



Bath & North East Somerset
Local Safeguarding Children Board

BATH AND NORTH EAST SOMERSET COUNCIL

LOCAL SAFEGUARDING CHILDREN BOARD

Tuesday 5th March 2019

Present:- Bruce Laurence (Interim Chair, Director of Public Health, B&NES Council), Mike Bowden (B&NES Council, Corporate Director, People), Dami Howard (B&NES Council, Safeguarding Children & Adults Boards Business Support Manager), Donna Redman (BaNES CCG, Named GP), Lesley Hutchinson (B&NES Council, Head of Safeguarding and Quality Assurance), Duncan Stanway (Barnardo's, Assistant Director, Midlands and South West), Mary Kearney-Knowles (Director, Children & Young People, B&NES Council), Fiona Finlay (BaNES CCG and Virgin Care, Designated Doctor), Andrea Harris (Lay Member), Stuart Bell (Avon & Somerset Police, Lighthouse Safeguarding), , Sally Churchyard (B&NES Council, Head of Young People's Prevention Services, Youth Offending Service), Steve Kendall (Chief Supt, Avon & Somerset Police), Nicola Smith (Advocate on behalf of Primary Heads), Lesley Jones (Lay Member), Angela Vick (Lay Member), Victoria Caple (Partnership Liaison Manager, Safeguarding, Avon & Somerset Constabulary), Mike Menzies (RUH, Named Nurse for Safeguarding Children), Val Scrase (Virgin Care, Head of Operations), Charles Plummer (Practice Supervisor, Cafcass) and Matthew Woodville (Advocate on behalf of Secondary Heads)

Apologies: Councillor Paul May (Cabinet Member for Children & Young People), Liz Plastow (Designated Lead Nurse, Safeguarding), Jane Shayler (B&NES Council, Director, Integrated Health & Care Commissioning), Sue Deedigan (Curo), Anthea Pritchard (Lay Member), Val Janson (BaNES NHS CCG, Asst Director of Nursing and Quality), Jayne Davis (Deputy Principal, Bath College), Lisa Cheek (RUH), Deborah Patten (Virgin Care), Kirsty Matthews (Virgin Care, Managing Director, BANES Community Health and Care Services), Adrian Carr (Partnership Manager / Department for Work and Pensions), Penny McKissock (Southside), James Knight (National Probation Service)

EMERGENCY EVACUATION PROCEDURE

The Democratic Services Officer drew attention to the emergency evacuation procedure.

1 WELCOME AND INTRODUCTIONS

Mike Bowden, Corporate Director began the meeting by explaining that due to ill health Robert Lake had taken the decision to resign as Independent Chair for both the LSCB and LSAB. He said that Deputy Chair, Bruce Laurence would act as interim Chair for the LSCB until the new children's safeguarding arrangements are agreed.

The Chair welcomed everyone to the meeting and asked for the Board's best wishes to be sent to Robert.

Members made introductions.

2 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest.

3 MINUTES, ACTION LOG AND MATTERS ARISING

The minutes of the last Board meeting of 4th December 2018 were agreed.

With regard to when Action 379 was discussed at the last meeting Donna Redman reminded the Board that Liz Plastow had suggested that an update be provided to the March meeting on how GP's receive information regarding missing children and that this has not been received.

The Chair went through the Action Log for any matters arising. He drew the member's attention to the summary sheet (Item 3b) that had been provided by Dami Howard that showed 6 actions had been completed.

Updates/Decisions needed:

380 & 381 – Lack of Professionals meetings. Action closed and new action identified if needed after hearing Item 5 at meeting.

386 – PHSE resources online for schools. Update awaited.

393 – MARAC update – On agenda. Completed.

408 – Have LSCB agencies included flag on system for Complex (Toxic) Trio – Lesley Hutchinson asked for agencies that have not responded to do so within two weeks or at least inform the Board of progress.

Action 413: Dami Howard to request assurance from all LSCB partner agencies

New dates needed:

354 – New date to complete Engagement work in CP Conferences – Mary Kearney-Knowles informed the Board that a meeting did take place on 5th February. Lesley Hutchinson added that the meeting went well and actions were

being worked through. Mary Kearney-Knowles suggested that this should receive final sign off in June.

