



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.

SUMMARY OF BOARD MEETING HELD 21ST MAY 2014

1. **Safeguarding Recognition Scheme:** Russell Wate presented Estelle Thain and DC Mikala Chambers with a safeguarding recognition award in relation to their work on Child Sexual Exploitation. [For more details contact Jo Bramwell 01733 863765](#)
2. **Child Protection Reports:** Alison Bennett explained that there has been significant improvement from Probation regarding reports and attendance at CP Conferences and that attendance from CSC, Health and Police have been stable and consistent. The participation of GPs is still a concern and that it has been suggested holding conferences at larger GP surgeries to encourage their attendance. It was raised that due to the amount of clinical time, it is not realistic to encourage GPs attendance but should focus on reports as a basic requirement that are either written by the GP or another Health professional on the GPs behalf as the information is crucial. Paula South agreed with comments and explained that there should be a triangulation of information between School Nurses, Health Visitors and GPs as a Health Overview Report. It was also raised that GPs should not be charging for reports or attendance at CP conferences. [For more details contact Alison Bennett 01733 863627](#)
3. **Parental Feedback:** Alison Bennett explained that the report shows the findings from the questionnaire to parents of their experiences of the Child Protection Conference. The findings are positive with the only concern being the timeliness of reports being sent. [For more details contact Alison Bennett 01733 863627](#)
4. **Police update regarding Domestic Abuse and Child Protection:** Mark Hopkins explained that there are daily management meetings that cover all issues around safeguarding vulnerabilities. Staff are being moved from one area to the Public Protection Department which will not be seamless. The number of referrals have increased due to officers being more sensitive with workloads increasing however the capacity will now be greater. The HMIC review of Domestic Abuse had been shared with members. Wendi Ogle-Welbourn commented that she has had discussions with Gary Ridgway with regards to responses and actions that were wider than the police to resolve. [For more details contact Mark Hopkins 01480 422205](#)
5. **Learning and Improvement Framework:** Jo Bramwell presented the Learning and Improvement Framework explaining that it has gone through the appropriate subgroups and signed off at the Chairs' subgroup and is to ensure the PSCB are compliant with Working Together 2013 and Ofsted. The new Training Strategy has been aligned to the board's priorities adding that with resources stretched, the Strategic Learning and Development group are looking at developing the Training Pool so that all day training is not delivered by one person, but segments are delivered by different trainers. The multi-agency audits for 2014/15 will be based on CSE, Children in Need, Neglect, and Early Help and Prevention to fit into the board's priorities and will be joint with Cambridgeshire LSCB to extend the number of cases. [For more details contact Jo Bramwell 01733 863765](#)
6. **Recommendations from Serious Case Reviews:** Russell Wate explained that the SCR panels have gone through the reports for inaccuracies so the purpose is to consider the recommendations and whether they should be accepted by the Board. [For more details contact Jo Bramwell 01733 863765](#)
7. **Private Fostering:** Simon Green explained that there has been little impact from members of the public following campaigns and that this should be moved towards raising awareness with professionals particularly GPs and Schools who are able to confirm where the child is living to capture Private Fostering arrangements. It was recommended that multi-agency training on Private Fostering is delivered to GPs and Head Teachers and that a Multi-agency Private Fostering Scrutiny Panel is created by the LSCB. It was raised that the LSCB delivers Level 3 training to GPs but could look incorporating Private Fostering. Russell Wate explained that rather than creating another subgroup, it would be better to look at current subgroups. [For more details contact Simon Green 864571](#)
8. **Annual Report:** Russell Wate explained that he hopes to sign off the Annual Report in July and if members receives any requests for information, please respond. [For more details contact Jo Bramwell 863765](#)
9. **Lay Member:** Russell Wate reminded members that Chris Emerson had resigned as Lay Member and the board had looked at the Youth MP to replace him. Both Russell Wate and Sue Hartropp felt the discussions at board meetings may not be appropriate for someone her age. Jo Bramwell informed members that she had a meeting with Jawaid Khan who knows someone who may be suitable and is an imam and a secondary school teacher. Russell Wate explained that he would like a community Lay Member rather than a Faith Lay Member. [For more details contact Jo Bramwell 863765](#)
10. **Business Plan:** JB informed members that due to last year's priorities remaining the same for this year, it made sense to extend the business plan into a 2013 – 2015 Business Plan. [For more details contact Jo Bramwell 863765](#)
11. **Children in Need Procedures:** Sue Westcott reminded members that the CiN procedures discussion follows on from previous meetings, explaining that CiN meetings are being set but agencies are not attending. Sue Westcott added that if intervention is "spot on" then this will prevent children from being looked after. Georgina Billin commented that from observation, step down meetings have more rigorous planning whilst step up meetings are not as rigorous. Sue Westcott explained that they mustn't replicate the Child Protection system, adding that the CiN meetings were not to have minute takers but professionals writing bullet point actions for everyone to take away. Mark Hopkins questioned whether organisations are prioritising CiN. Wendi Ogle-Welbourn informed members that a community safety team acts as one point of access to get the right people around the table and that agencies should have a designated lead as a single point of access for invites. [For more details contact Sue Westcott 01733 863601](#)
12. **Probation Update:** Matthew Ryder reminded members that he has sent a 60 second brief explaining the changes within Probation. From 1st June, the National Probation Service (NPS) will manage high risk offenders and provide advice to the Parole Board and Courts whilst the new Community Rehabilitation Companies (CRC) will manage the low to medium risk offenders and will be responsible for the interventions programmes. The NPS and CRC will continue to work closely and safeguarding will go across both services which may mean that CRC may attend meetings alongside the NPS. [For more details contact Mattew Ryder 03000 477015](#)

Date of next meeting: 16th July 2014, Northminster House, 2.00 – 4.30