

CUMBRIA LSCB

CUMBRIA LOCAL SAFEGUARDING CHILDREN BOARD

Minutes of a meeting of the Cumbria LSCB held on Monday 14 November 2016 at 10.00 am at CREA, Penrith

PRESENT:

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| Gill Rigg | - | Independent Chair |
| Fiona Musgrave | - | Senior Manager, LSCB & Improvement |
| Mark Lippett | - | Named Nurse, University Hospitals of Morecambe (UHMB) Bay (representing Sascha Wells) |
| Amanda Boardman | - | Lead GP, Clinical Commissioning Group (CCG) |
| Meredith Jardine | - | Lead Midwife Safeguarding, North Cumbria University Hospitals (NCUH) (representing Maurya Cushlow) |
| Darren Martland | - | Assistant Chief Constable, Cumbria Constabulary |
| Alison Brown | - | Deputy Director of Nursing, Cumbria Partnership NHS Foundation Trust (CPFT) |
| Louise Fisher | - | Assistant Chief Executive, Cumbria & Lancashire Community Rehabilitation Company (CRC) |
| Debbie Storr | - | Director of Policy & Resources, South Lakeland District Council (SLDC), (representing Cumbria District/Borough Councils) |
| Samantha Starmer | - | Senior Manager, Targeted Youth Services (CCC) |
| Anne Burns | - | Portfolio Holder for Children's Social Care, Elected Member for Cumbria County Council CCC |
| Claire Render | - | Primary Headteacher |
| Walter McCulloch | - | Assistant Director, Children & Family Services, CCC |
| Ian Gopsill | - | Service Manager, CAF/CASS |
| John Greenwood | - | LSCB Lay Member |
| Barbara Jackson | - | Cumbria National Probation Services(NPS) (representing Sarah Ward) |
| Jon Rush | - | LSCB Lay Member |
| John Macilwraith | - | Corporate Director, Children & Family Services, CCC |
| Sharon Mitchell | - | LSCB Child Death & Case Review Co-ordinator (minute taker) |

APOLOGIES:

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| Sarah Ward | - | Head of National Probation Service |
| Richard Simpson | - | Assistant Director (Children's Services), Barnardos |
| Louise Mason-Lodge | - | Designated Nurse for Safeguarding, CCG |
| Alison Smith | - | Executive Director of Nursing/Safeguarding Lead, NHS England |
| Domenic Volpe | - | Secondary Headteacher |
| Pam Hutton | - | Chief Officer, East Cumbria Family Support, Voluntary Sector Representative |

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1	<p><i>Introductions, Declarations of Interest and Apologies for Absence</i></p> <p>No declarations of interest were raised and apologies for absence were noted.</p>		
2	<p><i>Minutes of Last Meeting – 16 September 2016</i></p> <p>Subject to two slight typing amendments, the minutes of the meeting held on 16 September 2016 were agreed as an accurate record.</p> <p><i>Matters Arising</i></p> <p><i>Health Update on Vanguard and Success</i> – it was noted that this action is complete.</p> <p><i>CQC Action Plan</i> – it was noted that this has been circulated.</p> <p><i>Child Trafficking</i> – report to be presented to the January LSCB. DMartland advised this is a national report and if complete it will be presented to the meeting in January.</p> <p>Action: DMartland to advise SMitchell by the end of next week.</p> <p><i>Report from ChIB meeting</i> – it was noted that this report has now been circulated.</p> <p><i>Annual report</i> – it was noted that all actions have been completed.</p> <p><i>Education Representative for Policy & Procedures Sub-Group</i> – CRender agreed to take this request to the next meeting of the Education group.</p> <p><i>Health Sub-Group</i> – WMcCulloch advised that a Social Care representative has now been nominated.</p> <p><i>Threshold document</i> – it was noted that this has now been published.</p> <p><i>SCR updates</i> – it was noted that as not all plans have been received, this item will be placed on the agenda for the LSCB meeting in January. An amendment was made to the minutes, this is a Part 2 item.</p> <p><i>LSCB Development Day – 2 November 2016</i></p>	<p>DMartland</p> <p>CRender</p>	<p>25/11/16</p> <p>24/11/16</p>

