

**Hounslow Safeguarding Children Board**

**Hounslow Safeguarding Children Board, Thursday 26th July 2018 at 2.00pm – 4.00pm, Blue Zone, Civic Centre**

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| **Present** | | |
| **Name** | **Agency** | **Designation** |
| Hannah Miller | Hounslow Safeguarding Children Board | Independent Chair |
| Councillor Tom Bruce | Education and Children’s Services | Councillor |
| Michael Marks | London Borough of Hounslow | Director of Education |
| DCI Helen Flanagan | Hounslow Police | Detective Chief Inspector |
| Sharon Pearce | FYOI | Head of Safeguarding |
| Chris Domeney | Youth Offending Service | Head Youth Offending Service, Children’s Services |
| Jacqui McShannon | London Borough of Hounslow | Director of Safeguarding & Specialist Services, Children’s Services |
| Lara Wood | London Borough of Hounslow | Head of Safeguarding & Quality Assurance |
| Tony Bowen | HRCH | Named Nurse Safeguarding Children |
| Clare McKenzie | London Borough of Hounslow | Children’s Commissioning Manager, Public Health |
| Julie Hulls | CCG | Designated Nurse Safeguarding Children |
| Kylee Brennan | iHear | Service Manager |
| Dr Nirmala Sellathurai | CCG | Designated Doctor Safeguarding Children |
| Amanda Lowes | LB Hounslow | Head of Housing Client Services |
| Monica King | WLMHT | Named Nurse Safeguarding Children |
| Permjit Chadha | Community Safety Partnership | Community Safety Manager |
| Vik Seenayah | Partnership Manager | London Community Rehabilitation Company |
| Janet Johnson | Hounslow Safeguarding Children’s Board | Training & Development Manager |
| Jo Leader | Hounslow Safeguarding Children’s Board | Business Manager |

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| **Apologies** | | |
| **Name** | **Agency** | **Designation** |
| Alan Adams | London Borough of Hounslow | Executive Director Children’s, Adults and Housing |
| Mary Harpley | London Borough of Hounslow | Chief Executive |
| Greg Ashman | London Fire brigade | Borough Commander |
| Martin Forshaw | London Borough of Hounslow | Head of Safeguarding Specialist Services |
| Marcia Lennon | CAFCASS | - |
| Karen McLean | Homestart | Voluntary Sector Representative |
| Ray Whyms | Lampton School | Assistant Headteacher |
| Dr Johan Redelinghuys | WLMHT | Director of Safeguarding |
| Kamm Grewal | Springwell Junior School | Headteacher |

1. **Introductions & Apologies**

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

1. **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.

1. **Developing an Early Help Strategy in Hounslow**

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

An Early Help Transformation Lead is now in post and reporting to Alan Adams. Substantial progress has been in understanding the need from a multi-agency perspective and consideration of how to resource the offer. Once the strategic approach has been agreed, work will begin to look at the systems needed to deliver the offer.

It was agreed that the HSCB’s role would remain one of assurance and the delivery role would sit with the Children’s Delivery Group. The HSCB is represented at the Early Help Strategic meetings and plans are in place to support the multi-agency training and roll out of the strategy once agreed.

The Board will receive periodic progress reports to monitor progress of the strategy and the Chair of the Board would meet with the Transformation Lead.

In the absence of an strategy the MASH and the Front Door are still absorbing all contacts including those that are best placed in Early Help services.

1. **London Community Rehabilitation Company (CRC) Safeguarding Presentation**

Vik Seenayah gave a presentation to the Board about how CRC are reengaging with strategic Boards and their commitment to safeguarding, and welcomed comments and questions.

It has been approximately 2 years since CRC engaged with Safeguarding Boards and Community Safety Partnership Boards. Following a restructure of systems, there is now a strategic drive to reengage with safeguarding. There is limited resource to attend all meeting but there is a commitment to be as visible as possible across all partners.

Domestic Violence accounts for 34% of the caseload that CRC manage across London. In Hounslow the organisation manages a total of approximately 600 cases.

Safeguarding is now a mandatory assessment requirement for all case managers to consider when working with families and all concerns have oversight from senior managers.

Chris Domeney asked if CRC provide rehabilitation programmes for low level offenders or if they still should be purchased through the National Probation Service. Most programmes offered by CRC do need to be brokered however there is a supply chain process and a newly appointed Interventions Manager who would advise what interventions are available in Hounslow.

The three hours per week CRC dedicate to the MASH as a virtual partner to complete checks has been removed. MASH checks are now responded to through a dedicated workflow and is no longer limited. The three hours per week should now be used for a representative from CRC to attend relevant operational meetings. CRC have continued to attend the MARAC.

It was noted that the HMIP Inspection in March 2018 found that probation services were not taking account of diversity. CRC now have a Diversity Board to address the concern and could provide a further update to the HSCB in six months.

***Action:*** *HMIP Action Plan to be shared discussed at the Board meeting in February 2019.*

1. **FYOI Inspection Report & Action Plan**

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

Following the Inspection of FYOI in February 2018, a total of 51 actions were identified, of which 31 were agreed, 11 were partly agreed and 3 were rejected. Weekly meetings have been set up to monitor the action plan delivery in the establishment and it will also be monitored externally by the FYOI sub-group.

