



Summary of PSCB meeting held

19th March 2015

1. **Update On Cse Audit And Ofsted Action Plan:** Hannah Campling provided the key findings of the CSE audit which included a majority of cases had appropriate agencies involved and processes were followed. Hannah Campling added that one case had no incidences of going missing however there were discrepancies in the number of missing episodes recorded by agencies. It was also explained that in 10 out of 15 cases the voices of the child was heard whilst 13 out of 15 cases the parents were engaged in the process. It was added that further discussion should be held regarding CSE absences to include where children go absent from school. Jo Bramwell informed members that findings from the CSE consultation with schools showed pupils would rather go to teachers instead of their parents if they had concerns. Sarah Levy explained primary schools are currently looking at how to contribute for children in transition however primary schools talk about Stranger Danger rather than CSE. Hannah Campling explained that the PSCB have purchased a copy of Real Love Rocks which is a useful resource from Barnardos and will look at how to get these into schools. It was raised that Gary Ridgway had presented at a national CSE awareness event where Peterborough was well presented receiving huge national support for their good practice. It was also added that at the recent Local Government Chronicle Awards, Peterborough CSE team were highly commended. [For more details contact Hannah Campling 01733 863746](#)
2. **Update On Children And Young People Placed Outside Of The City:** Lou Williams presented a brief report on children placed outside of the city explaining with the new statistical neighbours, Peterborough are in line with its neighbours with 79% placed within 20 miles of their home address. It was added those placed further away are due to specific needs and provisions that are not available locally. Lou Williams added that some placements out of area have been in place for 18 months and does not want to cause any disruption however if the placement was to break down then they will try and bring the placement closer to home. When questioned how many children have been placed within Peterborough from other Authorities, Lou Williams responded this number is known and will sit within Alison Bennett's service. Russell Wate explained it was a reassuring picture knowing where and why every child has been placed. [For more details contact Lou Willams 01733 864139](#)
3. **Update On Lac Medical Assessments:** Sharon Ward informed members that there had been admin issues which have now been resolved and that the figures covered the Christmas holidays where clinics fell on Bank Holidays. Sharon Ward added that CSC need to inform CPFT when a Looked After Child moves so that arrangements for assessments can be made. Sharon Ward informed members there have been 8 referrals and consents, with all being seen within 28 days. Sharon Ward added that 2 are due to be seen within 22 and 28 days and this will depend on whether the child attends. When questioned who scrutinises the service, Paula South responded that it sits with the provider which Wendi Ogle-Welbourn replied accountability should sit with the commissioner rather than the provider. Russell Wate raised that there were concerns Health Assessments missed emotional health and questioned if it can be assured this is picked up in Peterborough. Sharon Ward responded that she can provide the assessment template to show what is discussed. Paula South informed members that the quality of assessments from Peterborough are sought across the country. [For more details contact Sharon Ward 01733 777961](#)
4. **Thresholds:** Lou Williams explained at the previous meeting there was a brief discussion regarding looking at the Threshold document which was signed off 2 years ago to reflect Working Together 2013. Lou Williams circulated Essex's Threshold Document explaining that it was easier to read and sets clearly the agreed partnership. It was added that the thresholds could map across to Adult Services and build on the CiN work with strengthening families approach forming a clear framework. It was also raised that if strengthening families is adopted throughout, this would make work more straightforward. [For more details contact Lou Willams 01733 864139](#)
5. **Directors Performance Report:** Wendi Ogle-Welbourn presented Sue Westcott's last Performance Report but explained that the board wanted a report on the impact of the MASH. Wendi Ogle-Welbourn explained that it is too early to provide the impact and is not sure if the MASH has a performance framework. Jenny Goodes explained that at the MASH project Board there have been ideas on how to collect data and where Peterborough would sit. Sarah Hamilton explained that the expectation is for this to come to the board but will need to see how to add value. [For more details contact Wendi Ogle-Welbourn 01733 863749](#)
6. **Update On Progress Against Missing Children Action Plan:** Jenny Goodes presented the progress against the Missing Children Action Plan and explained that it was self-explanatory. Jenny Goodes explained alerts of missing episodes go to the Service Managers work tray which all Heads of Service have access to and that missing episodes cannot be closed until the return interview has been completed and no new missing episodes cannot be opened until the previous episode has been closed. When asked how additional episodes are recorded, Jenny Goodes explained these are recorded in the case notes until they can be added. It was raised that further work to align missing from home with missing from education. [For more details Jenny Goodes 01733 864102](#)
7. **CP Attendance And Parental Feedback Reports:** Sarah Seekins reported there had been a reduction in police attendance at CP conferences. Mark Hopkins responded he will look at this outside of the meeting adding the HMIC will see anything less than 100% as an area for improvement. Claire George added that there are issues with CP conferences over school holidays and would like enough time regarding notifications. Sharon Ward questioned how CSC provided 78% of reports to ICPC which Sarah Seekins explained that a high turnover of staff may have had an impact on attendance. Members questioned the accuracy of the figures and found the report was not fit for purpose. Matthew Ryder added that once the data has been cleansed, the figures for Probation will need to differentiate between the National Probation Service and BeNCH CRC. Sarah Seekins also presented the Parental Feedback report and explained that conference chairs are requesting the forms to be returned even if they are not completed. When questioned how many conferences the figures related to, Sarah Seekins was unable to answer but explained that she is currently putting into place methods to build a better picture. [For more details contact Jo Bramwell 01733 864179](#)

Date of next meeting: 20th May 2015, Northminster House, 1.00 – 4.00