



SUMMARY OF BOARD MEETING HELD 24TH JANUARY 2013

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. **Children's Services Improvement:** Sue Westcott reported that the number of weekly referrals are stabilising having peaked during December but the number is still high compared to neighbours and national figures and asks partners to see if a CAF could be completed before making a referral and to also look at the Multi-Agency Support Groups. Sue Westcott
01733 863606

2. **Clare Lodge Secure Unit Update:** Judy Jones informed the board that Flick Schofield was concerned to know about safety at Young People Secure Units. Judy Jones commented that it would be useful to receive an annual report to the board to get a sense of what is happening even though Ofsted inspections have been rated as satisfactory. A comment raised was to target all residential units in the area and collate into a report. Judy Jones
01733 863745

3. **YOS Safeguarding Report:** Iain Easton reported that the Youth Justice Board will flag up if no assessment has been completed when a Young Person is placed. It was discussed that the child would become Looked After which means a health assessment would need to be completed within 28 days however most children who are remanded in custody are only placed for a short period and would be moved before the 28 day period. Iain Easton
01733 864237

4. **Child Sexual Exploitation update:** Judy Jones informed the board that the CSE Strategy now has a statement of intent and wanted to point out that it is multi-agency work. The CSE group has broadened to include Missing Children and workshops are being held to go through the risk assessment. Judy Jones
01733 863745

5. **Children in Need procedures:** Sue Westcott informed the board that the Children in Need procedures have been revised and brought up to date. The process is similar to child protection procedures and is designed to give agencies confidence. Sue Westcott asked agencies to take back to staff and ask them to participate in meetings and ensure they comply. Sue Westcott
01733 863606

6. **Threshold Application Audit:** A multi-agency audit was carried out to see how thresholds were being applied. The audit group looked at 20 and found 2 cases to be poor. SW questioned some of the information and said she would want details. RP replied saying that the 2 poor cases were picked up and revisited but will look further and liaise with JI and SW. Ramesh
Prema
01733 863753

7. **PSCB Conference:** Helen Herron provided feedback from the conference stating that the afternoon sessions were considered to be more interesting but overall attendees found the conference helpful. It was agreed that November was a preferable time for the next conference and that members will send suggestions to Helen Herron to bring a proposal at the next meeting. Helen Herron
01733 863746

8. **GP Training:** Helen Herron informed members that for GPs to become accredited and to continue practicing they will need to have completed level 3 training. The PSCB has agreed to provide 4 half-day training sessions throughout the year with Cambs LSCB. GPs will be charged £25 for the training which will come back to the LSCBs. Helen Herron
01733 863746

9. **Missing Children:** Denham Hughes reported to the board that during the year there have been consistently higher rates of missing incidents reported by the police to the 0-19 Service contact. DH mentioned that other local authorities appear not to collect data on missing children in a similar way which means he is unable to provide comparable statistical neighbour information, however Cambs are considering adopting Peterborough's model. Denham
Hughes
01733 864460

10. **AOB: Youth Safeguarding Advisory Groups:** A youth safeguarding advisory group conference will be launched on 8th February 2013 with representatives from NSPCC, Police, and Schools facilitating to gather young people's views regarding their situation and whether they feel safe. Georgina Billin
01733 233014
Safeguarding Policy: Sue Westcott informed the board that every local authority has to have a safeguarding policy which sets out who the safeguarding lead is and their responsibilities And asks members to check to see if they have their own policy which should include the legal framework. Sue Westcott
01733 863606

- Risk Solutions: Proposal for Peterborough LSCB Regarding CSE Operational Consultancy:** Sue Westcott informed the board that specific training in understanding the behaviour of people with a sexual interest in children has been commissioned however with Peterborough City Council making cuts to budgets she asked members to help fund the training. Mark Hopkins commented that he was happy in principle to endorse the proposal and move forward with eyes open regarding the cost. Sue Westcott
01733 863606

11. **Date of next meeting:** 21st March 2013, Northminster House, 2.00 – 4.30