

# Peterborough Safeguarding Children Board Newsletter

# Our vision is to safeguard and protect all the children in Peterborough Message from the PSCB Chair



I am pleased to present to you Peterborough's Safeguarding Children Board quarterly newsletter. This has been a challenging but successful period for the partner agencies within the Peterborough area. The local authority children's services were inspected in February 2013 by Ofsted who graded the service as adequate and stated.

'At the time of the inspection, no children were found to be inadequately protected or at risk of significant harm. Additionally there was no unallocated child protection or children in need cases. Through robust arrangements in the re-designed contact and refer-

ral teams, decisions are made promptly and referrals are appropriately moved in to assessments within required timescales. As a result children are adequately protected.'

This is a testament to all the hard work invested by all organisations.

The board is keen to develop the voice of children and young people and you will find an update on the progress of this.

The board continues to focus the attention of all partners on the issue of Sexually Exploited Children which continues to dominate the headlines and in which all of us have a part to play in recognising and protecting the harm this causes.

We have recently seen the publication of Working Together 2013 and this serves as a timely reminder that safeguarding is a responsibility of us all at which the child should be at the centre, there is more information in the newsletter.

I want to raise the profile of safeguarding and in this edition we have introduced two schemes, one to recognise your good work and the other to capture your good ideas, both of these will ultimately improve outcomes for children and young people so please let us have your views.

I look forward to hearing from you.

Having recently become the Independent Chair for Peterborough and I have found the multi agency partnership to be determined, able and willing to create a safe environment for the children and young people in Peterborough. I would like to thank all of the board members including the two lay members for their work, but also the frontline staff from the agencies who work every day to keep children and young people safe.

I would also like to thank Flick Schofield who was the Independent Chair before me and in particular to thank Judy Jones who was the Board manager for many years for her work and to wish her good luck in her retirement.

There are exciting opportunities for the board and its partners to be involved in that will continue to develop further safeguarding the children and young people in Peterborough.

Russell Wate QPM



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#### **Goodbyes and Welcomes**

We say good bye and thank you to Jean Imray and Lyn Chesterton both whom have left Children's Services and we wish to welcome Debbie Haith (Assistant Director Safeguarding, Families and Communities) and Catherine Shingler from 'Little Miracles' representing the voluntary sector who have joined the board.



# Working Together to Safeguard Children

A guide to inter-agency working to safeguard and promote the welfare of children

March 2013

Working Together to Safeguard Children 2013 can be found here http://media.education.gov.uk/assets/files/ pdf/w/working%20together.pdf

# Working Together 2013 has arrived

After the Munro review and a period of consultation an updated version of Working Together to Safeguard Children was published and released on 15<sup>th</sup> April 2013.

This replaces the previous statutory guidance from March 2010 and is much reduced from over 380 pages to just under 100.

This said there are a number of new features within the guidance.

The guidance is clear that effective safeguarding is underpinned by two principles

Safeguarding is everyone's responsibility for services to be effective each professional and organisation should play their full part; and This document was published and consulted on during 2012 but the board has agreed a task and finish group to refresh the document.

A current version is available at <u>h</u> t t <u>p</u> : / / <u>p</u> e t e r b o r -<u>oughscb.proceduresonline.com/</u> pdfs/threshold doc march 2012.pdf

Chapter 2 sets out the organisational responsibilities whilst Chapter 3 sets out the responsibility for the Local Safeguarding Board.

Chapter 4, titled Learning and improvement framework sets out the cases in which Serious Case Reviews must be undertaken, the major change here is the flexibility for LSCBs to undertake reviews using differing methodologies which

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#### The Voice of Young People

The board is seeking to form a shadow youth safeguarding board.

This is building on some consultation work that was undertaken with young people in February.

We envisage that the group will meet 3 times a year and discuss the issues that worry them and their friends.

If you know of a young person who would want to be involved please let us know.

If they don't want to commit to a group and meetings then they can form part of our virtual group who we want to be able to contact and receive views form and use to sound out ideas.  A child centred approach: for services to be effective they should be based on a clear understanding of the needs and views of children.

