



September 2010 Meeting

The meeting took place on Tuesday 14th September 2010

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

Councillor Davies was in attendance as a “participant observer” and the Solihull MBC Youth Champion also attended the meeting.

The Chairperson of Education, Children and Young People Scrutiny Board attended the meeting as an observer and two other observers were in attendance.

Business Updates

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

- Practice and Procedures sub group
- Chairpersons sub group
- Training sub group
- LSCB Risk Register
- Child Death Review Panel
- Education sub group
- Children’s Social Work Services
- Performance Monitoring sub group

Reports were also received from:

- Local Authority Designated Officer
- Safeguarding Children Business Manager

The outcome of the Unannounced Ofsted Inspection of front line children’s social work services was reported and the LSCB recognised the positive outcome and in particular the contribution made by staff and managers to securing the outcome. An action plan will be devised to address the areas of development identified by the inspection.

The LSCB identified the need to review the future delivery arrangements of inter- agency safeguarding training given financial pressures faced by funding agencies. A contribution in kind formula to Level 2 training pool was agreed by the LSCB.



SUBSTANTIVE ITEMS

Learning Task Group

An update in respect of the work of the Learning Task Group was received and the LSCB was advised that further work to learn lessons at a local level is being carried out.

The Learning Task Group has begun work on the recommendation arising from the Serious Case Review initiated by a neighbouring LSCB and made to constituent member agencies of Solihull LSCB in respect of recording and in particular genograms

Statutory Report

The LSCB discussed and approved its first statutory report on the effectiveness of local safeguarding arrangements. The report will be available on the LSCB website in due course and each Executive Member agreed to present it to their Executive Management Board/meeting and the 3rd Sector representative will ensure the report is presented to the Children and Young People's Voluntary Sector Forum

The report will also be presented to Education, Children and Young People's Scrutiny Board, Cabinet Member decision making session and Full Council as well as the Solihull Partnership Governing Board

A formal presentation will also be made to the Children and Young People's Trust Board as is required by statutory guidance. The Children and Young People's Trust Board will be asked to formally report back to the LSCB on action taken to address the priorities identified in the report

E safety

An update in respect of e safety work with schools was made to the Board including that an e safety policy has been devised and circulated to all schools; including independent schools and Pupil Referral Units.

The Board identified that a borough wide approach was required and it was agreed that a report would be presented to the Solihull Partnership Governing Board on e safety with a request to mandate a borough wide e safety strategy. The Solihull MBC Youth Champion will be involved in this work.

Multi Agency Public Protection Arrangements (MAPPA) Accommodation

The MAPPA Annual Report was presented to Solihull LSCB in January 2010 and the issue of accommodation for those offenders subject to MAPPA was highlighted.

An update was provided to the Board on the work being undertaken to consider the accommodation needs of MAPPA offenders including confirmation that specialist accommodation is available for this group of individuals within the region. This work is being carried out as part of a piece of work to consider the accommodation needs of offenders as opposed to MAPPA offenders



Vice Chairperson

The LSCB elected a new Vice Chairperson; Stephen Munday Joint Director of Public Health

The LSCB next meets on 9th November 2010 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 .

Elected members should contact mmistry@solihull.gov.uk

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