



Hounslow Safeguarding Children Board

Hounslow Safeguarding Children Board, Monday 10th July 2017 at 3.00pm –
5.00pm, Committee Room 1, Civic Centre

Present		
Name	Agency	Designation
Hannah Miller	Hounslow Safeguarding Children Board	Independent Chair
Mary Harpley	London Borough of Hounslow	Chief Executive
Councillor Tom Bruce	Education and Children's Services	Councillor
Michael Marks	London Borough of Hounslow	Director of Education
Lara Wood	London Borough of Hounslow	Head of Safeguarding & Quality Assurance
Martin Forshaw	London Borough of Hounslow	Head of Safeguarding Specialist Services
Chris Domeney	Youth Offending Service	Head Youth Offending Service, Children's Services
Komal Sandhu	London Borough of Hounslow	Representative, Housing Department
James Jolly	Hounslow, Richmond & Kingston Probation Service	Assistant Chief Officer
Greg Ashman	London Fire Brigade	Borough Commander
Monica King	WLMHT	Named Nurse Safeguarding Children
Kylee Brennan	iHear	Service Manager
Tonie Neville	West Middlesex University Hospital	Director of Nursing, Safeguarding Lead
Mandy Harper	CLCH	Named Nurse Safeguarding Children
Jane Bennie	HRCH	Named Nurse Safeguarding Children
Julie Hulls	CCG	Designated Nurse Safeguarding Children
DCI Helen Flanagan	Hounslow Police	Detective Chief Inspector
Permjit Chadha	Community Safety Partnership	Community Safety Manager
Sharon Pearce	FYOI	Head of Safeguarding
Judy Durrant	CCG	Associate Director for Safeguarding, CCG
Dr Nimala Sellathurai	CCG	Designated Doctor Safeguarding Children

Jo Leader	Hounslow Safeguarding Children's Board	Acting Business Manager
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Apologies		
Name	Agency	Designation
Jacqui McShannon	London Borough of Hounslow	Director of Safeguarding & Specialist Services, Children's Services
Jennifer Hopper	London Borough of Hounslow	Head of Troubled Families & Edge of Care, Children's Services
Graeme Baker	West Thames College	Executive Director Performance Development and Student Experience
Bhupinder Lakhanpaul	-	Lay Member
Hannah Rogers	West Middlesex University Hospital	Consultant Midwife, Safeguarding Lead
Dr Johan Redelinghuys	WLMHT	Director of Safeguarding
Trish Stewart	CLCH	Head of Safeguarding
Debra Kane	Springwell Junior School	Headteacher
Roger Shortt	Education Improvement Partnership	Facilitator
Jonathan Webster	CCG	Director of Quality, Nursing & Patient Safety
Karen McLean	Voluntary Sector Representative	Homestart
DCI Sebastian Florent	Child Abuse Investigation Team, Hounslow Police	Detective Chief Inspector
Alan Adams	London Borough of Hounslow	Executive Director Children's, Adults and Housing
Dr Imran Choudhury	London Borough of Hounslow	Director of Public Health
Hannah Rogers	West Middlesex University Hospital	Consultant Midwife, Safeguarding Lead

1) Introductions & Apologies

Board members introduced themselves to the meeting and acknowledged the apologies of members unable to attend.

2) Minutes of the last meeting/Matters arising

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

3) HSCB Development Day 2017 Outcome

The Chair noted the report, which was circulated, to members prior to the meeting and welcomed comments and questions.

The report outlines what the Development Day of the HSCB achieved and it was agreed that the outcomes identified would be reflected in the Boards Business Plan for 2018-21. Themes from the Challenge Day and Section 11 Audits will also be written into the plan.

The Board meeting in September will see the draft of the Business Plan for comments and approval.

4) CAMHS Update

Monica King presented a report, which was circulated, to members prior to the meeting and welcomed comments and questions.

The Chair asked how long waiting lists are for children to receive a service, as it had not been outlined in the report. Monica King responded that waiting lists had not been viewed as a key safeguarding indicator. The Chair disagreed, stating that waiting list times for children, particularly those with Child Protection Plans is a potential safeguarding concern. The Chair requested a follow up paper to be presented to the Board with waiting list information included.

CAMHS are only aware that a child is subject to a Child Protection Plan if they are informed at the point of referral, but it was acknowledged that CAMHS have a responsibility to check with the referring agency. The meeting was informed that CAMHS are challenged by their commissioners about waiting lists and safeguarding. However, in order to reduce waiting list times for children it requires a significant funding injection, which is not available.

Action: *Monica King to prepare and present follow up paper to September Board meeting outlining waiting list times for children, and specifically those with a Child Protection Plan.*

5) FYOI Inspection Report

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

The report indicates that safety and respect standards have lowered throughout the estate. An action plan was formulated immediately after the inspection, which is being monitored by the FYOI sub-group.

The HSCB undertook an audit between June and July 2017 about the use of Good Order or Discipline also known as “Restricted Regime” and initial feedback from the audit supported the findings in the inspection report. The full audit report will be shared with the Board in September 2017.