Chapter 1 of the guidance is very clear on the importance of early help and identification, part of this is effective information sharing.

No professional should assume that someone else will pass on information which they think may be critical to keeping a child safe. If a professional has concerns about a child's welfare and believes they are suffering or likely to suffer harm, they should share the information with local authority children's social care. Working Together 2013 page 15 para 24.

The safeguarding board is required to publish a threshold document which includes the process for early hep and assessment and the level of need for when a case should be referred to children services. should focus on a systems approach.

Chapter 5 deals with the process for undertaking Child Death reviews and this remains mainly unchanged.

Also published at the same time was a guide as to safeguarding

responsibility in the new health structures.

Safeguarding Vulnerable People in the Reformed NHS Accountability and Assurance Framework, a link to which is attached.

http://www.england.nhs.uk/wpcontent/uploads/2013/03/ safeguarding-vulnerable-people.pdf

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# Rapid improvement in Children's Social Care sees Notice to Improve lifted...

Just three months after Ofsted inspectors announced the department was no longer rated inadequate, Edward Timpson MP, Parliamentary Under Secretary of State for Children and Families, confirmed in a letter to the Leader of the Council, Marco Cereste, that the Improvement Notice issued in February 2012 after the service was rated inadequate by Ofsted had been lifted with immediate effect.

The letter reads: "It is clear from the recent Ofsted inspection and the report from Jane Held, chair of Peterborough's Improvement Board, that the council has made good progress in addressing the issues raised in Ofsted's re-inspection of safeguarding services in August 2011. This represents a significant improvement in child protection social work practice and I want to acknowledge the hard work of council staff and those in partner organisations in bringing this about and the constructive way your officers have engaged with officials."

The letter to the Leader continued: "I am pleased to note Ofsted's positive comments about the role played by members under your overall leadership and that of the lead member Sheila Scott in supporting and driving improvement. This will need to continue to ensure that the residual issues can be addressed and even more progress can be made."

## "I want to acknowledge the hard work of council staff and those in partner organisations in bringing this about"

Following an eight-day unannounced Ofsted inspection, it was revealed in March that the council's social care services had made the jump from inadequate to adequate. Inspectors concluded that 'at the time of the inspection, no children were found to be inadequately protected or at risk of significant harm'. In addition, there weren't any unallocated child protection or children in need cases.

Inspectors found that lessons from previous Ofsted inspections had been taken seriously by the council resulting in a determined drive to address the identified deficits through rapid improvement.

Sue Westcott, Executive Director of Children's Services, said: "This is fantastic news for everyone who has worked so hard to make the improvements to ensure that our children and young people get the care, support and opportunities they deserve. Following the adequate Ofsted rating in March, this latest news reaffirms the excellent work undertaken by the whole council including the Leader Marco Cereste, Cabinet Member Councillor Sheila Scott, the Chief Executive and our staff, to ensure services are in place to meet the needs of some of our most vulnerable families. However, as I have maintained from the start, there is no room for complacency and we will not let our determination to build on the improvements already made waver."

Councillor Sheila Scott, Cabinet Member for Children's Services, said: "The removal of our Notice to Improve sends a clear signal to people that children's social care is continuing to move forward in the right direction. Above all, I want to thank staff in children's social care for their unrelenting hard work and focus to ensure as far as possible that our most vulnerable children and families are protected. I am confident that under the strong and focussed leadership of Sue Westcott the improvements we have seen in the past 18 months will carry on and I will continue to work closely alongside the department to ensure this happens."



# Safeguarding Suggestion Scheme

Have you got some good ideas to improve safeguarding in Peterborough?

It might be within your own organisation, within a partner's you work with, or how several organisations can more effectively together.

It might be something quite small or a major change which you think will improve things for children and young people.

If you have something then let us know...

The PSCB has started the Safeguarding Suggestion Scheme (SSS).

We want to hear all your good ideas, we will assess them and discuss them with the agency to which relate and establish whether, as a result of your suggestion, improvements can be made.