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	<p>The notes of the LSCB Development Day held on 2 November 2016, were agreed as an accurate record.</p> <p>Matters Arising</p> <p>Love families Video – it was noted that this will be added to the agenda for the LSCB meeting to be held in January 2017.</p> <p>Egress – children to be planned or de-planned – notifications to be received via egress Action: FMusgrave to advise ABoardman of those GPs that they are having difficulties emailing to and ABoardman will deal with this direct.</p> <p>Risk Register – JRush asked about the origins. FMusgrave advised that this has now been drafted and will be presented to the Business Group and then will come to the LSCB for sign up/sign off.</p> <p>Signs of Safety seminar– FMusgrave advised she has checked this and those who have been invited are the correct people to attend. Some members of this Board have also been invited to attend. It will be opened up to a wider audience after this.</p> <p>LSCB Challenge Log</p> <p>No 68 – link with Adults Board. FMusgrave advised she has met with Adrienne Halliwell and has made the link between the Domestic Homicide Review Group and the Case Review Sub-Group and anything relevant will come to the LSCB. Agreed to amend this to amber.</p> <p>No 72 – Safeguarding Audits – this has moved on substantially. Agreed to take this off as complete.</p> <p>No 88 – rise in number of children on CP Plan – it was agreed that this was to remain as red given the ongoing analysis</p> <p>No 92 – return home interviews – DMartland advised a Task and Finish Group is being set up regarding missing from home and this issue can be picked up within that group. It was agreed to update this item.</p> <p>No 93 – challenge to health – it was agreed to amend this to read “Public Health”.</p> <p>No 98 – thresholds – WMcCulloch advised</p>	<p>FMusgrave</p> <p>FMusgrave</p> <p>FMusgrave</p> <p>FMusgrave</p>	<p>ASAP</p> <p>ASAP</p> <p>ASAP</p> <p>ASAP</p>

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	<p>improvements have been made however recommendations will be made to the LSCB at the January 2017 meeting.</p> <p>No 102 – CQC Report into CPFT – ABrown advised that this is still an open action as it has not yet been audited. To put on the agenda for the LSCB meeting in March 2017. It was agreed to move this to the Risk Register.</p> <p>No 109 – appropriate representation at Conferences – it was noted that this remains an issue and subject to ongoing challenge.</p> <p>No 110 – safeguarding training compliances – it was noted that this remains an issue. It was agreed to add this to the Risk Register.</p>	<p>FMusgrave</p> <p>FMusgrave</p>	<p>ASAP</p> <p>ASAP</p>
3	<p>Updates from Other Partnerships</p> <p>Children’s Improvement Board</p> <p>WMcCulloch advised the focus at the last meeting was the performance agenda and there was a lengthy presentation regarding the CAMHS issue and two staff attended for the presentation which was helpful for the Board. The conclusion was a conversation about trialling alternative approaches, particularly around early intervention and this coincided with issues relating to the data re children’s performance in Barrow. A proposal for the next meeting on how to pilot an approach to look at combining services. A DfE visit is to take place next week.</p> <p>Action: the latest report from GRigg to the Minister to be circulated following the DfE meeting next week.</p> <p>Health and Well-Being Board</p> <p>CCox not in attendance and no update was able to be provided.</p> <p>DMartland advised an Alcohol Strategy is being drafted with a Plan being written for implementation next year.</p> <p>The LSCB annual report will be presented once it has been presented to the Leader.</p> <p>Children’s Trust Board</p>	<p>FMusgrave</p>	<p>25/11/16</p>

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	<p>information for a deep dive.</p> <p>In respect of the retention of foster carers – a conference was held last week and CCC staff are trying to ensure they retain foster carers.</p> <p>A Boardman referred to Headstart and suggested there may be some good information that would be of help.</p> <p>Family Justice Board</p> <p>IGopsill referred to quarter 2 figures – April-September – figures in proceedings have risen. Average duration has increased to around 41 a week and this is due to legacy of cases. Cases now coming into court are better prepared and there are signs of improvement. A fuller report will be presented to the LSCB in January 2017.</p> <p>W McCulloch said overall the number of children in care has not increased and it is slightly lower than last month. This remains stable. Discharge of care orders – varies month to month.</p>		
4.	<p><i>Business Report</i></p> <p><i>Education Sub-Group</i></p> <p><i>Recommendation 1 – CAMHS Engagement in Early Help as lead professionals. Early Help Panels to monitor.</i></p> <p>This was noted.</p> <p><i>Performance Management and Quality Assurance Sub-Group</i></p> <p><i>Challenge 1 – LSCB members to note poor attendance at the last meeting of the group.</i></p> <p>A themed challenge about attendance at various sub-groups was noted as a challenge, and this will be reported on further at the January 2017 meeting.</p> <p>CRender advised that at the recent Education Sub-Group Development Day, attendance was looked at and they have removed some non-attenders from the Group and added new people on. They also agreed that if a member of the group does not attend for 3 meetings, then they will be sent a polite email and will be removed from the group and replaced by someone else, as there is keen interest in attendance. The Terms of Reference</p>		