389 – CAF feedback in Early Help Report – June 19 agreed.

390 and 392 – Review of TOR – June 19 agreed.

4 6 MONTHLY SUB GROUP REPORTS – POLICY & PROCEDURE, COMMUNICATIONS, CICQA, PPG

Policy & Procedure

Dami Howard presented the report on behalf of the Chair, Liz Plastow, and asked that the Board approve the revised and new Policies.

Lesley Hutchinson asked for the Board to approve the ‘Bruising or injury in babies/children who are not independently mobile protocol’.

Mary Kearney-Knowles proposed that a review date of March 2020 be set for the protocol.

The Board agreed the Bruising Protocol.

Fiona Finlay commented that Paediatricians across the STP do find themselves working under different policies.

The Chair asked for the Sub-Group to discuss this issue further at their next meeting. **(Action 414)**

The Corporate Director noted that within the WT2018 Summary reference was made to a ‘pan Merseyside basis’.

Dami Howard replied that this would be amended before adding to the website. The Board Approved the WT2018 information.

Awareness, Engagement and Communications

Dami Howard asked if the Board could provide a steer regarding the consistent messages and approaches to online and digital safety.

Donna Redman suggested looking at the work of South West Grid for Learning for help on this issue.

Sally Churchyard said that the Exploitation Sub-Group could carry out some research on behalf of the Board. **(Action 415)**

CICQA

The Board noted the report.

Professional Practice Group

Duncan Stanway highlighted the following sections of the report to the Board.

- Cases of children on a Child Protection Plan for a significant time often featured long term and chronic Neglect. This was not well identified and there is not consistent use of chronologies to help understand long term patterns. It is hoped the newly launched Neglect Toolkit will help progress such cases more quickly. PPG will audit the use of the Neglect Toolkit in July 2019.
- Professional challenge in cases that are not making progress were re-audited, following a PPG audit in November 2017. At that time, PPG recommended an increased use of professional only meetings, with parents being informed of the purpose and outcome of such meetings. The re-audit did not find good evidence of professional challenge. This item will be more fully discussed in the Lay Members report in the next agenda item.

5 PPG AUDIT OF PROFESSIONALS MEETINGS

Lesley Jones introduced the report to the Board. She explained that only two cases were provided for audit and that the information provided to Lay Members was anonymised.

She stated that the recommendations are based on the outcome of 11 qualitative interviews and that the same questions were put to each professional.

She said there was some concern raised relating to the terms / language used in reports, the processes used by different agencies and the delays encountered when there was a change of Social Worker.

Nicola Smith commented that she has frequently asked for professional only meetings and that when they have been arranged a high proportion of them have been without a Social Worker in attendance. She added that the term 'escalation' should not be seen as a personal criticism.

Mary Kearney-Knowles said that some time ago it was felt that there was an overuse of these types of meetings.

Duncan Stanway said that he would like the subject discussed further in an appropriate forum or a Task & Finish group assigned.

Lesley Hutchinson proposed that the matter be discussed further at the Partnership Meetings that had recently been arranged.

Duncan Stanway replied that he had been invited to that meeting, but was unsure whether schools had been.

Dami Howard said that she believed that invites had been sent to all on the LSCB mailing list.

Mary Kearney-Knowles said that on May 1st there was to be a Child Protection

Forum meeting with schools.

Mike Menzies said that he had some positive examples of professional only meetings that could be shared at the Partnership Meetings. He added that escalation should be seen as a way of moving things forward and for agencies to support each other.

Dami Howard suggested that a document be drafted and circulated to explain the rationale behind professional only meetings. **(Action 416)**

Mary Kearney-Knowles suggested researching the South West Child Protection Procedures for any existing guidance.