Whether the suggestion is put in practice or not we will feedback to you the result.

If your suggestion is accepted you will receive an SSS prize!

Give us your suggestions – it could help improve safeguarding and protect a child.

Forward your suggestion to

<u>PSCB@Peterborough.gov.</u> <u>uk</u>

# Safeguarding Recognition Scheme

The PSCB recognises that every day staff from all agencies are working hard together to safeguard and improve the outcomes for children and young people in Peterborough.

We often focus on the things that have not gone so well or could be improved but we are keen to recognise some of the great work being done where staff have 'gone that extra mile'.

It could be some great youth work, an initiative or policy or some operational activity, whatever it is let us know.

It could be an individual or a team.

We will recognise the work either by sending a letter of recognition from the PSCB Independent chair or commending to work more formally with a PSCB commendation.

Just email us with a short description of the work that was done and who did it and we will do the rest.

Email <u>PSCB@Peterborough.gov.</u> uk



## Local Information at your fingertips

Children Services have developed a Locality and Services directory. This really easy to use and helpful tool gives you all the information you might need to know about services available in Peterborough.

#### What is it?

The children and families service directory consists of two applications designed to help you find the organisation or team best placed to meet the needs of children and families.

- The Locality Directory (formerly known as The Locality Toolkit) lists details of the schools, children's centres and GP surgeries in the three localities of Peterborough. Use the map to click into your locality and view the settings available there.
- The Service Directory has two main features: the first is that it introduces Peterborough Children's Services and its leadership team, along with each of the assistant directors team managers. Clicking on a team manager allows you to see what that team is responsible for. The second feature is that all of the organisations that support children and families across Peterborough are listed in this directory, along with contact and referral details.

The directory is updated once a term and available on the PCC website

http://www.peterborough.gov.uk/ children\_and\_families/ children\_and\_families\_service.aspx

or as a link on the PSCB website at

h t t p : / / www.peterboroughlscb.org.uk/ pro chil fami serv dir.html



#### Who is it for?

The directory is aimed at all professionals working with children and families in Peterborough, who may need to find an organisation, team or setting details in order to assist a family. This may mean contacting the organisation or team for advice or may mean passing those details directly on to the family.

Members of the public may find the information useful in finding organisations that may be able to provide support (these can be found in the Service Directory element).

• For specific enquiries relating to Peterborough City Council, members of the public should call our customer service centre on (01733) 747474.

For safeguarding concerns surrounding children, please call the Contact Centre on (01733) 864170 / 864180.

Every effort has been made to ensure that all of the details below are correct at the time of publishing. If you would like to add an organisation/setting to the directory, or amend some of the existing details please contact;

If there are areas that need amendment or services you feel should be included please Email: <u>childrensdi-</u> <u>rectory@peterborough.gov.uk</u>

# Child Sexual Exploitation Update

The last PSCB newsletter featured a major piece on CSE, everyone will know that the focus on this activity continues both locally and nationally.

Here a few things that are going on which you might want to check out.

• The PSCB has subscribed to the Gold Service offered by the National Working Group. This allows all PSCB partners to access some really helpful resources that they have created.

The link is http://www.nationalworkinggroup.org

- The PSCB supported by funding supplied by the Police and Children Services have commissioned a theatre group to visit all the secondary schools in Peterborough to perform to year 8 and 9 children. The theatre production 'Chelsea's Choice' featured at our last annual conference on CSE and was very well received. The Bushfield Ormiston Academy has also kindly offered to host an additional evening performance for parents. This is a really good opportunity to raise the awareness as to the issues of CSE with the young people of Peterborough.
- Visit the PSCB website CSE page for more information and access to resources. <u>http://www.peterboroughlscb.org.uk/</u> pro child sexual exploitation.html



## "Chelsea's Choice has been commissioned to visit all secondary schools in Peterborough to perform to Year 8 and 9 children"

# **Tri.x Policy Briefings**

# Policy Briefing #90:

Foster Carer Assessment and Approval – changes made by the Care Planning, Placement and Case Review and Fostering Services (Miscellaneous Amendments) Regulations 2013

The Care Planning, Placement and Case Review and Fostering Services (Miscellaneous Amendments) Regulations 2013 make changes in relation to assessment and approval of fosters carers, delegated authority, information to be contained in placement plans and changes to foster carers' terms of approval. The Regulations come into effect on 1 July 2013.

