



Hounslow Safeguarding Children Board

Hounslow Safeguarding Children Board, 22<sup>nd</sup> May 2017 at 2.00pm, Ramada Hotel,  
Lampton Road

<b>Present</b>		
<b>Name</b>	<b>Agency</b>	<b>Designation</b>
Hannah Miller	Hounslow Safeguarding Children Board	Independent Chair
Councillor Tom Bruce	Education and Children's Services	Councillor
Mary Harpley	London Borough of Hounslow	Chief Executive
Michael Marks	London Borough of Hounslow	Director of Education
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
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	Superintendent
Ray Whyms	Lampton School	Assistant Headteacher
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
Monica King	WLMHT	Named Nurse Safeguarding Children
Trish Stewart	CLCH	Head of Safeguarding
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
Dr Imran Choudhury	London Borough of Hounslow	Director of Public Health
Permjit Chadha	Community Safety Partnership	Community Safety Manager
Janet Johnson	Hounslow Safeguarding Children's Board	HSCB Training & Development Manager
Jo Leader	Hounslow Safeguarding Children's Board	Acting Business Manager

<b>Apologies</b>		
<b>Name</b>	<b>Agency</b>	<b>Designation</b>
Kylee Brennan	iHear	Service Manager
Debra Kane	Springwell Junior School	Headteacher
Roger Shortt	Education Improvement Partnership	Facilitator
Jonathan Webster	CCG	Director of Quality, Nursing & Patient Safety
Sharon Pearce	FYOI	Head of Safeguarding
Judy Durrant	CCG	Associate Director for Safeguarding, CCG
Karen McLean	Voluntary Sector Representative	Homestart
DCI Sebastian Florent	Child Abuse Investigation Team, Hounslow Police	Detective Chief Inspector
Doug Goldring	London Borough of Hounslow	Head of Division, Resident Services, Housing Department
Alan Adams	London Borough of Hounslow	Executive Director Children's, Adults and Housing
Dr. Nimala Sellathurai	CCG	Designated Doctor Safeguarding Children

### **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. An action log was updated.

### **3) Report of Human Trafficking and Modern Slavery Working Group**

Jo Carmody and Jacinta Kane presented position paper, which was circulated, to members prior to the meeting and welcomed comments and questions.

The paper had been presented to the Hounslow Safeguarding Adults' Board (HSAB) and will be presented to the Community Safety Partnership Board (CSPB).

There was good guidance available of how to support trafficked children before the Modern Slavery Act came into place. Hounslow Children's Services have a clear response to trafficked children and specific training is offered from the HSCB.

The Chair noted that she is pleased with the work that the Modern Slavery Sub-Group are achieving and there is a clear response from Hounslow Council about how they are managing the concerns. It is unclear how partner agencies are responding as vulnerable people could present at a range of services and referred this back to the sub-group for further exploration.

#### **4) eSafety Position Statement**

Jacinta Kane presented position paper, which was circulated, to members prior to the meeting and welcomed comments and questions.

The position statement was developed in a task and finish group from the Missing and Vulnerable Sub-Group, with input from police, health, education.

There is not a national approach to how to address online safety. It was recognised that due to the rapid changes in technology it would be more appropriate to develop an eSafety Position Statement instead of a Strategy, as it would become out of date quickly. Once agreed the statement would be rolled out to board partners to take the lead on promoting it and embedding it within their own agencies. The Position Statement would be published on the HSCB website and will be reviewed in three years' time.

The Chair noted that the statement is comprehensive and readable.

The board agreed the E-Safety Position Statement.

#### **5) External Audit of Child Protection and Children In Need Case Files**

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

The audit found that overall good work is undertaken in Child Protection cases with improvements needed in Child In Need cases. Further analysis demonstrated that re-referral rates in the safeguarding teams had decreased.

Some policies were identified as requiring updates. Overall good management oversight was identified which was also noted in the recent Ofsted Inspection.

Areas of improvement identified are being taken forward and actioned.

## **6) MASH Strategic Board Action Plan Update**

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

Reporting from the recording system has been refined in order to give more accurate picture of MASH and not just performance information. Trend data will also begin to be available.

Performance is already improving as well as timeliness of checks. Further work will be undertaken to ensure that decision-making is better recorded.

Police and Health partners are also working to address the concerns in their process, which has been highlighted. It was noted that all partners are working well together to develop the team and improve checks and recording.

It was asked if cases that are stepped down are sign posted to Early Help services. It was acknowledged that it is still an area for development and a working group has been set up to address how cases that are stepped down are given support and data can be gathered in the future.

Further work is needed to understand a child's journey through services.

The Chair reiterated that the HSCB has requested an updated position paper on the partnerships Early Help offer in Hounslow.

