

BRENT LSCB MEETING MINUTES



Keeping children safe is everyone's responsibility

Thursday 28th January 2016

13:30-16:30

College of North West London –Wembley Campus

Present:

Designation

Brent CCG – Assistant Director
 Brent CCG - Designated Doctor for Safeguarding Children
 Brent CCG - Designated Nurse for Safeguarding Children
 Brent Council – Attending on behalf of Chris Williams
 Brent Council - Director of Public Health
 Brent Council – Head of Localities Children & Young People Presenting Guest
 Brent Council - Head of Safeguarding Children & Young People
 Brent Council - Head of Support Planning and Review, Adults Social Care
 Brent Council - Lead Member for Children & Young People
 Brent Council - Operational Director Social Care Children & Young People
 Brent Council – Principal Officer Localities Children & Young People Presenting Guest
 Brent Council - Strategic Director, Children and Young People
 Brent LSCB Business Manager
 Brent LSCB Business Support Officer
 Brent LSCB Independent Chair
 Brent LSCB Lay Member
 Brent LSCB Lay Member
 Brent LSCB Training Coordinator
 CNWL Mental Health Trust - Associate Director Quality, Safety and Safeguarding (Deputy Chair)
 College of North West London – Safeguarding Lead
 London North West Healthcare Trust (LNWH) – Assistant Director for Safeguarding Children
 Metropolitan Police – Brent Borough Command
 Metropolitan Police - Child Abuse Investigation Command
 National Probation Service - Attending on behalf of Sam Denman
 Primary School Representation – Head Teacher Malorees Infant School
 Primary School Representation – Head Teacher Stonebridge Primary School
 Secondary School Representation Principle Ark Elvin Academy
 Special School Representation – Head Teacher The Village School

Name

Duncan Ambrose
 Dr Arlene Boroda
 Pauline Fletcher
 Karina Wane
 Dr Melanie Smith
 Neil MacDonald
 Sarah Alexander
 Helen Duncan-Turnbull
 Cllr Ruth Moher
 Graham Genoni
 Michelle Hassett
 Gail Tolley
 Sue Matthews
 Wendy Proctor
 Mike Howard
 Pamela Stewart
 Angela Clarke
 Kathryn Bryans
 Catherine Knights
 Anna Openshaw-Lawrence
 Lesley Tilson
 DCI Mick Gornall
 DCI John Foulkes
 Sandra Kennedy
 Sian Davies
 Sophie Allen
 Annabel Bates
 Kay Charles

Apologies:

Designation

Barnardos – Assistant Director for Children's Services – West Locality
 Brent Council - Head of Housing Solutions
 Brent Council - Head of Youth Support Services
 Brent Council –Head of Community Safety and Public Protection
 Brent LSCB Lay Member
 CAF/CASS Senior Service Manager for Greater London
 Community Rehabilitation Company (CRC) – Assistant Chief Officer
 Family Magistrate Court
 National Probation Service - Assistant Chief Officer

Name

Marie Moody
 Laurence Coaker
 Angela Chiswell
 Chris Williams
 Lucille Allain
 Danielle Dunbar
 Sam Rosengard
 Pam Ullstein
 Sam Denman

Item 1	Welcome & Apologies	Chair
Key Points	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> All apologies are noted on page 1 of these minutes. Thanks were extended to College of North West London for hosting the meeting. Pauline Fletcher is leaving Brent in February 2016 and was thanked for her valuable contributions to Brent LSCB. Sue Matthews is leaving Brent at the end of March 2016 and was thanked for her work in supporting and carrying the Board forward. Two new members of the Board were welcomed: Annabel Bates & Sian Davies. 	

Item 2	Minutes of last meeting/Matters Arising	Chair
Minutes	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The minutes from the 19th November 2015 meeting were accepted as an accurate record. 	
2.1 Action Tracker	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> See the action tracker document for updates on actions. 	

Item 3	Board Update	Chair
3.1 Government Review of LSCBs	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The government has decided to undertake a fundamental review of the functions of LSCBs. A decision has already been taken that Serious Case Review work will be centralised. Alan Wood, former Director of Children's Services in Hackney is conducting this review. The deadline for this review is 31st March 2016. All members were encouraged to fill in the questionnaire that has been circulated as part of the review. 	
3.2 Sub Group Membership	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Policies & Procedures sub group has two new members. The Monitoring & Evaluation sub group are making sure that all the different aspects of health are represented on the group. The Learning & Development sub group met and looked at what training is already taking place, reviewed the new website design and made a decision that the LSCB will engage with Twitter. The SCR sub group submitted a case that was considered at the November 2015 meeting to the National SCR Panel and they agreed with the decisions. The Performance sub group needs more representation from partner agencies who have data analyst roles and members were asked to consider nominations. A new Chair has been nominated for the Child Sexual Exploitation sub group from the Met Police, this group currently has good attendance and all partners are held to account. The CDOP is a tight panel that look at child deaths and further work will be undertaken to engage parents in the process. The Chair asked members to suggest nominations for sub group membership. The Community Reference Group is not an LSCB sub group, although it is managed by the LSCB Lay members and works to engage the voice of the community. 	
3.3 LSCB Ofsted Action Plan	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The LSCB is required to submit a response to Ofsted on the recent SIF inspection recommendations. The Local Authority's action plan template will be used for the LSCB action plan. The Joint Targeted Area Inspection (JTAI) begun in January 2016, all inspectorates are involved in these inspections. There will be six carried out in 2016 and 12 carried out in 2017. 	
3.4 LSCB Constitution	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The LSCB Constitution was circulated again for Board member's comments by the 1st March 2016. 	