# Policy Briefing #91:

### Changes to the Adoption System

Various changes have been made or

proposed to the adoption system. These are part of the Government's plans to speed up adoption and encourage more prospective adopters to apply.

Read more...

Read more...

You can access these and other Policy briefings here <u>www.trixonline.co.uk/website/news/</u><u>news\_index.html</u>.

Please forward this to other colleagues and encourage them to register for updates.

**Tri.x** Kensington House. 50-52 Albany Road. Earlsdon. Coventry. CV5 6JU. **T:** 024 7667 8053 **W:** www.trixonline.co.uk







You can find the PSCB Training Brochure and how to apply on the training page on our website

## <u>http://</u>

www.peterboroughlscb.org.uk/ pro\_training.html

## **Escalation Procedure**

This is to remind all practitioners about the escalation procedure which provides for the resolution of professional disagreements/issues in work relating to the safety of children and young people.

It is every professional's responsibility to 'problemsolve'. The aim must be to resolve a professional disagreement at the earliest possible stage as swiftly as possible, always keeping in mind that the child and young person's safety and welfare is the paramount consideration.

The Escalation Procedure can be found on the interagency procedures (Chapter W) <u>http://</u> <u>peterbor-</u> <u>oughscb.proceduresonline.</u> <u>com/chapters/</u> <u>xp\_escalation.html</u>

Places available on upcoming courses					
Date	Course	Time	Trainer /s	Brochure Page	
24 <sup>th</sup> July 2013	Your role at a CP Conference	9.30 - 4.30	Members of the Chil- dren's Ser- vices Integrated Safeguard- ing Unit	32	
<b>AIM:</b> To help p conference	articipants to understan	d their role	in a child protee	ction	
11 <sup>th</sup> July 2013	Child Sexual Exploi- tation	9.30 - 1.30	Helen Herron / Sally Gid- dins	22	
Aim: To raise F	Practitioner's awareness	s of child sex	ual exploitation		
1 <sup>st</sup> – 5 <sup>th</sup> July 2013	Investigating sus- pected cases of child abuse	9.15 - 4.30	Janie Wood	50	
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1 <sup>st</sup> July 2013	Safeguarding Deaf & Disabled Children & Young People	9.15 - 12:30	Helen Herron	27	
	e practitioners who worl disabled children and y				
17 <sup>th</sup> – 18 <sup>th</sup> July 2013	Training the Train- ers	9.15 - 4.30	Helen Herron / Sally Gid- dins	47	
<b>AIM:</b> To develo behalf of the Lo shire	op outstanding trainers v ocal Safeguarding Childr	who can deli en Board in	ver safeguardin Peterborough a	g training on nd Cambridge-	
16 <sup>th</sup> July 2013	Understanding The Impact Of Serious Case Reviews And	9.30 - 1.00	Helen Herron / Sally Gid-	41	

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The Child Death

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# Training Update

### The New Training Brochure 2013 – 2014

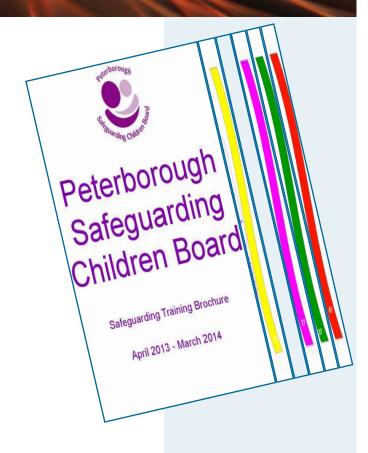
You can access the new PSCB training brochure online now. There are a number of new courses for those of you who require level 3 and above. The brochure has been colour coded to enable you to access the courses that are right for you. The application form now requires more information to ensure that if you have special needs they are addressed.