**Action:** *Position paper on Early Help to be shared discussed at the HSCB meeting in November 2017.*

## **7) Neglect Strategy**

Lara Wood presented the draft strategy, which was circulated, to members prior to the meeting and welcomed comments and questions.

The Neglect Strategy was developed from the Missing and Vulnerable Sub-Group. Hounslow's highest proportion of Child Protection cases are due to neglect. The Quality of Care Assessment tool was developed a number of years ago to assist in the identification of neglect through the assessment process. The assessment tool is now embedded into the recording system in Children's Social Care and mandatory of all Social Workers to use as part of the assessments of neglect.

The Neglect Strategy will be rolled out to all partners with a task and finish group Chaired by the Head of Safeguarding and Quality Assurance to develop a delivery plan and ensure the strategy is embedded.

The board agreed and endorsed the Neglect Strategy.

## **8) HSCB Dataset**

The data set was circulated, to members prior to the meeting and the Chair welcomed comments and questions.

The Chair noted that there has been an improvement in agencies providing data however there are still gaps in narrative.

Members felt that it is important to be clear about what the board is trying to understand from the data it is collecting. It was recognised that there is currently a lack of analytical resources and a suggestion was made that the HSCB, HSAB, and CSP could share a data analyst, which would need to be funded jointly by the partnerships.

## **9) Section 11 Overarching Report and Action Plan**

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

The HSCB had not completed a Section 11 audit since 2012, which required the audit rolled out in 2016 to be comprehensive. Simplified tools are being explored for future audits. Individual analysis has been completed and shared with each agency. It is the responsibility of each partner agency to monitor and complete the actions, which they identified in the audit.

The key areas identified by partners for development at the Challenge day held in February will be incorporated into the HSCB Business Plan for 2018 – 2020 and revisited at the Challenge Day in 2018.

Section 11 will remain a statutory obligation in the Child and Social Work Act 2017.

## **10) Standing Agenda Items**

### **Youth Crime Management Board (YCMB)**

- The Youth Crime Prevention Strategy has been discussed. Youth crime is going down and positively 19% more youth officers will be deployed into the community.
- The data about PACE transfers between Local Authorities and Police needs to be reviewed however there is no breach of the concordat.
- The CSP are leading on developing the Gang's Strategy, which once agreed, will be shared with the HSCB.
- Knife crime reports increasing is a London wide issue however, the presence of knife crime is low in Hounslow.

### **Community Safety Partnership (CSP) & Violence Against Women and Girls (VAWG)**

- Organised crime will be used instead of the term "Gangs". The CSP will be holding a separate meeting to discuss the issue of organised crime and identify links to Child Sexual Exploitation (CSE).

- MOPAC funding has been reduced which has affected some services offered.
- FGM work is changing with one to one work being offered to women who have suffered FGM.
- CSP and VAWG Strategy is being updated. They have been delayed due to staff shortages and the JATI; all strategies will be completed by the end of July 2017.
- The Domestic Homicide Review has been finalised and can be shared at the next HSCB meeting.

### **Health and Wellbeing Board**

- No safeguarding updates to share with the meeting.

### **Hounslow Safeguarding Adults' Board (HSAB)**

- Some joint pieces of work are being developed with the HSCB such as Modern Slavery.
- A number of children's and adults' safeguarding workforce are being trained on the respective areas of safeguarding to ensure there is strong cross identification of issues supporting the Think Family approach.

### **SEND Inspection**

- Work is continuing to prepare for the inspection and learning from the JTAI process is being considered.
- Further engagement is required from professionals with the Education and Health Care Plans.

## **12) Agency Reports to the Board**

### **CCG Annual Report 15/16**

Julie Hulls presented the executive summary report, which was circulated, to members prior to the meeting and welcomed comments and questions.

There were no comments or questions from members.

### **Chelwest Deep Dive Audit Summary & Action Plan**

Julie Hulls and Hannah Rogers presented the summary report and action plan, which was circulated, to members prior to the meeting and welcomed comments and questions.

There were no comments or questions from members.

The Chair reminded all partners that they should be submitting their single agency audit to the Quality Assurance and Performance Sub-Group for discussion.

## **11) FYI**

Members felt that the Development Day held on 16<sup>th</sup> May was very positive and provided clarity on the board's direction following the Child and Social Work Act 2017.

Themes from the development day will be pulled together and presented at the next board meeting.

## **14) Any Other Business**

A Juvenile Fire Setter Intervention Scheme has been developed for young people who have been identified as fire setters. The programme will engage with young people and their parents and carers. There have been six referrals over the last year.

In addition the One Life course has been developed which is a three day anti-social behaviour course funded in partnership with the Police and London Ambulance Service. It would be beneficial if more partner agencies were able to contribute to the course so that it can be sustained.







