



# Summary of PSCB meeting held

16<sup>th</sup> July 2014

1. **Poverty Update:** Ian Phillips gave a presentation on Poverty in Peterborough explaining that 24% of children are living in poverty compared with 18% nationally and are currently ranked 71 out of 326 most deprived areas. Ian Phillips explained that children from poorer backgrounds are more likely to suffer with poorer health and education and a higher risk of premature deaths. A Poverty Strategy is in place to ensure no family are financially excluded and to promote voluntary opportunities to increase chances of employment. The Public Health Team and Housing contribute to ensure accommodation are fit for families and make housing more efficient to reduce fuel bills. The Peterborough Community Assistance Scheme was introduced in April 2013 and replaces the DWP care grant to provide instant support has so far supported over 5,000 clients using a network of support agencies and providing food bank services. It was explained that funding for PCAS ends in 2015 which has been put as a budget pressure and national lobbying requesting that funding is not stopped due to the possible fallout. Sue Westcott questioned whether there is any breakdown in the ethnicity of clients using the services due to inward immigration. Ian Phillips responded that 60% are White British and the remaining 40% are across nationalities. [For more details contact Ian Phillips 01733 863849](#)
2. **CAF and MASG:** Wendi Ogle-Welbourn reported that there has been an increase on training with the eCAF and partner uptake. Wendi Ogle-Welbourn explained the team have tried to add "so what" qualitative information on how the service has made a difference. The report shows a positive picture of process however there is a low uptake of survey responses. Wendi Ogle-Welbourn added that there is funding for an additional coordinator and a part-time Health Visitor post. Russell Wate commented that the MASG shows evidence of great agency contributions and asked whether there were any gaps which Wendi Ogle-Welbourn responded there was no gaps. [For more details contact Wendi Ogle-Welbourn 01733 863749](#)
3. **MARU Update:** Gary Ridgway presented a MARU update explaining that it is not about co-location but more integration and needs to be across both Children and Adult services with identifying and information sharing information particularly around Domestic Abuse. Gary Ridgway added that he did not want to refer to the MASH as one Local Authority but more of a countywide integrated MASH. Jill Houghton questioned the Health input on the project board explaining that the 4 named GPs will have a remit on the MASH. Russell Wate questioned when the MASH is due to go live. Gary Ridgway responded that it is due to go live from 1st September and that it will move at the pace of individual agencies explaining that Adult Services still have a way to go. [For more details contact Gary Ridgway 101 ext. 2392](#)
4. **Domestic Abuse and CAIU Update:** Gary Ridgway informed the board that there has been an increase of referrals over the past 12 months with some being made on the back of Operation Yewtree. There was an inspection from the HMIC on Domestic Abuse who were very praising of the MASH but critical of the frontline response and their links with Safeguarding. An urgent Action Plan was put into place and a re-inspection during February confirmed that substantial progress had been made. Jo Bramwell informed the board that a PSCB Multi-Agency Domestic Abuse audit was carried out at a similar time to the HMC inspection. The audit showed good communication between agencies however there was a routine lack of School Nurses and Health Visitors being notified about DA incidents. Gary Ridgway responded that there is no statutory obligation to share notifications with Health. Russell Wate challenged this as safeguarding of children in DA cases could be. Jo Bramwell said that the audit had found that where agencies had concerns about multi agency practice none of them had escalated their concerns. There was a discussion that agencies are still not using the escalation policy appropriately. [For more details contact Gary Ridgway 101 ext. 2392](#)
5. **CSE Scoping Report:** Ruth Scotten and Jonathan Whalley informed the board that they had been approached by Wendi Ogle-Welbourn in recognition of concerns across the city regarding cases of CSE. They have undertaken a scoping exercise to quantify where there is possible unmet need and offer a possible solution. It was discussed that there has been no contact with partner agencies regarding their input into the report. [For more details contact Jo Bramwell 01733 863765](#)
6. **CAFCASS Ofsted Inspection:** Issy Atkinson reminded members that at the previous meeting she informed the Board of CAFCASS' Ofsted inspection result. Issy Atkinson provided a short summary about the inspection which had achieved a very good outcome with a supporting action plan. IA added that she was very proud of winning an award for employee health and wellbeing. Russell Wate added that there is also good learning from CAFCASS IMRs nationally. [For more details contact Issy Atkinson 0844 3534332](#)
7. **CDOP Annual Report:** Flick Schofield presented the CDOP Annual Report explaining that due to the low numbers the report is not for publication however a summary report will be available. Flick Schofield reported that figures have dropped to similar levels from previous years explaining that there is no known reason for last year's high numbers. Flick Schofield also informed the board that CDOP have been carrying out a campaign on safe sleeping with workshops being held aimed at anyone who works with babies and parents. A new campaign on keeping children safe in water is being launched to raise awareness. Flick Schofield commented that during a recent inspection of Cambridgeshire, Ofsted were happy with the CDOP arrangements and impressed with the water safety campaign as most CDOPs are undertaking safe sleeping campaigns. [For more details contact Jo Bramwell 863765](#)
8. **Multi-Agency Meeting: Working Together:** Sue Westcott presented a paper explaining that meetings have been held to prepare for an Ofsted inspection and wanted to gather partners' views to see where the Local Authority are and provide challenge. Wendi Ogle-Welbourn commented that a majority of actions would sit within other boards. Gary Ridgway added that he would welcome a piece of work for the LSCB around FGM. It was commented that Emilia Wawrzkowicz is leading on some work and is also providing multi-agency training on FGM. [For more details contact Sue Westcott 01733 863606](#)
9. **PSCB Annual Report:** Russell Wate thanked Joanne Bramwell and Jody Watts for their hard work on the annual report. The report is at consultation stage and will need to be published in September with Russell Wate taking it to scrutiny and the Police and Crime Commissioner. SW stated that it needed more of a multi-agency input. [For more details contact Jo Bramwell 01733 863765](#)

**Date of next meeting:** 17<sup>th</sup> September 2014, Northminster House, 2.00 – 4.30