Anthea Pritchard was co-author of the March LSCB report on the impact of Professional Only Meetings. At the June LSCB meeting, Anthea Pritchard requested that the March minutes should better reflect the recommendation, described in that report, that consideration should be given to the fact that C&YPS contributes to or funds the cost of some expert reports to inform the Court in CA proceedings. Other expert reports may be funded by the individual parties. These reports are in-depth explorations of the child's, parent's or family's circumstances. Anthea Pritchard asked C&YPS to consider instructing the Legal Department to always seek the leave of the Court to disclose these reports, to involved professionals or agencies, on a "need to know" basis, to assist all agencies in planning to meet the child/children's future needs.
(Action 416a)

6 LSCB STRATEGIC PLAN 2018-21 & QUARTERLY REPORT / DECISION ON LSCB ANNUAL REPORT 2018-19.

Dami Howard highlighted to the Board the amendments made within the Plan.

She asked for Sub-Groups that had not yet reported twice within the Plan to provide an update by 31st March before publication on the website as the Year End Report.

Action 417: Early Help, PMG, SCR and Training and Development to provide any updates by 31st March.

Lesley Hutchinson asked if there were any updates to be made to the RAG column of the Plan.

None were given and the Board decided that this column could be removed from the Plan.

Lesley Hutchinson informed the Board that Liz Plastow is to Chair the Performance Management Group.

The Board approved the amendments and the Quarterly Report.

Dami Howard asked the Board to consider the process to be followed for this year's Annual Report and whether a deadline should be set for the end of March for information that can be included within it.

Mike Bowden said that he agreed with this proposal and that the Board could approve the report at their June meeting.

The Chair said that he would agree to the report being added to the June agenda for the Board.

Dami Howard stated that a deadline for submissions would be set for Tuesday 30th April.

7 INFORMATION SHARE

Donna Redman stated that at a recent GP Leads meeting it was identified that they were not receiving information relating to children on Child Protection Plans.

Mary Kearney-Knowles replied that she would take that action away and investigate why this was not happening. **(Action 418)**

Mike Bowden announced that a South West Regional Improvement Alliance had recently been launched. He added that the Alliance will seek to improve children's services and children's outcomes, through a range of activities which include:-

- An annual self-assessment peer challenge;
- Sharing data and benchmarking performance across the region and beyond;
- Thematic Peer Challenge between pairs of authorities;
- Participating in a regional improvement plan, networks and summits;
- Offering and seeking mutual support and sharing of good practice;
- Co-ordinating support requests from national and other partners outside the alliance.

Lesley Hutchinson informed the Board that a report relating to a local knife crime had been submitted to a national panel. She explained that initially it was thought that the incident was a case of mistaken identity, though this turned out not to be the case.

Steve Kendall said that from April 1st there was to be a new team within Avon & Somerset Police working under Operation Remedy which would have a focus on tackling Knife Crime and County Lines.

Lesley Hutchinson said that the first meeting of Operation Topaz for B&NES had taken place recently.

Victoria Caple announced that a Serious Violence Summit was due to be held locally in May.

8 ADOPTION WEST

Mary Kearney-Knowles introduced this item to the Board. She explained that Bath and North East Somerset Council, Bristol City Council, Gloucestershire

County Council, North Somerset Council, South Gloucestershire Council and Wiltshire Council have been working closely together to form a Regional Adoption Agency (RAA), known as Adoption West.

She informed the Board that the service is managed by a Service Director, Alison Lewis who reports directly to the Board which includes senior officers of all six local authorities.

She added that staff working in the current adoption teams have TUPE transferred to Adoption West on 1st March and that there will be three hub offices located in Bristol, Gloucester & Trowbridge.

The Chair asked if a representative from Adoption West should attend and present information to the Board.

Mary Kearney-Knowles replied that Alison Lewis is willing to attend a future meeting of the Board and suggested she present their annual report in 2020. **(Action 419)**

9 ELECTIVE HOME EDUCATION

Chris Wilford introduced this report to the Board. He said that the Council has created additional capacity within the role of the EHE Co-coordinator to contact and support parents who wish to talk to the Local Authority about their arrangements to electively home educate.

He said that the EIS Service manager is working with commissioners to formalise links with our Student & Family Support Service to create support packages for families who are considering EHE.

