



## January 2011 Meeting

The meeting took place on 11<sup>th</sup> January 2011 1.30pm - 4.40pm

### Attendance

The following agencies were represented at the meeting:

- Solihull Care Trust
- West Midlands Police
- Solihull MBC
- UK Border Agency
- NSPCC
- SUSTAIN
- Heart of England NHS Foundation Trust
- Birmingham and Solihull Mental Health NHS Foundation Trust

The agencies sent apologies to the meeting:

- National Probation Service
- Solihull Community Housing
- CAFCASS ( Child and Family Court Advisory Support Service)

Councillor Davies was in attendance as a “participant observer”. Three observers were also present including the Chairperson of Solihull MBC Education, Children and Young People’s Scrutiny Board

### 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 Review Panel
- LSCB Risk Register

Reports were also received from:

- Local Authority Designated Officer
- Safeguarding Children Business Manager



The report from the Local Authority Designated Officer detailed a summary of the referrals received regarding concerns about the suitability of those who work with children for the last 12 month period. A slight increase in referrals on the previous year was reported. The education sector is making more referrals compared to the previous year. The LSCB was advised of a name change to the meetings held to discuss concerns about the suitability. They are now known as Position of Trust meetings.

The LSCB approved its communication strategy and agreed to receive the revised training strategies of Health Trusts at a future meeting

### **SUBSTANTIVE ITEMS**

#### **Children and Young People's Plan**

The LSCB had formally requested that the Children and Young Persons Trust Board (CYPTB) present to the LSCB a report on how the safeguarding priorities identified by the LSCB were considered as part of the refresh of Children and Young Person Plan (CYPP)

The LSCB identified that domestic abuse remained a priority area of business and requested an update to the Chairperson's sub group in February 2011.

It was agreed that the CYPTB will report on a quarterly basis to the LSCB on progress against the CYPP priorities

#### **Appointment of Lay Members**

The LSCB received a report that set out a plan regarding the appointment of lay members

The Board requested that a role specification be devised and for the Safeguarding Children Business Manager and Children's Services to work together to secure the appointment of 2 lay members

#### **Review of LSCB Chairing arrangements**

**The LSCB decided to defer discussing a tabled report on consideration of appointing an Independent Chairperson until the Professor Munro's report and the government's response to that report have been published. The LSCB requested that a future report addresses the issue of cost of an Independent Chairperson in detail**



## Child Death Overview Panel Annual Report

The LSCB received a report in respect of the work of the child death overview panel for the period 2009-10. A discussion took place regarding the challenge to identify patterns or modifiable risk factors related to child deaths when the population sample is relatively small. The meeting recognised that lessons can be learnt from every child death and when data is collated sub nationally or nationally patterns begin to emerge regarding modifiable risk factors. Coventry, Warwickshire and Solihull LSCBs are currently conducting a Safe Sleep campaign based on the reviews of deaths at a sub national and national level.

The LSCB next meets on 8<sup>th</sup> March 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](mailto: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](http://www.solihull.gov.uk/staysafe)