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	<p>have been amended to this effect.</p> <p>This was noted.</p> <p><i>Recommendation 2 – CP Audit and Tool. LSCB members are asked to note and agree the plan and tool.</i></p> <p>It was agreed to add to the Audit tool – “reports sent in a timely manner”.</p> <p>This was noted and agreed.</p> <p><i>Policy & Procedures Sub-Group</i></p> <p><i>Challenge 2 – There is a requirement for a representative from UMBT for the P&P Sub-Group.</i></p> <p>This was noted and MLippett will take this forward.</p> <p><i>Communication Engagement and Participation Sub-Group</i></p> <p><i>Challenge 3 – to LSCB Members – meeting for the Sub-Group in September was not quorate.</i></p> <p>This was noted.</p> <p><i>Child Sexual Exploitation/Missing from Home Sub-Group</i></p> <p><i>Challenge 4 – Health Sub-Group to be asked to ensure that the right colleagues attend the groups.</i></p> <p>This was noted. It was also noted that LMason-Lodge will attend the Oversight Group and will then discuss further with the Named Nurses re attendance.</p> <p><i>Challenge 5 – from the Business Group back to the Sub-Group – what are they doing about taking forward the poor performance.</i></p> <p>This was noted.</p> <p><i>Health Sub-Group</i></p> <p><i>Recommendation 3 – Bridgeway referrals and awareness raising. Children need to be seen within 3 days maximum to enable forensic evidence to be collected. For toddlers this is significantly less and threshold is hours. LSCB members to note this</i></p>		

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	<p><i>requirement and share with all staff.</i></p> <p>This was noted and agreed.</p> <p><i>Recommendation 4 – Bridgeway highlighted very positive relationship they have with the Hub. LSCB Members to note this positive feedback.</i></p> <p>This was noted.</p> <p><i>Domestic Abuse Task & Finish Group</i></p> <p>It was noted that a Sub-Group is to be established that will straddle both LSCB and Safer Cumbria and report to both.</p> <p><i>Neglect Task & Finish Group</i></p> <p><i>Neglect Strategy</i> – it was noted that final comments are required by next Friday. WMcCulloch asked that the Board note the excellent work undertaken by Susan Hodkin which was invaluable.</p> <p><i>Recommendation 5 – the group have not had a representative from the school come forward therefore the group would like to escalate this to the Board.</i></p> <p>This was noted and CRender will take this back to the Education Sub-Group.</p> <p><i>Development Day – CYP Forum</i></p> <p>There was agreement that the LSCB agenda needed to be more “child focussed” and that there could be a child focussed item at the start of each meeting.</p> <p><i>Recommendation 6 – The Communications Group is to be asked to co-ordinate this with the CYP Forum.</i></p> <p>This was noted and also that a "Love Barrow" Families video will be presented to the January meeting of the LSCB.</p> <p><i>Development Day – Multi-Agency meetings</i></p> <p>Minutes from ICPC and RCPC are currently running at a significant backlog, although steps are in place to tackle this. This has been added to the Risk Register.</p> <p><i>Recommendation 7 – LSCB Members are asked to note</i></p>	CRender	24/11/16

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	<p><i>this risk and the resultant action.</i></p> <p>This was noted.</p> <p>It has been raised that the LSCB procedure regarding complaints and the ability for parents to appeal a decision to place a child on the CP register was not well publicised. Action is in hand.</p> <p><i>Recommendation 8 – LSCB members are asked to note this risk which will be added to the LSCB Risk Register.</i></p> <p>This was noted.</p> <p>A decision to place a child on a plan, or to remove a child from the CP Register will be shared, via Egress, with all agencies, once the decision has been made. If information is not received, the IRO Team should be informed.</p> <p><i>Recommendation 9 – LSCB members to note and share with staff in their agencies.</i></p> <p>This was noted.</p>		
5	<p><i>Homelessness and housing for vulnerable 16-17 year olds</i></p> <p>Diane Harrison attended for this item and was welcomed to the meeting.</p> <p>The report presented today updated the Board on the significant progress being made in respect of addressing the issues of homelessness for young people and to highlight a number of issues with potential to impact on this service.</p> <p>Recommendations as follows were noted by the Board:-</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Note the current progress in respect of implementing the joint 16/17 year old homelessness protocol. • Note the progress in relation to other related developments such as the homelessness prevention/pre-tenancy work and the Nightstop service. • Note the positive impact we are seeing in relation to reductions of homeless presentations to the Safeguarding Hub and the reduction in use of B&B's as emergency temporary accommodation. • Note the changes in national policy that may 		