He explained that work has started with public health to formalise links between our school nursing team and Alternative Learning Team to ensure that the health needs of the children electively home educated are not left unassessed.

He stated that the EIS has carried out a consultation with Head teachers to amend our Fair Access protocol to allow parents a ten day cooling off period before children are removed from a school roll to be electively home educated.

He said that 60% of schools that responded did not agree with this amendment and schools cited concerns that it may adversely impact on attendance figures and that some parents may use this as a way of taking children out of school for holidays.

He explained that the LA is still awaiting the outcome of the DFE consultation on EHE and that this is expected in early spring, the Council will then need to consider what impact this might have for resources and delivery.

The Chair said that he shared the concerns raised regarding a cooling off period.

Nicola Smith said that the cooling off period would amount to 20 unauthorised sessions and that this would need to be fully explained to Ofsted.

Mike Bowden replied that he would be happy to discuss the matter further with Ofsted on behalf of schools.

Matthew Woodville queried how parents would ensure safeguarding measures within this process.

The Board approved the following recommendations:

- (i) That the LA will hold on re-consulting with schools on EHE & Fair Access until the DFE announces its plans for EHE.
- (ii) That a report will be re-submitted to the LSCB in Summer 2019 when the outcome of the DFE consultation will be known. **(Action 420)**

10 LSCB & LSAB TRAINING CHARGING PAPER

Jen Russell introduced this report to the Board. She stated that currently the LSCB, LSAB and Children Workforce training programmes have different charging arrangements and that a model is proposed which will:

- Streamline the charging arrangements whilst taking account of organisational size and agency contributions to the training programme
- Bring B&NES into a closer alignment with other LA areas
- Ensure the long term resilience of the training provision

She added that the proposed model, subject to Board(s) and Children and Young People Sub Committee approval be piloted from 1st July 2019 for a 6 - 9 month period.

She explained that the recommendation will seek a tiered system of charging to apply to LSAB, LSCB and Children's Workforce training for agencies who do not financially contribute to the budgets of the aforementioned programmes.

She stated that the proposal has been endorsed by the LSCB/LSAB Training & Development sub group and the Workforce Steering Group.

She informed the Board that nine different models and three pricing options were proposed regarding charging and that these were considered by a multi-agency working group who went on to recommend three preferred options to the LSCB / LSAB Training and Development Sub Group.

She said that a preferred option was selected and discussed with the Children's Workforce Development Steering Group and that concerns were raised by the Steering Group and additional considerations made which led to the refinement of the proposed model.

She explained that the LSCB and LSAB Training and Development sub group and the Children Workforce Steering Group proposed that the following courses remain free to all agencies:

- Standard Child Protection training
- Level 2 Safeguarding Adults training

She added that there may be future courses which also need to be free in the first

instance, for example when the LSCB / LSAB or Children's Workforce Steering Group recognise a specific training concern needs to be addressed e.g, learning from SARs and SCRs, this will be determined on a case by case basis.

She said that the LSCB and LSAB Training and Development sub group and the Children Workforce Steering Group propose that the cancellation period is extended from the current arrangement of 6 working days to 10 working days of the course date. She added that it is also proposed that if a cancellation for course attendance is not received prior to this time or the delegate does not attend on the day the organisation will be charged the full amount for their delegates place.

Donna Redman queried why GPs were grouped together with 'other organisations' as she believed the CCG would cover their costs.

Lesley Hutchinson replied that this had not been an issue that had been raised during the consultation.

Mike Menzies commented that clarity on charging was required for all health providers.

Dami Howard said that the funding from the CCG does not relate to all staff, only those employed directly by the CCG and not those in services commissioned by the CCG.

Lesley Hutchinson stated that further conversations would be held with the CCG.

The Chair asked members to accept the recommendations as printed and said that further discussions could take place when it was being implemented.

Dami Howard commented that the LSAB will also be discussing the report in two weeks' time.

The Board approved the recommendation of a tiered system of charging to apply to LSAB, LSCB and Children's Workforce training for agencies who do not financially contribute to the budgets of the aforementioned programmes.

11 CAFCASS UPDATE

Charles Plummer, Cafcass Practice Supervisor delivered a presentation to the Board, a summary is set out below.

