



London Mental Health Trusts Network of Safeguarding Children Professionals

21st October 2010
at London Councils, 59½ Southwark Street.
09.30-12.30

1. Introductions and apologies

Present:

Jan Pearson	ELFT	Network Chair
Matt Beavis	SLaM	Network Secretary
Dr Malcolm Wiseman	SLaM	
Kay Bell	London Councils	
Ian Dean	LSCB	
Carolyn Pilkington	Oxleas	
Dr Peter Jarrett	Oxleas	
Carole Bruce-Gordon	BEHMHT	
Janette Brown	SWLSG	

Apologies:

Emma Addison	SLaM
Lynne Tyblewski	NELFT
Ian Collins	CANDI

2. Notes of the last meeting

JB reported that she had sent apologies to the last meeting.

Minutes approved by group.

It was decided that previous actions would be temporarily suspended pending the completion of the Munro Review.

3. Matters Arising

SCR Toolkit

Draft SCR toolkit on LSCB Website.

Safeguarding Improvement Team Visits

No-one present had been a SIT Visitor.

CB-G reported that she had had a visit and that NHS London wanted more mental health representatives on the teams. Interested parties could put their names forward to Alan Bedford via Katherine Burke. Felt it could be advantageous as preparation for own visit.

Frequency of SIT Visits discussed and JP fed back they were a one-off exercise.

Discussion regarding whether group felt that the SIT visits had understood mental health and feeling from the group that on the whole they had.

Comparison between Named and Designated Professionals with a feeling that Named Professionals work in practice and strategically across organisations.

Supervision consistently brought up via these visits.

4. Annual Work Plan

Munro Review Update

11/10/10 London SCB Event fed back to group. Concern expressed at the event regarding the social work focus of the review. JP stated that Munro reported that she has had this feedback a lot and does not feel that you can look at just social work without including other agencies so did not agree with view that the review had done so.

CB-G felt that there would be increased focus on health in the 2nd half of the review.

Network and Trusts to send information and feedback to inform the review.

JP fed back that she had attended a DoE Search Event facilitated by the Tavistock which she found very social work focussed and messages regarding the need for all agencies to take responsibility and do more prevention work. There was also discussion at the event regarding whether Social Care should retain responsibility for Section 47.

Data Collection

MB raised variable implementation of NHS London Safeguarding Commissioning Template. Group discussed different approaches to this in the various boroughs in which they provide services. There was a question of what added value the template provides and what how the information is used and fed back. There was a feeling expressed that there was some duplication in information requested via the template.

Members of the Network already produce:

- Annual Reports
- Declarations
- Section 11 annual Audits
- Ongoing Performance Management Data
- Information to support and inform inspections (Ofsted, CQC, NHS London SITs)

Main focus of group was how to ensure that what is provided positively effects practice.

Group discussed the various Trusts' safeguarding children resources to respond to demands and requirements.

Data Collection regarding Child Protection Conferences

CB-G has a database and service returns to monitor attendance and compliance as well as flagging in 6 weekly safeguarding team meetings.

Group discussion regarding how this can be achieved across services in an integrated way and ensuring that services are notified with enough time to attend and how Trusts will monitor attendance and contributions.

Supervision – no feedback

Common Assessment Framework (CAF) & Team Around the Child (TAC)

Discussion regarding the variability of their use in practice.

Munro Review to consider these and group members may feed comments regarding this into the review via feedback and consultation events.

MB informed that there was a presentation to the SLaM Trust Safeguarding Children Committee by Lewisham and Southwark as Trust reps in early implementer sites

The meeting discussed Children's Social Care understanding of mental health, threshold, use of CAF and TAC as well as future roles of Designated Professionals and where they would be placed and on what they would be focussed.

Training – see discussion on Inter-collegiate document

Audits – no feedback

5. London Safeguarding Children Board Update

ID reported that the London Child Protection Procedures would be updated electronically in line with changes to "Working Together..." and would be launched at the London SCB Conference in December 2010. There will be a full consultation and rewrite post-Munro.

LSCB Health Workplan now given to Designated Nurses to take forward.

Action: ID to distribute for comments.

London SCB Conference

ID discussed conference and stated that there would be 2 free places for each LSCB.

KB discussed the forthcoming conference in early 2011 focussing on SCIE.

Talk from Lewisham regarding “Think Family” and SCIE.

Increased interest in this methodology with Southwark, Lewisham, Islington and Haringey early implementer sites.

6. Intercollegiate Competence Framework

MB raised the changes and potential challenges posed in particular regarding Level 3 including all mental health staff. **JP agreed to email the feedback to Fiona Smith at the RCN.**

MW challenged the need for Level 3 to be multidisciplinary feeling that the content of the training more important. **MW agreed to email JP regarding psychiatry input.**

JP raised the complexity of the document regarding Level 3 and the different ways of evidencing compliance. There was further discussion regarding the potential for differing interpretations of the document.

Discussion regarding the advisory rather than statutory nature of the document. MB queried what had happened regarding the London Training Strategy that the Network had worked on with the Designated Professionals. **ID agreed to check follow up and feed back to the group.**

7. AOB

none

Dates of Future Meetings:

13/01/11

14/04/11

14/07/11

13/10/11

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