



# HILLINGDON SAFEGUARDING CHILDREN BOARD EXECUTIVE MEETING

15<sup>th</sup> May 2019

## MINUTES

### PRESENT:

Steve Ashley, Independent Chairman, LSCB (SA)  
 Ana Popovici, Director of Children's Services (AP)  
 Caroline Morison, Chief Operations Officer, CCG (CM)  
 Steve Hajioff, Director, Public Health (SH)  
 Catherine Knights, Associate Director of Quality, CNWL  
 Katie Warren, Service Manager CAFCASS  
 Naveed Mohammed, Service Manager, Performance & Intelligence (NM)  
 DCI Helen Flannagan, Met Police (HF)  
 Manjit Bringan, Headteacher, Whitehall School (MB)  
 Gavin Hughes, Director, Uxbridge College

### APOLOGIES:

Cllr David Simmonds, Lead Member  
 Tony Zaman, Director of Children's Services (TZ)  
 Dan Kennedy, Deputy Director of Housing, Environment, Education, Health & Well-being (DK)  
 Andrea Nixon, LSCB Business Manager (AN)  
 Jackie Walker, Director of Nursing and Patient Experience, THH  
 Sue Pryor, Secondary Schools Representative

### MINUTES:

Julie Gosling, LSCB Project & Support Officer

	Agenda Item	Action
1.	<b>INTRODUCTIONS AND APOLOGIES</b>  Apologies noted as above	
2.	<b>MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING (27/09/2018) AND MATTERS ARISING</b>  Page 2 : AN to feedback to Board regarding future CDOP arrangements. AN currently on long-term sick leave.	

	<p>Page 2 : details of counselling for 12-18 year olds around sexual health has been circulated.</p> <p>Page 2 : THH to be part of the core membership of the VYPRM group : the new Named Nurse for Safeguarding Children (Ann Guindi) has been invited to the next strategic panel.</p> <p>Page 3 : electively home educated children - TZ to request a short paper on what the LA is doing about EHE numbers. Local authorities have been invited to comment on rising numbers by the DfE. There is a safeguarding risk associated to EHE children but parents are not welcoming of a national register. 12 EHE young people in Hillingdon are subject to child protection plans; a national register and Government legislation around EHE would be welcome. Groundwork is happening in DK's service and an update can be shared with partners. NM - analysis has been carried out in the past as to why parents choose to EHE. There is no single issue driving the rise in numbers. Resources within the local authority to manage the rise in numbers of EHE children are being considered.</p> <p>Page 4 : barriers around early help assessments for school staff - MB has shared the good resource available from Belinda Hearn.</p>	
3.	<p><b>SAFEGUARDING ARRANGEMENTS UPDATE</b></p> <p>Police still have some questions around where the governance and ownership will lie; with the Commissioner of the Met Police or BCU Commander. Governance will be signed off by 29<sup>th</sup> June. AP - does not think how we operate will be very different, using a strength based model for learning when things go well. The Business Unit is being updated and it is envisaged a senior person will be appointed to drive forward the operational group. The Chief Executive is involved in the ongoing work and the final agreed safeguarding arrangements will have to go to Cabinet. HF - what is signed off can evolve and be reviewed over the first 2 years. There should not be a huge shift in how we currently work. Accountability will need to be very clear. Going forward, CM will be the Executive Lead for 8 CCGs. SH - The new CDOP arrangements determined across NW London are not beneficial to Hillingdon, linking us with Brent and Harrow. This means police areas are not linked and CDOP arrangements will be split across several hospitals. This may mean it will be easier to see patterns and collect data, but there will be a risk that something could be missed where there are specific failings in a specific service. Discussions are ongoing as to how we can retain the value of any learning from cases.</p> <p>SA - happy that the new arrangements are nearly complete and can be published by 29<sup>th</sup> June. The changes should lead to a much more focussed safeguarding partnership. Having independent scrutiny is a bold step and clarity is needed if this will be throughout the year or once annually. It would be beneficial for partners to carry out their own multi-</p>	

	agency audits, to satisfy themselves around their own safeguarding arrangements. Financing of the new arrangements also needs finalising. SA will remain as the statutory chairman until September.	
4.	<p><b>ANNUAL REPORT 2018/19</b></p> <p>A few minor changes were requested at the recent Operational Board meeting; the annual report will now not to Cabinet until the autumn. Executive Board members need to ensure they are happy with the final draft, which can be agreed by email. MB - annual report is well written.</p> <p>MB - schools are not a named partner in the new safeguarding arrangements; what will be different for schools and how will the new arrangements be rolled out to education staff. There is some discord with schools whose staff are on the 'front line'. SA - legally, the Executive Group can ask education to sit on the main 'Board'; if there is a specific issue around schools, a relevant partner would be asked to attend. HF - education should have been named as a core member, however this was not in the guidance. It is hoped that going forward the Quality Impact Board will represent what we currently have in the Executive and Operational Boards, to bring learning and problem solve. SA - it is not about the local authority not valuing its relationship with education. All work will be done by the Quality Impact Board which should have good multi-agency representation. An agenda item for the first meeting should be how we make sure schools are still engaged. Good communication is needed to inform partners about the new arrangements, when finalised, either from SA or the Chief Executive. A way of including education may be as a participating observer. (Hounslow and Ealing have named education as their fourth partner). MB will take back to schools the message that education is a valued partner, and the feeling at the Executive Board is to recommend education is engaged from early on and set the tone for the Operational Group to start working on some priority areas.</p>	<p><b>SA/Chief Exec</b></p> <p><b>MB</b></p>
5.	<p><b>AOB</b></p> <p>AP - thanked SA formally and personally for his valued support and experience.</p> <p>SCR update - completion date has been extended due to new information arising. The next panel meeting is scheduled for 11<sup>th</sup> June.</p> <p>CDOP case update - 16 year old male who committed suicide whilst resident in a specialised care setting. The CCG does not commission the service and it is not delivered by CNWL. It is regulated by the CQC. The local authority has limited ways to safeguard residents in these environments. SH feels that the internal investigation carried out by the care setting was inadequate. Commissioners need to be assured that this care setting is a safe place for Hillingdon residents to be placed. SH is not aware of an escalation route to NHS England for such cases.</p>	

	SA to write to NHS England Safeguarding Unit with concerns (SH to provide relevant information).	<b>SA/SH</b>
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