Context

The number of children involved in new care applications rose by 23% in 2014-16 and, although now more stable, reached nearly 35,500 in 2017.

The number of outstanding cases is also growing and timeliness has begun to decline, putting at risk the improvements made since the Family Justice Review in 2011.

Private law applications have also increased at a similar rate leading to unprecedented demand in the system.

- The proportion of children who were the subject of an initial child protection conference also rose in the same period from 39 per 10,000 in 2009/10 to 64 per 10,000 in 2017/18;
- The number of children on formal 'child protection plans' has increased by a striking percentage of 102% in the ten years to 2017/18;
- Whilst the proportion of 'child protection plan' children who were thought to be at risk of sexual abuse [2% to 3%] or physical abuse [4%] has remained roughly the same, those thought to be at risk of emotional abuse rose from 7.5% to 20.3% over the ten year period, and those thought to be at risk of neglect from 13.9% to 27%.

Why is demand growing?

Many reasons suggested by ADCS, Cafcass and others:

- Some 'positive' e.g. better professional understanding of the damaging impact on children of domestic abuse and neglect.
- Others 'negative' e.g. resources being invested in child protection work rather than early support; 'repeat removals' i.e. one child after another removed from the same mother.

Maintaining quality - Ofsted Outstanding

Examples of how do we do this:

- A motivated and resilient workforce.
- A flexible and agile workforce.
- Use of technology.
- Flexible workforce-Cafcass Associates
- Blended Learning

Domestic abuse

- Prevalent in both public and private law.
- Research conducted by Cafcass with Women's Aid.
- Review by MoJ of the way cases involving domestic abuse are conducted.
- Prisons and Courts Bill aims to tackle cross examination of victims by perpetrators.
- Prime Minister has announced further legislation.

Child Impact Assessment Framework

The Cafcass Child Impact Assessment Framework (CIAF) sets out how children may experience parental separation and how this can be understood and acted on

in Cafcass. The framework brings together existing guidance and tools, along with a small number of new tools, into four guides which Cafcass private law practitioners can use to assess different case factors.

Exploitation

- Cafcass' exploitation strategy incorporates sexual exploitation, radicalisation and trafficking.
- Network of ambassadors and champions to collate knowledge and to disseminate this to practice staff.
- Research project into 82 Cafcass cases involving trafficking:
 - 87% public law cases.
 - 70% girls.
 - Mostly trafficked for sexual purposes, but some for benefits, domestic slavery or transporting drugs.
 - Development of assessment tool to help identify trafficked children, especially in private law cases.

Private law reform

Supporting Separating Parents in Dispute Helpline

- Five pilots, signposting separated parents to ways to resolve disputes.

Parenting Plan Meetings and Discussions

- Supporting parents pre-court to agree a one-year plan.
- Two face-to-face pilots, one telephone.

Out of court pathway

- Working with MoJ to increase pre-court information and assistance, where appropriate.

Public law reform

Settlement conferences

- Involves a Judge and Guardian conducting an evaluation of the local authority's case, and talking directly to parties.
- Three pilots, now being extended.

. Viability assessments

- Guidance issued by Family Rights Group to set consistent expectations.
- SGO Assessments and Support Plans
- Flexibility in 26 weeks

Pre-proceedings, PLO and pre PLO.

The Board thanked Charles for his presentation.

12 DRAFT NEW SAFEGUARDING ARRANGEMENTS (WT2018)

Lesley Hutchinson informed the Board that a number of meetings have been held to discuss possible new arrangements. She explained that two strands have been explored; Local Area / Avon & Somerset Police Area.

She said that a teleconference was held with five local Responsible Authorities to enable a basic principles discussion. She added that a proposal was formed to have an Executive with a Board below it and that this would see the number of Sub-Groups reduced to 6 / 7.

She said that the proposal would be subject to appropriate governance and resourcing.

Val Scrase asked if evaluations had been carried out on any of the early adopters of the new arrangements.

Lesley Hutchinson replied that this action has taken place.