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	<p>adversely affect youth homelessness and potentially create the challenges in financing supported accommodation.</p> <p>DHarrison referred to the Welfare Reform – capping of social rents – there will be big funding challenges but this is still requiring clarity. The service have access to a national resource and some free consultancy</p> <p>GRigg said it represents significant progress, and referred to her really helpful discussions with DStorr. DStorr welcomed this report and advised she has had positive feedback from housing teams and there is commitment to work together.</p> <p>GRigg said DHarrison, her team and the District Councils should be very proud of the work they have done to date.</p> <p>ABoardman suggested putting an item on the website and also onto the Risk Register.</p> <p>ABurns asked if children leaving care do get the opportunity to apply for the offer of the apprenticeship. DHarrison advised that they are hoping to open this opportunity to an individual who has knowledge of homelessness.</p> <p>DHarrison advised they have a young person who has filmed a "rap" song regarding homelessness and she will forward this to FMusgrave with a view to being shared with the Board.</p> <p>GRigg asked if there is anything the Board can do about the issue of benefit changes.</p> <p>DHarrison said supported accommodation is from 18-25 and the risk with benefit changes is that young people struggle to afford anywhere to move on to from supported accommodation. If the young person has been in supported accommodation he/she has their own private space and are not sharing as in a flat share and having to share with 4 or 5 other people.</p> <p>GRigg asked for a further update in 6 months time. This was agreed.</p> <p>JMacilwraith advised the Children’s Trust Board would welcome the same presentation. DHarrison agreed to attend a future meeting of the CTB.</p>		

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	<p>GRigg asked that the thanks of the Board are given to Diane, her Team and the District Councils.</p>		
6	<p><i>Emotional Health and Well-Being</i></p> <p>GRigg referred to the correspondence received by Ofsted and the audits undertaken and referred to the report on the Audits circulated on Friday.</p> <p>JMacilwraith advised that following the Ofsted visit where they had looked at number of cases and had raised the absence of direct involvement of CAMHS given the nature of the cases looked at, a letter from Ofsted was sent direct to GRigg advising of the concerns relating to 4 cases.</p> <p>A ChIB meeting was held the following week and a presentation was provided by CAMHS, and there was an agreement between the Chief Executives of County Council, Partnership Trust, CCG, Chairs and Corporate Director to meet to discuss. It was agreed that there will be a review of the Emotional Well-Being partnership, its membership and where it feeds to. JMacilwraith has met with this Chair of the group and he is happy to remain as Chair. A meeting of this group is being held this week and JMacilwraith will attend and the Partnership Trust are reviewing who will be attending. It was subsequently confirmed that Eleanor Hodgson and Amanda Boardman will be attending.</p> <p>The meeting will look at the Performance Indicators. There will also need to keep, as a feature, auditing of work where there has been CAMHS involvement and whether there was any challenge.</p> <p>It has also been agreed that the CAMHS Service would send a CAMHS staff member to the Early Help panels. CCC has also had confirmation from the DfE regarding the programme for review on 22 November and one of two focus groups they want set up is around CAMHS. They have advised they would like JMacilwraith and the Chief Executive to be part of this focus group. They are also keen to have practitioners in this focus group.</p> <p>GRigg asked if it was felt she should respond after today's meeting or following the DfE review next week. JMacilwraith suggested that it would be helpful if GRigg responded this week.</p>		

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	<p>ABoardman said this has given us an opportunity to stocktake where we are. It has shown how much work has been done on a comprehensive CAMHS model. Things have improved significantly but work is needed to continue to improve the Service.</p> <p>The review group who audited the cases included ABoardman, LMason-Lodge, JHiley, UParker and DRoyston. They looked at 5 cases and had records available from universal services, CAMHS and ICS. This was held on 7 November and they used the LSCB multi-agency audit tool and adapted it to include emotional well-being questions.</p> <p>3 cases were open to comprehensive CAMHS at the time – level 1 where single agency can respond, eg GP; GP can then refer to Tier 2 (now known as Mytime); and Tier 3 is step up to specialist help.</p> <p>It was thought that when looking at the cases in the recording because the term "Barnardos" has been used rather than CAMHS or Mytime (as in 3 cases) There is a need to look at ensuring all agencies are recording in the same way/using the same language.</p> <p>Recommendations:-</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. CAMHS expertise to support Early Help panels could assist in ensuring children receives the right services at the right time. 2. More explicit work to be undertaken on the comprehensive CAMHS brand and making sure that the wider system fully understands the service. 3. One case to be referred to the community paediatrician– possible diagnosis of Autistic Spectrum Disorder. 4. Senior Manager Social Care to ask for update on Early Help and ensure all pertinent information has been considered as our audit raised concerns that not all health information may have been taken into account at the Hub. 5. Copy of this report to be sent to Ofsted, Chair of LSCB, ChIB and CPFT Board. 6. CCC and CPFT to ensure all children open to Tier 2 and 3 show 'open to CAMHS on ICS and RIO. 7. CCC and CPFT to ensure all children open to social care are appropriately coded on RIO. 		

