board**

No safeguarding updates were shared with the meeting.

**Violence Against Women and Girls (VAWG)**

No safeguarding updates were shared with the meeting.

**Community Safety Partnership**

No safeguarding updates were shared with the meeting.

**Health and Wellbeing Board**

No safeguarding updates were shared with the meeting.

**Hounslow Safeguarding Adults’ Board**

No safeguarding updates were shared with the meeting.

**SEND Inspection**

No safeguarding updates were shared with the meeting.

**12. Any Other Business**

**Part B Agenda – Confidential**

**13) Intake Teams Staff Pressure Position – Confidential Item**

This item was discussed as a Part B confidential agenda item and has been recorded separately.

**14) Serious Case Review Update – Confidential Item**

This item was discussed as a Part B confidential agenda item and has been recorded separately.