Item 4	African Well Woman Clinic	Lesley Tilson	
Key Points	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> A paper was presented to the Board on the work of the African Well Woman Clinic at Northwick Park Hospital. The procedures to refer women who have had FGM who deliver a female child is not standardised across London. The LNWH Trust works across Brent, Harrow and Ealing and Ealing has different procedures to Brent & Harrow. 		
Actions		Action Owner	Deadline
Discuss the concern raised that Ealing's FGM referral procedure is not in line with other London Boroughs with the Ealing LSCB Chair.		Mike Howard	14 th Apr 2016

Item 5	Update on use of Children's Services Independent Domestic Violence Advocate	Chair
Key Points	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The LSCB challenged the use of children services IDVA and further work is being undertaken to unpick the numbers. An update will be given at the next meeting. 	
		Action Owner
Provide an update on the use of the Children's Services IDVA (Independent Domestic Violence Advocate)		Sarah Alexander
		Deadline
		14 th Apr 2016

Item 6	Audit of Referrals to Brent Family Front Door	Neil MacDonald Michelle Hassett
Key Points	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> A paper was presented to the Board on the review of the referrals to Brent Family Front Door. The presenting issues of referrals were monitored in the period of 11th January - 25th January 2016. The Brent Family Front Door received 728 contacts during this period. 389 were related to already open and allocated cases. 331 were new contacts of which 121 were progressed to referral. The highest numbers of individual presenting needs were noted as Domestic Abuse, Physical Abuse and Mental Health. The presenting issues for referrals for a year period was also looked at and the main issues were identified are Neglect, Mental health, Physical Abuse and Domestic Abuse. This review reinforces the chosen LSCB priority areas of focussed work. Child Sexual Abuse (CSA) was not noted a high referral reason, this supports the recently published children's commissioners report highlighting there is under-reporting sexual abuse nationally. CSA will be an LSCB priority as whilst the evidence suggests the cohort may be small, the impact is large. The Board noted that Children with Disabilities was also a high presenting issue for referrals and there is recognition that this group is nationally under-represented. The Board would like a similar exercise to be run in 6 months. 	

Item 7	Discussion: Draft Business Plan 2016-19	Chair
Key Points	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Board broke into discussion groups to review the draft LSCB Business Plan focussing on three questions: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 7.1 What activities do we need to undertake to deliver these priorities? 7.2 How will we know how well we did in delivering these priorities? 7.3 How will we know that we have made a difference to Brent's children? The following suggestions were made from the discussions: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Board should have more focus on children with disabilities within the priorities. There should be better connectivity with other boards and ensure work within priorities is not duplicated. There should be a stronger focus on the use of data. Consider understanding the gaps in services and how partners can be consistent. Look at hotspots in the borough and promote community awareness. Need to be clear what type of mental health issues are the focus of the LSCB priority and the scope of the work i.e. parental mental health or child mental health. 	

Item 8	Review of LSCB Support / Interim Arrangements	Graham Genoni
Key Points	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Phil Porter is leading on the review of the business support arrangements for the Board. The LSCB will not have a Business Manager as of 1st April 2016. The Board expressed concern about what contingency plans are put in place for the Board to continue will have support. 	
8.1 Budget	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The budget links with the support arrangements for the Board. The London Fire Brigade has agreed to give a £1000 contribution to split between the LSAB and LSCB. 	
Actions		Action Owner
Feedback the Board concerns regarding the continued business support for the LSCB to Phil Porter		Graham Genoni
Feedback the Board concerns regarding the continued business support for the LSCB to the Brent Council Chief Executive		Gail Tolley
		Deadline
		1 st April 2016
		1 st April 2016

Item 9	Update on Panorama exposé on Medway STC	Chair
Key Points	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Medway LSCB are considering conducting a Serious Case Review. • The Panorama programme was aired on Monday 11th January 2016. • Brent had 3 young people placed there and all three children were visited, interviewed and moved. • A few CNWL Trust healthcare staff worked there and one member of staff was interviewed and is a Police witness. • There is also a wider review of the culture of using restraints in secure settings taking place. 	

Item 10	Any Other Business	Chair
Key Points	<p><u>LSCB Meeting Venues</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Board thanked Anna Openshaw-Lawrence's generosity for hosting the Board meetings at the College of North West London. • Board members were encouraged to suggest other venues in the Borough to hold the Board meetings in future. 	

Brent LSCB meetings will be held on:

DATE	Time	Venue
Thursday 14th April 2016	09.30-12.30	To be confirmed
Thursday 16th June 2016	13.30-16.30	To be confirmed
Thursday 15th September 2016	09.30-12.30	To be confirmed
Thursday 17th November 2016	13.30-16.30	To be confirmed