Fiona Finlay commented that with the reduction in the number of Sub-Groups their workload must be made manageable and the frequency of meetings should be assessed.

Victoria Caple replied that this would be the top of the agenda for our next meeting.

Duncan Stanway said that in his opinion schools and voluntary sector representatives must remain involved in the new arrangements.

Lesley Hutchinson replied that she fully agreed.

Victoria Caple said that the streamlining of meetings should allow for a better work flow.

Mike Bowden explained that the decision on the new arrangements will be made jointly by the Council, CCG and Police.

13 YOUTH @ RISK STRATEGY

Sally Churchyard introduced this report to the Board. She explained that the Local Safeguarding Children's Board's Exploitation sub group has developed this 3 year strategy in response to powerful and often disturbing evidence that some children and young people in B&NES experience exploitation and abuse outside their home environment and that others face high levels of risk.

She informed them that the Strategy will be underpinned by six operational protocols. Three existing protocols will be updated:

1. Child Sexual Exploitation
2. (Going) Missing from Home, Care or School
3. Harmful Sexual Behaviour

Three new protocols will be developed by multi-agency task and finish groups:

1. Radicalisation
2. Child Criminal Exploitation, including involvement in county lines, gangs, human trafficking, modern slavery and labour exploitation
3. Serious Youth Violence

Victoria Caple commented that Operation Topaz will be a key link to the work of the Strategy.

Lesley Hutchinson said that she felt that the development of a contextualised safeguarding approach would be an integral part of the Strategy.

Mike Bowden said that he felt there were benefits to be gained across the Avon & Somerset Police wide area.

Dami Howard asked if the current CSE Strategy should be removed from the website when the Youth @ Risk Strategy is added.

The Board agreed that it should. **(Action 421)**

The Board resolved to:

- (i) Note the local vision that all children and young people and their families and communities are safe from criminal exploitation;
- (ii) Endorse the Youth@Risk Strategy and commit to work to prevent all forms of exploitation of children and young people.

14 CHAIR'S REPORT

The Chair stated that he had no additional information to share with the Board on this occasion.

15 MARAC REVIEW

Stuart Bell introduced this item to the Board. He explained that in 2016 the Home Office announced that its funding for MARAC would end on 31/03/2018. In response to this announcement, the Avon & Somerset Safeguarding Consortium started to explore alternative ways of delivering the MARAC principles.

He said that in response to the changes, Avon and Somerset Police agreed to continue to fund the existing MARAC co-ordinators and support staff, for a further 12 months, until 31st March 2019. It was communicated to all Consortium partners that there would not be any further funding, for any MARAC posts, after this date.

He added that during the ongoing transitional work, it was clearly evident that all partners continue to support the MARAC principles, and can really see the benefit from the MARAC guidelines; in order to safeguard and support the highest risk victims of domestic abuse.

He stated that B&NES were one of the first local authorities to agree on a new process and ways of working, adopting the Professional Choices virtual platform; the Domestic Abuse Partnership were given verbal updates and presentations on how the new MARAC meetings were going to take place.

He summarised for the Board what actions were being taken in other local areas.

Somerset

Processes in Somerset started to transition in January 2019, with the IDVA service coordinating the MARAC activities. Advances in technology will be exploited, through the use of the virtual platform, Professional Choices.

North Somerset

North Somerset Local Authority have employed a part time MARAC co-ordinator starting from 1st April 2019. This is an interim 12 month solution before adopting their preferred option – incorporating high risk victims of DA within their One Front Door project. It is anticipated that this will occur by March 2020.

Bristol

Bristol Local Authority have agreed to temporarily fund a FTE MARAC Coordinator, who will be hosted by the Police until October 2019. This allows for the forthcoming IDVA commissioning bid to incorporate a longer-term solution, with the IDVA coordinating all MARAC activity within Bristol.

South Glos

South Glos Local Authority are managing the MARAC process via their Access Response Team (the front door to their children social care provision), utilising the Professional Choices platform – as described above.

Val Scrase asked if the changes have been formally evaluated.

Stuart Bell replied that a light touch review has been carried and that the amount of referrals has improved.