### **Child Sexual Exploitation**

A new level 2 course 'Awareness of Child Sexual Exploitation' has been developed to enable practitioners to recognise and to respond to the signs of sexual exploitation in children and young people. The first half day course will run on 11<sup>th</sup> July 2013 9.15 for 9.30 start at Northminster House.

Please contact <u>pscb.training@peterborough.gov.uk</u> on 01733 863747 to book a place.

Watch out for more dates to come.



# *"1.5 million adults have stumbled across child sexual abuse content on the Internet"*

## IWF Statement on access to criminal images

Following the tragic cases of April Jones and Tia Sharp there is much discussion on how to prevent access to online child sexual abuse images.

The Internet Watch Foundation (IWF) works with the public, law enforcement and online industry to remove child sexual abuse content.

IWF spokeswoman Emma Lowther said: "The UK internet industry is extremely quick and nimble at tackling what is possibly the most horrendous images and videos available on the internet but there is always more to be done. "To use the IWF and the online industry effectively, we need everyone to do the right thing and report to iwf.org.uk. "Our research revealed 1.5 million adults have stumbled across child sexual abuse content on the internet - but last year we received just under 40,000 reports. "Removing the images is by far the best way to prevent people from seeing them. It also prevents the victimisation of the abused children."

The IWF work closely with over 100 companies worldwide in the online industry in to remove and disrupt access to criminal images and videos.

The IWF and our Member organisations are committed to the shared vision of an internet free of child sexual abuse content.





## £1million donation for child sexual abuse charity

Google is donating £1million to the Internet Watch Foundation to boost its work removing online child sexual abuse content. The substantial sum – almost the equivalent of a whole year's running costs for the IWF – will more than double the team of Internet Content Analysts, from four and a half to nine and a half.

The £1million donation will be spread over four years.

# NEWS IN BRIEF

An NSPCC commissioned survey of 1000 teachers by YouGov has found that 4 out of 5 (83%) have not received child protection training about girls at risk of **female genital mutilation (FGM)**. 1 in 6 (16%) surveyed did not know FGM was illegal and 7 out of 10 (68%) were unaware of Government guidance on dealing with FGM at their school. In January 2013, Ofsted announced it would be appraising schools' efforts to combat FGM.

### **Source:** <u>NSPCC Press Release</u> 19 March 2013

The NSPCC and the University of East Anglia have published a systematic analysis of **neglect in serious case reviews** in England between 2003 and 2011. Findings include the fact that 59% of children known to social services who died or were seriously injured had been on a child protection plan for neglect at some point in their lives. Recommendations include: an expert social worker in every local authority to advise on child neglect cases.

Source: <u>NSPCC Inform</u> 11 March 2013

#### Further information:

<u>Neglect and serious case re-</u> views: a report from the University of East Anglia commissioned by the NSPCC (PDF version)



Is it Private Fostering?

Do you know of a young person who fits the below criteria, then you should be informing Children Services.

#### What is it?

- Child under 16 ( or 18 with disability and/or learning difficulties)
- Is cared for by someone other than their parent or close relative (Close Relatives are Step Parents, Grandparents, Brothers/Sisters or Aunts/Uncles)
- For a period of 28 consecutive days or more.

Why do I have to let children services know?

- This stems from the Victoria Climbie case in 2000.
- The local authority has a statutory responsibility to register the arrangement and ensure that it is appropriate and the child is safe.

### BUT can only do this if they know about it in the first place.

If you become aware of such an arrangement or need more information contact private fostering social worker.

Remember safeguarding is everyone's business and your curiosity and subsequent action may help keep a child safe.

More information available at <a href="http://www.privatefostering.org.uk">http://www.privatefostering.org.uk</a>

# Ofsted consults on a single inspection framework for local authority children's social care services

Ofsted has today launched a consultation on the way it inspects services for vulnerable children. Inspection of services for children in need of help and protection, children looked after and care leavers proposes a single framework for inspecting local authority child protection and services for looked after children, including those leaving or who have left care.