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	<p>All agreed regarding the issue of recording and the need to ensure frontline practitioners understand too.</p> <p>ABrown said there is something specific and important in recognising the leadership role in the CAMHS system and again the systems approach taken over the last 18 months has made significant difference and that they are very complex systems issues. CAMHS have some data issues and do need to be clearer about language used.</p> <p>JMacilwraith advised there is a meeting of the Emotional Well-Being Group being held on Wednesday and this proposal could be put to that meeting as a way forward. The Chair of that group is keen to reflect and reinvigorate the group.</p> <p>JMacilwraith said part of the rationale CAMHS has been a feature when first inspected and remains so. There is so</p> <p>In terms of GRigg's response to Ofsted, it was agreed that this should be sent following Wednesday's meeting.</p> <p>Action: GRigg and JMacilwraith to discuss on Thursday.</p> <p>ABoardman advised that a CAMHS briefing was drafted for publication today. GRigg asked that the LSCB be referenced in this.</p>	GRigg/ JMacilwraith	17/11/16
7	<p>Complex Abuse Panel</p> <p>WMcCulloch referred to a report circulated which gives a clear update on progress in relation to Operation Tweed. Operation Tweed is ongoing. GRigg asked if this should be added to the Risk Register. DMartland agreed that it probably should be.</p>	FMusgrave	ASAP
8	<p>Performance Management and Quality Assurance Update</p> <p>FMusgrave advised the full report has been circulated and the learning has been pulled out. The group is currently designing the next Section 11 audit. The themes are already in the Business Plan. The quality audits are getting better and the information coming through is reflective and the reports are improving. The key themes have been identified and are reflected in the Business Plan. ABoardman asked if she could be provided with the primary care responses.</p>		

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	<p>Action: FMusgrave to send Primary Care response to ABoardman.</p> <p>The survey will be re-run during March 2017.</p> <p>FMusgrave suggested having a challenge event and ABoardman asked if we could hold one in 3 localities to ensure good attendance. This was agreed.</p>	FMusgrave	ASAP
9	<p><i>Unaccompanied asylum seeking children (UASC)</i></p> <p>A paper is being presented to Cabinet shortly in respect of the relocation.</p> <p>A discussion took place on how the vulnerable children and young people will be supported and the timings of this.</p> <p>It was agreed to add this to the Risk Register.</p>	FMusgrave	ASAP
10	<p><i>AOB</i></p> <p><i>Feedback from Association of Independent LSCB Chairs Annual Conference</i></p> <p>GRigg advised she and FMusgrave attended the Conference and referred to the Children and Social Work Bill which is much wider than the focus on LSCBs. Essentially the next 2 years is business as usual for LSCBs. In terms of the Bill going through, it is expected that there will be Royal Assent in summer 2017 and will be looking at re-drafting the guidance and regulations late autumn 2017. There will then be consultation and finalisation by 2018 and implementation thereafter. It was agreed to add this to the Risk Register and to include in the Business Plan.</p> <p><i>LSCB Board Minutes - Publication</i></p> <p>Currently, it was confirmed that these are not currently placed directly on the Website but there is link to contact the LSCB for copies if required. GRigg recommended that the minutes should be on the Website. Members were asked for their views.</p> <p>It was agreed that LSCB minutes be published on the Website and that the minutes for the last 6 meetings (covering a year) will be added to the Website, GRigg will look at these to ensure that no confidential</p>	FMusgrave	ASAP

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	information is contained in them.		
11	<p>Date and Time of Next Meeting</p> <p><i>Extra-ordinary Meeting to be held on Tuesday 29 November 2016, 11.30 am – 1.00 pm, Small Hall, Morton Community Centre, Wigton Road, Carlisle, CA2 6JP – for presentation of SCR Children P report</i></p> <p><i>LSCB Meeting to be held Tuesday 17 January 2017, 10.00 am – 1.00 pm</i></p>		