



March 2011 Meeting

The meeting took place on 11th January 2011 1.30pm - 4.40pm

Attendance

The following agencies were represented at the meeting:

- Solihull Care Trust
- West Midlands Police
- Solihull MBC
- CAFCASS
- SUSTAIN
- Heart of England NHS Foundation Trust
- Birmingham and Solihull Mental Health NHS Foundation Trust
- Staffordshire and West Midlands Probation Trust
- Solihull Community Housing

The following agencies sent apologies to the meeting:

- NSPCC
- UK Border Agency

The Lead Member as a 'Participant Observer' was also in attendance.

Business Updates

The meeting reviewed actions from the last meeting and received reports in respect of the following:

- Performance Monitoring sub group
- Practice and Procedures sub group
- Chairpersons sub group
- Training sub group
- Child Death Overview Panel
- LSCB Risk Register

The LSCB agreed to extend the deadline for the return of Training Needs Analysis to 31st May 2011 to enable agencies undergoing organisational change to respond in a meaningful way.

The LSCB agreed to amendments to the sub regional Child Death Overview Panel Terms of Reference and also noted the completion of the Solihull MBC People Directorate Individual Management Review (IMR)

A report was also received from:-

- Safeguarding Children Business Manager (SCBM).



SUBSTANTIVE ITEMS

Learning Lessons from Ofsted evaluation of Serious Case Reviews.

The LSCB received a report on the lessons from Ofsted's evaluation of SCRs for the period 1st April 2009 – 31st March 2010.

The learning reinforces the risks associated with living in a household where domestic abuse, parental mental health or substance misuse are features. Also reinforced is the professional challenge of engaging 'hard to reach' "older" young people.

The issue of service provision for 17 year olds requiring support with mental health was raised.

The meeting requested that data re presentation at the local Accident and Emergency department for issues of self-harm and out of hours provisions for 17/18 year olds is considered by those responsible for devising the Emotional Health and Well-being Strategy.

Learning Task Group

The LSCB received a report produced by an Independent Safeguarding Consultant following a case review. The report had been produced with the input and support of staff from LSCB constituent agencies and their contribution was highlighted to the LSCB.

Practice issues identified include:

- Interface between Early Intervention and Social Work assessments
- Need for timely assessments and consistent/coherent intervention
- Holistic approach to meeting the needs of children/young people with a special educational need.

The LSCB agreed a number of recommendations including arranging a workshop with practitioners to further explore the practice issues identified.

Transforming of Community Health Services to Heart of England NHS Foundation Trust and implications for safeguarding

A report was presented to the LSCB advising that from April 2011, and in response to national policy Adult Social Care Services will be transferred to Solihull MBC. Continuity of service will be secured.

Potential safeguarding implications were discussed including the plan for Designated Nurse and Doctor time to be available to the Primary Care Trust post the transfer.



The LSCB agreed that 1 Executive representative from Heart of England NHS Foundation Trust for Acute and Community Health Services would be an effective way of ensuring continuing Senior Officer engagement.

Multi Agency Public Protection Arrangements (MAPPA) Annual Report

The MAPPA annual report for the period 2009/10 was presented to the LSCB.

Attendance at local MAPPA is consistent; the need for training was identified in order to promote the role of MAPPA. The LSCB can include such training in next year's training programme.

Any Other Business

An update on the proposed changes to the Vetting and Barring scheme was circulated.

The LSCB next meets on 10th May 2011 and observers are welcome; however, advance notification is required.

If you are interested in observing a future LSCB meeting please contact Karen Perry kperry@solihull.gov.uk .

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Further information on the work of the LSCB can be found at www.solihull.gov.uk/staysafe