



## SUMMARY OF BOARD MEETING HELD 27<sup>TH</sup> SEPTEMBER 2012

Outlined below is a summary of agenda items discussed at the last meeting. Should any further details /information be required on an item please contact the named person.

1. **Strategic Health Authority Role:** Tracy Cogan explained that the Commissioning Board will be made up of 3 Local Area Teams (LATs) in the East of England. Peterborough is part of the East Anglian LAT which has a responsibility to support continuous improvements to quality, outcomes and patient experience. The Commissioning Board which will start to take services from 1<sup>st</sup> October with staff being matched, will directly commission some services and help promote equality and reduce inequalities. The operating framework is being driven by the NHS Mandate which is out for consultation until the Autumn where it will come into effect from April 2013. The accountability framework will be published when Working Together 2012 is published. Tracy Cogan  
01223 597500
2. **Children's Services Improvement Plan:** Malcolm Newsam has said there has been a maintained strong performance on the timeliness of assessments with 73 permanent Social Workers whilst also retaining agency workers to allow the new social workers to settle in. He had received an escalation from a paediatric nurse which is a good signal that partners are using the escalation policy. The policy applies to all agencies and is to be used if colleagues are not happy with an outcome then they should escalate it to the next level. Malcolm Newsam  
01733 863606
3. **Core Group Audit:** The findings from the multi-agency audit on core groups showed that overall the processes appear to be working. An action plan has been produced. The board agreed that if a professional is unable to attend the core group meeting then a report should be sent. Jean Imray  
01733 863821
4. **Child Sexual Exploitation:** In light of the Rochdale case Flick Schofield asked if the board has enough information to be assured of the position in Peterborough. A survey conducted by the PPP Task and Finish group revealed that staff are aware of sexual exploitation; however, there is a lack of bespoke services. There needs to be a link with midwifery, acute and sexual health services plus missing from home and human trafficking. Judy Jones reminded the board that the PSCB Conference on Child Sexual Exploitation is being held on the 15<sup>th</sup> November. Judy Jones  
01733 863745
5. **Risk Register Activity:** The Board carried out an activity to consider risks to the Board. Some comments included monitoring procedures not being robust enough, freeing up staff to ensure best people are in the role for the Quality & Effectiveness Group and some felt there wasn't enough transparency from partners. Ramesh Prema  
01733 863753
6. **CP Conferencing Data and changes to CP Procedures:** The report showed a significant reduction in the numbers of children with a child protection plan. There was a concern that too many plans were being discontinued at the 1<sup>st</sup> review. Jean Imray said all evidence shows the Strengthening Families Framework is doing what it had set out to do with regard to achieving greater involvement of families and having reviewed the decision making, found that, with one or two exceptions, it was robust and understandable. Jean Imray  
01733 863821
7. **PSCB Dataset:** The first quarter's data had been collected and data for July – Sept will be due mid-October. Malcolm Newsam said from experience he finds multi-agency datasets do not normally get completed but the PSCB should be encouraged that partners are engaged with this one. Ramesh Prema  
01733 863753
8. **AOB:** Malcolm Newsam told the board that a peer safeguarding health check is being undertaken in October. The review is a mini inspection and will focus on key areas of vulnerability. Malcolm Newsam  
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9. **Date of next meeting:** 29<sup>th</sup> November 2012, Northminster House, 2.00 – 4.30