In addition to the inspection, a Judicial Review was undertaken by the High Court which found that young people had been unlawfully detained under the “Restricted Regime” rule. Feltham are still waiting to find out if the review will find whether Article 3 of the Human Right Act had also been breached.

The inspection report outlined that all boys should be attending education; however, this is not achievable due to the nature of the population. The Board questioned how Feltham are addressing getting boys who are not subject to restriction to education. Sharon Pearce informed that there are many reasons why boys are not able to access education, most are due to safety. It is a struggle to move boys safely around the estate and staff are consistently challenged about how to move boys and keep them safe. Boys are now being moved by class rather than unit in attempt to make the transition safer.

Safety remains a key priority for the establishment and key strategies are under imminent review. The Board could support Feltham by continuing to improve its knowledge and understanding of the challenges in the establishment and cooperate positively in supporting the changes. The issues identified in the inspection are for all YOI's in the UK and not unique to Feltham.

FYOI are expecting to be re-inspected anytime from January 2018. The Chair requested that a subsequent report be shared with the Board in six months' time to provide assurances of improvements that have been made.

6) Domestic Homicide Review

Permjit Chadha presented the review report, which was circulated to members prior to the meeting and welcomed comments and questions.

The Community Safety Partnership Board has monitored the action plan created following the review, they are happy with its progress and there is only one task outstanding.

The Board accepted the report and no further comments were made.

7) MASH Performance Report

Martin Forshaw presented a report, action plan, and MASH data, which was circulated to members prior to the meeting and welcomed comments and questions.

The number of contacts received at the front door is continuing to rise, projecting a figure of 32,000 for the year, which will be a 2,000 increase on last year if it is realised. This has implications for service delivery particularly in respect of responding to contacting agencies of the outcome. There is a need to explore whether there are process changes, which could be made in improving responding to concerns.

The majority of contacts are not clear referrals, but agencies informing of children coming to their attention. CFAN training is about to begin try and help improve the quality of referrals.

It was highlighted that only a fraction of contacts made (2.5%) went into the MASH for multi-agency checks.

Timeliness of checks is improving though it is still a challenge for Health. Jane Bennie clarified there are some discrepancies when Health Visitors are undertaking checks, which can include whether they agree with the decision to complete checks.

Kylee Brennan highlighted that iHear had not received any requests for information from the MASH Health Visitor for some time. This will be explored further by the MASH Manager

The Chair reiterated that next year the MASH would be expected to provide an improvement report at each Board meeting.

8) JTAI Report & Action Plan

Elaine Peers presented a report and action plan, which was circulated to members prior to the meeting and welcomed comments and questions.

The Board last saw an updated version of the action plan at its Board meeting in May 2017. The action plan has now been re-organised into four categories. The final draft will be agreed at a meeting on 4th September 2017 and shared with the Board at its meeting in September 2017.

The action plan and a narrative report will be submitted to Ofsted on 20th September 2017.

Many actions outlined in the plan are being progressed by the partnership as a whole and individually within their own agencies. CRC remain disengaged with the action plan and have not provided any progress updates. The response from CRC centrally has been that they will not be engaging with any Boards or work streams until December 2017.

The Board discussed Early Help and how data collection is vital to understanding service delivery and impact and feeds into the delivery of the Neglect Strategy.

It was agreed that the Children's Delivery Group would lead on the development of the Early Help offer, strategy, and data set in Hounslow and provide regular assurance to the HSCB.

The Chair requested that partners provide an updated Early Help position paper following reports to the Board in January 2017 and include their performance data and narrative.

Action: *All partners to review and update their Early Help reports and include performance data and narrative to the next Board meeting.*

Standing Agenda Items

9) Feedback from the Strategic Boards

Youth Crime Management Board

No safeguarding updates to share with the meeting.

Violence Against Women & Girls (VAWG)

The group is meeting next week and no safeguarding updates were shared with the meeting.

Community Safety Partnership Board

The Board is meeting next week and it is hoped the joint analyst post for the HSCB, HSAB and CSPB will be agreed.

Health & Wellbeing Board

The Board met in September and received an update from the HSCB about CSE.

Hounslow Safeguarding Adults' Board

The Board is due to refresh its quarterly seminar programme, which will include some joint sessions with the HSCB.

SEND Inspection

Michael Marks and Jacqui McShannon had a meeting with Ofsted; however, no indication was given as to when the SEND Inspection may take place.

10) Agency Reports to the Board

NHS London Region Safeguarding Report 16/17

A report was circulated to members prior to the meeting.

The Board noted the NHS London Region Safeguarding Report 2016-17. There will be an updated Safeguarding Framework for NHS England.

11) FYI

No items for the Board attention were discussed.

12) Any Other Business

Neglect Strategy

The Neglect Strategy was rolled out following Board approval in May 2017. A task and finish group has been established to deliver the implementation plan. The Chair requested assurances from all agencies about how the neglect strategy is being embedded and how they are addressing neglect and how they are using the Quality of Care Assessment Tool.

The Board will be undertaking a Neglect themed multi-agency audit in the autumn, which will be planned at the next Quality Assurance and Performance sub-group.

