



Summary of PSCB meeting held

14th January 2015

1. **Cambridgeshire Constabulary Management Information:** Mark Hopkins presented the Police Performance Information and explained the dataset is not exhaustive and that there is a move away from numbers to looking at professional judgement with case studies and safeguarding lessons learnt. It was explained that since 1st October, the number of CSE referrals have been recorded via the MASH and is received bi-monthly and shared through the appropriate subgroups and included in the PSCB Performance Report. Russell Wate questioned that 12 months previously the staffing levels within the Child Abuse Investigation and Safeguarding Unit (CAISU) in Peterborough had risen from 20 to 23 with 1 vacancy. Neil Sloan explained that this is due to meeting the need with Peterborough's workload being higher than Cambridgeshire. **For more details contact Mark Hopkins 101**
2. **PSCB Budget Report:** Jo Bramwell presented a report on the current position of the PSCB budget explaining that by the end of the current financial year, the PSCB will have spent £40,000 of the reserves which can be accounted to 5 Serious Case Reviews with an average cost of £10,000 - £14,000 per review. Jo Bramwell gave two budget forecast breakdowns and explained that the difference in reserves will be between £5,000 and £15,000. Lou Williams raised that it was alarming as expenditure was eating through reserves and that there should be a need to look at costs to see if these can be covered elsewhere. Further discussion would take place regarding other agencies contributing to the budget. **For more details contact Jo Bramwell 01733 863765**
3. **Child J Overview Report:** Russell Wate informed members that the Child J Overview Report has been presented to the SCR panel and Case Review subgroup and has now come to the Board to look at the recommendations for sign off. **For more details contact Jo Bramwell 01733 863765**
4. **Safeguarding in Schools Annual Report:** Gaynor Mansell presented the Safeguarding in Schools Report and explained that the purpose of the report is to seek confirmation that schools are completing their statutory duties however there is no requirements for schools to report this to the local authority. Gaynor Mansell explained all schools are maintaining their designated teacher training with numbers increasing. Lou Williams raised that an interesting line in the report says only 1 school has been using the CSE tool on 12 occasions and questions if there is a lack of knowledge. Sue Westcott raised that Bullying in Schools appears to have dropped off and the report does not show schools bullying procedures. It was also added that GP's biggest concern was bullying and that one of the biggest issues is around cyberbullying. Melanie Coombes questioned if School Nursing is included in the report as this may help build a bigger picture including the numbers of Self-harm. **For more details contact Gaynor Mansell 01733 863699**
5. **CSE Coordinator:** Hannah Campling provided updates to work she has completed since starting in her role as CSE Coordinator. It was explained that her role is supporting Peterborough only agencies as the post is only funded by Peterborough LSCB. Paula South questioned why Cambridgeshire would not fund Hannah Campling's role. Wendi Ogle-Welbourn agreed to take up with Nicky Clemo at Cambridgeshire County Council. Mark Hopkins suggested he speaks with Flick Schofield as a lot of work has been undertaken to have a single CSE strategy and Risk Assessment Tool. **For more details contact Hannah Campling 01733 863746**
6. **Safeguarding Recognition Award:** Russell Wate reminded members that the Safeguarding Recognition Award is presented to staff who has made outstanding contribution to safeguard children. Russell Wate presented the Safeguarding Recognition Award to Pippa Druett on her work as lead social worker on a number of CSE cases that has led to the conviction of a number of perpetrators. **For more details contact Jo Bramwell 01733 863765**
7. **Core Group Audit:** Jo Bramwell presented the Core Group Audit which looked at 16 cases around timeliness, minutes, plans and its effectiveness. In a majority of cases the correct professionals were identified as part of the core group but were not always attending. Jo Bramwell explained where agencies did not attend there is no evidence to show whether a report had been supplied in their absence. The minutes from the meetings were of poor quality with health not receiving 100% of minutes despite meetings having Health Visitor and Hospital input. It was explained that the core group is not compliant with PSCB procedures and that the administration around Core Groups could be better. It was proposed that a standard agenda and template with a list of attendees is created and that the core groups should professionally challenge. **For more details contact Jo Bramwell 01733 863765**
8. **Early Help and Prevention Strategy:** Lou Williams presented the Early Help and Prevention Strategy which is a high level overarching strategy and that in coming years there will be a need to find ways of looking at lower level prevention. Peterborough has a rapidly changing population with many not knowing where to go to access help and that the Police and Midwifery service are looking to support child birth in the Roma community. Wendi Ogle-Welbourn explained that this is about managing need differently due to the financial difficulties and that the recognition that many agencies carry out similar work and is also about improving practice. Councillor Sheila Scott raised that there has never been a moment like this before with so much investment into safeguarding within the city and maintain funding. **For more details contact Lou Williams 01733 864139**
9. **Business Planning:** Jo Bramwell gave a presentation on the current priorities explaining that they are very difficult to measure with a number of work being undertaken by other boards. Over the past year FGM guidance and CSE training with resource packs have been created along with a number of consultations with children and young people. To date no training courses has had to be cancelled and there have been 5 Serious Case Reviews undertaken. The board has established a challenge log where the board has been a facilitator and has also shared learning on CSE and undertook CDOP campaigns on Water Safety and Safe Sleeping. 4 multi-agency audits have also been carried out and leaflets for the safe use of Skype and Emails have been developed. Jo Bramwell explained for the coming year she has tried to reduce the number of priorities to help keep focus based on the statutory requirements whilst a performance pack will be supplemented with audit activity and engagement with young people. Mark Hopkins commented that a risk register would inform the effectiveness and explained that the board would need a governance function and should go back to the risk register. **For more details contact Jo Bramwell 01733 863765**

Date of next meeting: 19th March 2015, Northminster House, 1.00 – 4.00