Val Scrase agreed and said that she felt that timeliness had also improved.

Victoria Caple said that a meeting was due to take place next week regarding the Coordinator role.

Lesley Hutchinson asked if given the current situation this would be an issue that

should be recorded on the Board's risk register.

The Chair said that he believed it should. **(Action 422)**

16 HATE CRIME

Lesley Hutchinson explained to the Board that following a recent incident at a Secondary School within B&NES a piece of work has been carried out with the Police which included a three month summary of incidents.

Duncan Stanway asked if locally we were attune to the differing types of hate crime, such as Race, Homophobic, Disability.

Steve Kendall said that he believed that we are.

Dami Howard said that the issue of Hate Crime was added to the Section 175 Audit this year and that this will be reported to the June meeting of the Board.

Sally Churchyard commented that there is a Young Victims' Service for young people who need help and support having been victims of crime and/or anti-social behaviour. She added that the Service is provided throughout Avon and Somerset, covering Bath and North East Somerset, Bristol, North Somerset, Somerset and South Gloucestershire.

Mary Kearney-Knowles said that the Children's Services Equalities Group had been reconvened and that a conference was due to be held at Bath University on May 2nd. She suggested that the Serious Equality Incident Report Form (SEIRF) be circulated to members of the Board so that agencies are aware of how issues can be reported to the Council. **(Action 423)**

17 PRESENTATION: PARTICIPATION OF CHILDREN AND YOUNG PEOPLE

Niall Bowen, MYP for B&NES gave a presentation to the Board, a summary is set out below. niallbowendmyp@outlook.com

Who Are the Youth Forum? / What do we do?

- Listen to what impacts young people the most
- Campaign on the issue
- Reflect on the results

Our campaigns and how they relate to LSCB

- Bus Tickets – Seeking to raise the age of a child ticket to 18.
- Nightstop – Project to prevent homelessness through community hosting in association with the YMCA.

Playing an active role in ensuring the wellbeing of Children and Young People

- Creating a Seventh Standard for Commissioned Services

- Link to LSCB – LSAB Communications group
- Reviewing LSCB webpages and young person’s guide
- Divisional Director Post Interview Panel

Duncan Stanway said that he felt it was important for young people to have a role in staff selection that directly affects them.

Sarah McCluskey said that a bank of questions from young people has been collected in case they are not able to attend such interviews in person.

Mike Bowden said that feedback from young people is valued by the Board and the Council. He asked if Niall would be prepared to do a similar presentation on the conclusion of his term of office as MYP.

Niall Bowen replied that he would.

Charlotte Farnham, Participation Support Worker, Off the Record gave a presentation to the Board, a summary is set out below.

Senior In Care Council & Junior In Care Council – Projects & Plans for the future

Film

- Film about what it feels like being in care is complete
- Film along with 5 questions to be distributed to school etc
- Film shown to the Board - YouTube link is https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=_Q8dalpYqxE

New Project

- Discount card for CIC
- Design card with new OTR logo

JICC

- We now have a group with 10 members! This is the most we have had in a long time, the group are bonding together really well.
- We had a successful pizza night for Christmas and recently had an event with 11 Young People where we went to the Roman Baths.
- Members are keen and excited to meet again soon

Other projects / plans

- One page care plans - workshop with Student Social workers
- Possible joint project / outing with SICC/JICC
- Celebration event for Children in Care

Mike Bowden said that both groups should be praised for their work especially the film.

Mary Kearney-Knowles commented that if they required any support regarding the Care Plans to contact her.

Dami Howard said that if they have any items that they wish the Board to discuss to contact her.

18 ANY OTHER BUSINESS

There was none.

FOR INFORMATION ITEMS

- LSCB meeting dates calendar 2019
- CDOP Options Appraisal Paper
- Draft S11 Walkabout Report 2018-19 (B&NES Only)

The meeting ended at 5.00pm.

The next meeting of the Board will take place on **Tuesday 4th June, 2.00pm - 5.00pm, Community Space, Civic Centre, Keynsham, BS31 1FS.**

Chair (person).....

Date Confirmed and Signed.....

Prepared by Democratic Services