



September 2011 Meeting

The meeting took place on 13th September 2011 from 1.30pm until 5.25pm

Attendance

The following agencies were represented at the meeting:

- Birmingham and Solihull NHS Cluster
- West Midlands Police
- Solihull MBC
- UK Border Agency
- SUSTAIN
- Heart of England NHS Foundation Trust (Acute and Community Health Services)
- Birmingham and Solihull Mental Health NHS Foundation Trust
- Staffordshire and West Midlands Probation Trust
- Solihull Community Housing

Apologies were received from CAFCASS (Child and Family Court Advisory Support Service), Strategic Health Authority and Youth Involvement and Democracy Coordinator, SMBC

The Lead Member was in attendance as a 'Participant Observer' and one observer also attended the meeting.

The meeting welcomed for the first time two Lay Members who have recently been appointed to support greater public engagement in the work of the LSCB.

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
- LSCB Risk Register
- Training sub group
- Child Death Overview Panel
- Child Sexual Exploitation Steering Group

Reports were also received from:

- Local Authority Designated Officer (LADO)
- Safeguarding Children Business Manager (SCBM)
- Safeguarding Officer
- Youth Involvement and Democracy Coordinator

The LSCB approved it's Business Plan for the period 1st July 2011 – 30th June 2012 and requested some information about the experiences of privately fostered children and young people.



SUBSTANTIVE ITEMS

LSCB Statutory Report.

The LSCB approved its statutory report 2010/11 including recommendations. The report will be presented to a number of forums in order to raise awareness of local safeguarding priorities and the work of the LSCB.

The report will shortly be available via www.solihull.gov.uk/staysafe

Child Sexual Exploitation Strategy

A number of LSCB Members had watched a DVD called 'My Dangerous Loverboy' prior to the meeting beginning. The DVD highlights the vulnerabilities of young people in respect of child sexual exploitation as well as the impact of this abuse.

The Safeguarding Children Business Manager has devised a child sexual exploitation prevention strategy and the LSCB approved the strategy and action plan.

The LSCB wishes to run a communication campaign aimed at raising awareness of child sexual exploitation.

LSCB Scorecard

The scorecard is a collection of information from various partners that provides information about the health of the safeguarding system. The LSCB agreed to adopt the document as an interim scorecard with further work to be carried out in respect of reviewing the scope of the scorecard.

Domestic Abuse Child Screening Tool Audit

The Safeguarding Officer presented a report on the outcome of an audit of the Domestic Abuse Child Screening Tool.

The audit identified some key learning for those involved in the screening meetings and West Midlands Police as the lead agency were asked to ensure the learning influences local practice.

Update on Commissioning Arrangements for Domestic Abuse

The Partnership Commissioning Manager provided an update on progress in respect of commissioning services and support for those affected by domestic abuse.

The LSCB requested regular progress reports and also that commissioning activity addresses all levels of needs and not just acute need.

Three business items were deferred.



Any Other Business

Details of ACPO National Child Protection and Abuse Investigation Conference were shared as well as details of an initiative between Staffordshire and West Midlands Probation Services and NSPCC to provide helpline support those known to the Probation Service and convicted of child sexual abuse.

Future meetings

The LSCB next meets on 15th November 2011 and observers are welcome; however, advance notification is required.

If you are interested in observing a future LSCB meeting please contact Karen Perry
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Further information on the work of the LSCB can be found at www.solihull.gov.uk/staysafe