The single framework replaces previous plans to implement separate inspections for child protection and services for children looked after. It proposes an evaluation of help, protection and care for children including the arrangements for local authority fostering and adoption

#### services.

Two other consultations, also launched today, are *Good voluntary adoption provision* and *Good independent fostering provision*. The frameworks evaluate adoption and fostering services provided by voluntary and independent providers respectively.

Source: Ofsted 14 June 2013

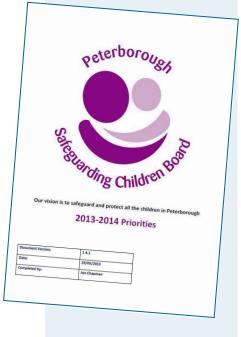
#### **Further information:**

http://www.ofsted.gov.uk/news/ ofsted-consults-single-inspectionframework-for-local-authoritychildrens-social-care-services-0

# 2013/14 Priorities

- 1. This is how we will know whether early help and preventative measures are effective
- 2. We know that children at risk of significant harm are being effectively identified and protected because...
- 3. We know that everyone is making a significant and meaningful contribution to safeguarding children because...
- 4. We know that the workforce has the right skills knowledge and capacity to appropriately safeguard children in Peterborough because...
- 5. We know and understand the needs of all sectors of our community and are able to identify safeguarding issues within them because...
- 6. We know that children are fully protected by all agencies from the effects of domestic abuse and neglect because...
- 7. We know that children are fully protected by all agencies from CSE because...
- 8. Review the PSCB Governance Arrangements

The 2013/14 Priorities and Business Plan can be found on the "About the Safeguarding Board" page on the PSCB website http://www.peterboroughlscb.org.uk



"Victims of human trafficking can be men, women or children. Most are then forced to work or are sexually exploited"

## Human trafficking toolkit

More victims of human trafficking will be identified thanks to new training and advice launched by Public Health Minister Anna Soubry.

The new tools are designed to make it easier for NHS staff to spot and give help to people who have been illegally trafficked and are available to healthcare workers across the country.

Last year, 1,186 potential victims of trafficking were identified through the UK's victim support framework the National Referral Mechanism. This is an increase of 25 per cent compared to 2011 – but due to difficulties in recognising victims it is likely many more could be saved.

Victims of human trafficking can be men, women or children, who are often brought from abroad against their will. Most are then forced to work or are sexually exploited. Foreign nationals make up the majority of those who are trafficked but UK residents can also be trafficked around the country and abroad.

Those within the NHS will be able to gain access and accreditation through their NHS login. However the module is also available as an open access module so anyone can complete it, although this will not be accredited.

The guidance leaflet is online here: <a href="https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/identifying-and-supporting-victims-of-human-trafficking-guidance-for-health-staff">https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/identifying-and-supporting-victims-of-human-trafficking-guidance-for-health-staff</a>

The e-learning module can be accessed via the introduction to the guidance, or by using this link: <u>http://www.e-lfh.org.uk/projects/</u><u>human-trafficking-e-learning/</u>.

You can view the Department of Health press release here: <u>https://</u><u>www.gov.uk/government/news/</u><u>help-for-nhs-staff-to-spot-and-</u><u>support-trafficking-victims</u>. Unaccompanied migrant children in the UK

The Joint Committee on Human Rights has published a report on unaccompanied migrant children in the UK. Issues identified include: children being placed in inappropriate accommodation; lack of support from suitably trained staff for victims of trafficking. Recommendations include: addressing the 'culture of disbelief' with regard to the age of migrant children; more effective support for trafficked children to prevent them from entering the criminal justice system as perpetrators. Source: Joint Select Committee on Human Rights 12 June 2013 Further information: Human rights of unac-

<u>companied migrant chil-</u> <u>dren and young people in</u> the UK (PDF)