Inspectors commented on and documented in their report the positive relationship between FYOI and the HSCB and acknowledged the strong external scrutiny and challenge provided by the Board through its quality assurance programme.

The Inspection noted that staffing and recruitment had improved, there had been a reduction in violence and good safeguarding process are in place. Some concern remained in the use of the Care and Separation Unit which is a shared resource between Feltham A and B. Over the next few months steps will be taken to address this quickly.

Additionally, the Independent Inquiry into Child Sexual Abuse which FYOI and the Local Authority provided information to, praised the partnership arrangements and highlighted that significant developments that had been made over the last 18 months.

The Chair acknowledged the considerable progress that had been made and commended FYOI for its improvement work.

Sharon Pearce informed that a new Governor had been appointed and will start in August 2018.

The sub-group had identified some issues with the engagement from Health in FYOI. It is not a narrow issue and it has been identified in several areas including in the recent re-audit of GOoD (Rule 49). Chris Domeney assured that the issue is being escalated through the Youth Custody Service and NHS England. The Chair agreed to raise nationally if no solution is found.

1. **CAMHS Child Protection Case Conference Attendance Audit Report**

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

The audit was undertaken after the Child Protection Annual Report 2016-17 was presented to the Board in November 2017. The report noted that there was limited attendance from CAMHS at Child Protection Conferences despite invites being sent. The audit found that of the dip sample reviewed CAMHS had had complied with 100% of the invitations received by either attending the conference or sending a report. Lara Wood reiterated that the data presented was skewed as the system relies on a manual count as there is not a system in place to more accurately collate data. Lara Wood asked the Chair if she would still like Child Protection Conference attendance data included in subsequent Child Protection Annual reports. The Chair confirmed that conference attendance data must be included in the annual report and HSCB should be monitoring the data closely along with statutory visits.

Jacqui McShannon said that it is challenging for Social Workers to negotiate the children’s and adults’ mental health system. Reciprocal awareness raising activities for Children’s and Adults’ Social Care had been agreed by attending respective practitioner forums had been arranged to discuss thresholds and responsibilities for both areas.

The Chair recognised that there were challenges due to the rudimentary way in which data is collected however it is important to look beyond the data and ensure that there are good processes in place to ensure that the right professionals are invited to attend all necessary safeguarding meetings.

1. **DVIP Annual Narrative Report 17/18**

The report was deferred to the September Board meeting as representatives from the service were unable to attend the meeting.

1. **JTAI Monitoring Report**

The Chair summarised a report on behalf of Elaine Peers who was unable to attend the meeting, which was circulated to members prior to the meeting and welcomed comments and questions.

Substantial progress had been made to achieve the 102 partnership actions identified following the JTAI. Regular monitoring meetings had been held and very few actions remained. Several monitoring systems and actions plans are in place across the partner agencies such as the MASH Improvement Plan which could subsume some of the appropriate remaining actions.

The Board was asked to formally conclude and close the action plan. Members agreed, the success of the action plan delivery was a good example of partnership working and agreed that the action plan could be closed.

1. **Working Together 2018 Publication**

The Chair asked all members to carefully consider the new Working Together to Safeguard Children Guidance 2018, in relation to the changes for LSCBs. In October 2018 the Chair is intending to convene a meeting of the senior leaders of the three lead organisations noted in the guidance to discuss the next steps for Hounslow.

Hounslow had been successful in securing Early Adopters funding for CDOP to support the move into the North-West London arrangements.

**Standing Agenda Items**

1. **Feedback from the Strategic Boards**

**Youth Crime Management Board**

No safeguarding updates were shared with the meeting.

**Violence Against Women & Girls (VAWG)**

No safeguarding updates were shared with the meeting.

**Community Safety Partnership Board**

The Community Safety Team has moved to sit under Peter Matthews, Director of Housing. There are proposed changes to the membership of the Community Safety Partnership Board and further updates will be shared at the next Board meeting.

***Action:*** *A report to be presented to the next Board meeting about changes to the Community Safety Partnership Board.*

**Health & Wellbeing Board**

No safeguarding updates were shared with the meeting.

**Hounslow Safeguarding Adults’ Board**

No safeguarding updates were shared with the meeting.

**SEND Improvement Board**

No safeguarding updates were shared with the meeting.

1. **AOB**

**HSCB Escalation Policy**

The Chair reminded members of the HSCB escalation policy which was circulated before the meeting and is published on the HSCB’s website. All partners and their staff must ensure they are aware of the policy to support multi-agency challenge and decision making.

**Lay Member**

The Boards Lay member, Bhupinder Lakenpal had retired. The Chair had thanked him for his service to the Board and plans to recruit two new lay members will start in the autumn.

**Restructure of CCG**

Julie Hulls informed that a significant restructure is underway in the CWHHE CCG. Mark Easton has been appointed as the Accountable Officer and Dianne Jones is the Director of Quality.

**Part B Agenda – Confidential**

1. **Intake Teams Staff Pressure Position – Confidential Item**

This item was discussed as a Part B confidential agenda item and has been recorded separately.

1. **Serious Case Review Update – Confidential Item**

This item was discussed as a Part B confidential agenda item and has been recorded separately.

1. **Commissioning of a New Serious Case Review - Confidential Item**

This item was discussed as a Part B confidential agenda item and has been recorded separately.