

Meeting Title:	London Safeguarding Children Board Meeting	
Date:	27 January 2011	
Time:	14.00 – 16.00 pm	
Location:	London Councils, 59½ Southwark Street	
Chaired by:	Cheryl Coppell (London Borough of Havering)	
Attendees:		
Vivien Lines (London Board)	Caroline Dawes (London Councils)	Nilam Taheem (London Board) - notes
Libby Fry (Barnardos)	Rebecca Baumgartner (UKBA)	Andrew Ireland (Havering)
Mike Scott (London Board)	Simon Hart (Barking & Dagenham)	Trish Morris-Thompson (NHS London)
Sally Jones (Greenwich)	Ian Dean (London Board)	DI Mark Clarke (Met Police)
David Ainscough (Met Police)	Gordon Briggs (Met Police)	Simon Foy (Met Police)
Kathy Bundred (London Board)		
Apologies:		
Andrew Fraser (Enfield)	Paul Robinson (Wandsworth)	Kamini Rambellas (Newham)
Louise Smith (CPS London – South)	Jacky Tiotto (Dept for Education)	Malcolm Jenkin (London Probation)
Vince Clark (CAFCASS)	Andy Mitchell (NHS London)	Julie Cole (NSPCC)
Delroy Pomell (Barnardo's)	Kay Bell (London Board)	Ceri Edwards (London Councils)
Michael O'Connor (Westminster)	Stephen Rodhouse (Met Police)	Briony Ladbury (NHS London)
Alan Wood (Hackney)		
Points of discussion		

1. Introductions and apologies

- 1.1 Introductions were made and the group noted the above apologies.

2. Notes of the last meeting on 13 October 2010

2.1 The notes of the last meeting were agreed, with actions to be picked up during the meeting.

3. The Child Sex Offenders Disclosure Scheme

3.1 DI Mark Clark (Met Police) updated the group on the Child Sex Offenders Disclosure Scheme. This scheme has been promoted nationally, with London the last region for implementation in April 2011. See attached presentation for further information. The group noted the presentation and the following issues were raised:

- Concerns were raised on what preparation had been made to share information within the public domain as the source of information could get back to the perpetrator/offender which present risks for the child involved. David Ainscough (Met Police) informed the group that a parent/guardian would be asked to complete and sign a confidentiality form in order to ensure that information is not passed on.
- The group were keen that children's social care were fully briefed on the implementation scheme. ID reported that DI Clark would also be presenting to the LSCB Chairs meeting, and had prepared briefings for the London social care ADs group and ALDCS.

Action - It was agreed that a small group from the Board to be set up to look at drafting a consistent framework protocol to guide boroughs on information disclosure. VL & DI Clark to lead on this.

4. Safeguarding in the NHS

4.1 Trish Morris-Thompson (NHS London) updated the group on the proposed changes to the NHS, with a particular focus on arrangements in London.

4.2 AI raised concerns that some sectors appeared to be proposing to reduce the number of people with named and designated responsibilities, and asked who would be quality assuring the proposals to ensure that children and young people are adequately safeguarded. TMT confirmed that she is aware of these and similar issues in some sectors, and assured Board members that no proposals would be approved unless the arrangements give strong consideration to safeguarding – TMT would be personally quality assuring this process.

4.3 SF reported that the Met Police are realigning their structures around prevention of violence, and preparing for new arrangements following the introduction of an elected commissioner.

4.4 SF was keen to ensure that safeguarding remains high on the agenda of all agencies as structural changes take place, and asked what arrangements were in place to ensure that GP commissioners have a strong grasp of children's issues in general and safeguarding in particular – will they prioritise funding for sexual abuse referral centres, for example?

Action – VL and BL to draft a briefing for GP commissioners, explaining the full multi-agency implications of their new safeguarding roles.

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- 4.5 TMT reported that the CP24 IT pilot has now concluded and the system will be switched off, after 50,000 contacts over the duration of the trial. This would now be used to inform a new national system.
- 4.6 Following comments made at the London Board conference in December, TMT asked that it be noted that safeguarding procedures at walk-in centres are as robust as those in A&E departments.
- 4.7 Sally Jones reported that this was her last meeting, as her role within the NHS would be changing in the near future. CC passed on the Board's thanks for her dedication and commitment to safeguarding children in London over a number of years, and particularly her support to the work of the Board.

Action – TMT to identify a replacement for SJ on the Board.

5. Information sharing update

- 5.1 Kathy Bundred gave an update (attached) on information sharing / MASH work, which aims to develop better information sharing arrangements between the range of agencies working with children and young people, with a particular focus on the quality of partnership work when child protection referrals are initially received.

Action – KB to draft information bulletin on helpful learning points on the pilot as it progresses.

Action - TMT to liaise with KB regarding health representation on the Information Sharing project

6. Safeguarding Quality Assurance Framework pilots

- 6.1 VL reported that, working with the Local Government Improvement and Development team (LGID), the London Board has produced new guidance to help LSCBs develop robust, outcomes based quality assurance frameworks. Eight areas in London are now piloting the framework in relation to specific safeguarding outcomes. See attached update for more information.

7. SCIE pilots update

- 7.1 VL reported that the piloting of the SCIE Learning Together model for case reviews in seven London Local Safeguarding Children Boards (LSCBs) was progressing well, and promised to keep the Board updated as the work progresses.

8. London Regional Safeguarding Advisers update

- 8.1 The Board requested an overview of the number of no-notice inspections in London to look at the overall picture of the quality of work in duty and assessments teams and to determine if there were any particular areas where London Regional Safeguarding Advisers could give further support.

- 8.2 Kathy Bundred updated the group on the themes and findings of the unannounced inspections completed to date, which is summarised in the attached report.

Action - KB to circulate paper for information on unannounced inspections to LSCB Chairs, asking boroughs if the Board could give any assistance on particular areas.

9. BME communities and faith groups conference 13 May 2011

- 9.1 ID informed members of the BME communities and faith conferences being held in partnership with Trust for London and the Safe Network on 13 May 2011 which was presented at the last Board meeting.

- 9.2 Board members approved the programme for the conference.

10. Any other business

- 10.1 David Ainscough (Met Police) highlighted that some boroughs appeared to be unaware of provisions contained within the Board's procedure on safeguarding children missing from care and home, particularly relating to the social care pre-assessment checklist.

Action – KB to discuss with the London child protection managers and report back to the next meeting.

11. Papers for information.

The Board members noted the following information items

- London Board update
- Safeguarding Trafficked Children final monitoring report – revised in line with comments from previous Board meeting – attached for info for launch on 3 Feb.

12. Dates of future meetings (all at London Councils, 59½ Southwark Street, 2pm – 4pm with lunch available from 1.30pm):

- Wednesday 11 May 2011 (10am – 12pm)
- Thursday 8 September 2011
- Thursday 17 November 2011