### Summary of Board meeting held $23^{\text{RD}}$ May 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.

Corporate Parenting Panel and LAC scorecard: Jean Imray provided assurances on how the par-	Jean Imray
enting panel sets out the Looked After Children strategy and priorities and attempts to guide the parent-	01733
ing panel to ensure services are an effective prevention. Jean Imray also informed the board that the joint	863821
protocol for children who go missing from Home and Care which was endorsed by the Board in May 2011	
is being revised	
<b><u>Update from children services</u></b> : Jean Imray informed the board that a report from the External Im-	Jean Imray
provement Board had gone to the DfE to have the improvement notice lifted included the Ofsted action	01733
plan which shows what has happened in the past 3 months.	863821
<b><u>Referrals</u></b> : Jean Imray presented a re-referrals report which she hoped would show that large families	Jean Imray
or computer system errors were responsible for the high re-referral rate but believes it was due to Refer-	01733
ral and Assessment operating a "sausage machine" to create an effective process through the front door	863821
and a desire to meet timescales. Jean Imray commented that the performance for March and April show	
steps are making an impact to meet the target	
<b>Private Fostering:</b> Sally Charlton presented the Private Fostering Report and informed the board that	Sally Charlton
there has been a decline in Private Fostering arrangements. A promotion is being run for the next 3	01733
months with revamped leaflets and posters whilst training is improving within Peterborough City Council	864520
and other agencies. Sally Charlton confirmed that systems are in place to help raise awareness and that	
around Peterborough people could not walk down the street without knowing about Private Fostering.	
<b>LADO report:</b> Lindsey Blickem presented the LADO report which he had commented was self explana-	Lindsey
tory. When compared with previous LADO reports they were not very different. Lindsey commented that	Blickem
he was expecting an increase in historical cases following news in the media and the Jimmy Saville allega-	01733
tions since April but these have not happened.	864038
Section 11: Ramesh Prema provided a summary report on the agencies Section 11 results and sug-	Ramesh
gested looking at Standard 5 in more detail as lots of agencies are completing a lot of work around train-	Prema
ing. To help further capture the voice of the child, agencies will be written to asking about participation	01733
and what structures are in place within Peterborough.	863753
Threshold Document: Russell Wate informed the Board that Working Together 2013 states that the	Jon Chapman
LSCB should publish on behalf of the multi-agency partners its own Threshold Document. The threshold	01733
document which had been seen by Board members in May 2012 and followed up with 200 practitioners	863745
from across agencies attending training and consultation sessions has been brought back to the board	
and now includes the Escalation Policy and Sharing Information Agreement.	
Business Priorities & Risk Register/Business plan/new front sheet: Jon Chapman presented	Jon Chapman
the priorities and explained that building on the work from the development day previous versions had	01733
been seen by the subgroups and is still in draft. The voice of Children and Young People run throughout	863745
the priorities instead of a single priority whilst the business plan has been configured from the priorities.	
Annual Report: Jon Chapman informed Board members that the Annual Report is still in draft and that	Jon Chapman
it is hoped to be circulated with the minutes for comments so that a final version can be brought back to	01733
the board at the next meeting in July.	863745
Any Other Business (AOB)	
<b>CP Plan audit findings:</b> Jean Imray informed the board that Glen Denham, Jean Imray and Sue	Jean Imray
Westcott audited 20 CP Plans in a separate audit the QA team had audited in excess of 130 cases, felt	01733
some should have been robust Children in Need plans. Children in Need procedures mirror the	863821
Child Protection process and had been signed up to by partners and agreed as a way forward. It was	003021
suggested that the Children in Need process has to be up to date and circulated with the audit find- ings from CP Plans to strengthen the message.	
	Ion Chanman
<b>Locality Toolkit:</b> Sue Hartropp asked if a link to the Locality Toolkit could be placed onto the LSCB	Jon Chapman 01733
website as some schools are not aware of it. It was reported that this has already been actioned and	863745
sent to Tri.x for the next scheduled update on 6th June. Catherine Shingler commented that Little	003743
Miracles do not appear on the Locality Toolkit	
Chris Emerson raised that the board meetings would be useful if both the Director of Children's	
Services and Lead Member to the council could attend.	

Date of next meeting: 18th July 2013, Northminster House, 2.00 – 4.30