



## **London Mental Health Trusts Network of Safeguarding Children Professionals**

Notes of the 14th meeting, held on 14th January 2010  
at London Councils, 59½ Southwark Street.

### **1. Introductions and apologies**

Present:

Jan Pearson	ELFT	Network Chair
Sarah Turner	Oxleas	Network Secretary
Ian Dean	LSCB	
Matt Beavis	SLAM	
Trevor Farmer	WLMHT	
Norma Johnson	BE&H	
Carol Bruce Gordon	BE&H	
Paul Bryne	CNWL	
Ruth Vine	CANDI	

Apologies:

Malcolm Wiseman	SLAM
Cressida Zielinski	WLMHT
Janette Brown	SWLSTG
Jale Punter	SWLSTG
Caroline Jones	NELFT
Linda Geddes	ELFT
Briony Ladbury	NHS London

Carol and Ruth were welcomed to the network

### **2. Notes of the last meeting**

Agreed as an accurate record

### **3. Matters Arising**

**RIO** changes requested in 2009 by the network and requested by members via RIO leads during implementation of the NPSA RRR, (preventing harm to children whose parents have mental health problems) have not been implemented. Changes are due to be included in a future version.

RIO problems include:

- No prompt to ask whether a service user has dependants, resulting in no capability to report on which /how many service users have children.
- No flagging of significant child contacts, (may be particularly problematic for male service users, recording of step children etc).

- Inadequate inclusion of children within the risk assessment of adult service users, no prompt regarding impact.
- No data collection details about service users children/significant child contacts i.e. DOB, school etc
- Lack of consistent flagging system for safeguarding children concerns

## **ACTION**

Members are asked to consider whether problems in the RIO system present any risks within their organisation and include in risk registers where appropriate.

Members are asked to feed difficulties back to their RIO leads.

## **Peer reviews (SIT) Safeguarding Improvement Team.**

Pilot review has taken place in Newham, review focused largely on PCT and acute trust. Mental health will be having separate reviews, no details about these are available as yet.

**SCR Toolkit**, the London Board will be taking this work stream forward via a development group which is due to meet in March. The aim will be to standardise process including chronology etc.

**WT Chapter 8 consultation**, the network's contribution to the consultation is acknowledged in the Governments response. Issues highlighted by the network have been included in the revised chapter.

## **4. Training strategy**

Network members met with the sub group of the London Designated Nurses Group who have been developing a training strategy for use by all London trusts. Agreement was reached on producing a combined version of the networks draft strategy and the Designated Groups strategy.

### **ACTION**

JP to request the final draft from the chair of the Designated Nurses Group

To be circulated to network.

The RCN appear to be leading on revision of the Intercollegiate Document. Members felt that inclusion of Lead/champion roles within the document would be helpful.

### **ACTION**

JP to invite a representative from the intercollegiate group to the network.

All organisations represented at meeting have posted their declaration on their website, varying levels of training were reported in the declarations. Some members reported that they are finding obtaining accurate data on training problematic.

Safeguarding children is being included within other courses in organisations including; violence and aggression, supervision.

Members felt that for some staff a specialist safeguarding children in supervision course would be valuable.

**ACTION**

CBG to send details of a known safeguarding supervision provider to JP

## **6. Chief execs paper**

The paper needs to be re-circulated to members for agreement. Any comments/revisions should be forwarded to JP by the end of January. If necessary JP will then take chairs action to produce a final version and aim to take to chief execs group in march.

**ACTION**

All members and JP

## **7. Working Together consultation**

WT will inform the development of new London CP Procedures and members should therefore consider omissions as well as changes. Members felt that the issue of which professional can be the "Named" lead in a mental health trust needed clarification, historical allegations of sexual abuse is another area which may benefit from more detailed information.

**ACTION**

All members to submit comments for consultation to ST by the end of January

ST to submit joint network response to consultation by 11<sup>th</sup> February.

TF to circulate WLMHT's historical sexual abuse policy

## **9. Terms of Reference**

TOR updated, need for annual work plan highlighted, to be included in next agenda.

**ACTION**

Updated TOR to be submitted for the London Board website

**ACTION**

ID to circulate LSCB structure including sub groups

## **10. AOB**

Safeguarding children statements in JD's. Some organisations have put a safeguarding statement in new JD's others have added an addendum to all JDs

**ACTION**

ST to circulate Oxleas Statements (including other required areas, such as infection control).

RV requested that members send her examples of Level 2 training from their own organisations.

Trevor Farmer announced that he will no longer be contribute to the network as he moving on to a new role. Trevor was thanked for his contribution to the network.

**Next Meeting 15<sup>th</sup> April**