

**Northumberland Safeguarding Children Committee**

**Meeting Minutes**

**15<sup>th</sup> September 2020, 2.00 – 4.00pm**

**Virtual meeting via Microsoft Teams**

<b>Present</b>	<b>Role</b>	<b>Initials</b>
Paula Mead	Independent Chair, NSCC	PM
Marion Dickson	Interim Executive Director of Nursing and Midwifery, NHCFT	MD
Joanne Hancox (for Paul Weatherstone)	Probation Officer, National Probation Service (North East)	JH
Robin Harper-Coulson	NSCC Business Manager, NCC	RHC
Alan Hartwell	Senior Manager, Performance, Education & Safeguarding, NCC	AH
Naomi Jones	Designated Doctor, Child Protection, CCG	NJ
Audrey Kingham	Director, Business Development, NCC	AK
Cath McEvoy-Carr	Executive Director of Adult Social Care and Children's Services, NCC	CMC
Vida Morris	Group Nurse Director, North Locality Care Group, CNTW	VM
Donna Rose	Detective Chief Inspector Safeguarding, Northumbria Police	DR
Paula Shandran	Professional & Operational Lead Safeguarding Adults & Children, Safeguarding Service, NHCFT	PS
Leesa Stephenson (for Annie Topping and Margaret Tench)	Named Nurse Primary Care, Northumberland CCG	LS
Martyn Strike	Deputy Director of Offender Management, Northumbria CRC	MS
Jane Walker	Virtual School Headteacher, NCC	JW
Karen Wright	Strategic Safeguarding Manager, Safeguarding Adults, NCC	KW

<b>Apologies Received</b>	<b>Role</b>	<b>Initials</b>
Siobhan Brown	Chief Operating Officer, Northumberland CCG	SB
Karen Burns	Service Manager, Cafcass	KB
Tracey Horseman	Operational Manager, Social Work Learning and Development,	TH

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Catherine Joyce	Operational Director Children's Services, Action for Children	CJ
Liz Morgan	Director of Public Health, NCC	LM
Lesley Pyle	Northumberland & North Tyneside Domestic Abuse & Sexual Violence Coordinator	LP
Graham Reiter	Service Director, Children's Social Care, NCC	GR
Phil Soderquest	Head of Housing and Public Protection, NCC	PS
Margaret Tench	Designated Nurse Safeguarding Children, Northumberland CCG	MT
Annie Topping	Executive Director of Nursing Quality & Patient Safety, Northumberland CCG	AT
Paul Weatherstone	Head of North of Tyne, National Probation Services	PW

<b>In Attendance</b>		
Sandra Blackwood	NSCC Business Support, NCC (Minute Taker)	SBI

Agenda Item	Discussion and Action Agreed	A	C
	<b>Standing Agenda Items</b>		
1.	<p><b>Welcome, Introductions &amp; Apologies for Absence</b></p> <p>PM welcomed everyone to the meeting and apologies were noted.</p>		
2.	<p><b>Minutes of Last Meeting, Matters Arising and Action Log</b></p> <p>The previous minutes of 29<sup>th</sup> June 2020 were accepted.</p> <p>The action log was reviewed and updated - see separate document.</p>		
3.	<p><b>SPRG Update</b></p> <p>The SPRG subcommittee is led by MT and plans have progressed during Covid-19.</p> <p>In MT's absence, RHC provided the group with the update on action plans and agencies were thanked for their data:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Sean – complete, except the audit on fathers is still to do.</li> <li>• Bobby – complete. Assurances have been provided.</li> <li>• Aaron – 2<sup>nd</sup> learning review took place in July. Joint report to be finalised.</li> <li>• Caitlin – almost complete.</li> <li>• Daniel – learning drafted, and assurances have been put in place.</li> <li>• Fiona – author commissioned by the 3 Safeguarding Partners and chronologies requested by agencies. The report should be completed in 6 months' time.</li> </ul> <p>CMC mentioned that the National Panel were requesting that Local Authorities review the safety for all children on Child Protection Plans in the past 2 years as they had seen a 50% increase in the number of deaths reported in babies. Angela Glenn has been asked to do a piece of work around this.</p> <p>DR mentioned that a recent suicide in North Tyneside had similarities with the Fiona Safeguarding Practice Review (age and method) and suggested reviewing this case alongside ours. <b>Action:</b> RHC to discuss with Sue Burns (NTSCP Business Manager), to ensure joint learning.</p>	<b>RHC</b>	
4.	<p><b>Reports (papers)</b></p> <p><b>a) Children not in school (Jane Walker)</b></p> <p>JW provided a summary of her comprehensive report on safeguarding children who are not in school. School Designated Safeguarding Leads were active over the lockdown period and completed weekly returns for children, providing reassurance around safety.</p> <p>There have been 47 new cases of parents choosing elective home education, although for some, this may be because they are appealing</p>		

	<p>for their first school choice or they want to review this at the end of the year. The Government's guidelines of Jan 2019 have not yet been updated, although there are better assurances in place. A Northumberland multi-agency process for monitoring the welfare of children who are electively home educated will be presented to the Policies, Procedures &amp; Training subcommittee next week.</p> <p><b>b) Designated Officer annual report (Adam Hall)</b></p> <p>AH presented his 2019-20 annual report. Accepted referrals were lower than previous years but not too concerning, as these could be linked to increased training (up 31%) and engagement, especially with schools. Training uptake and engagement is poor for sports clubs though, and this is being looked at e.g. AH has been attending weekly Football Association safeguarding meetings since July.</p> <p>CMC asked if there had been any gymnastic safeguarding referrals, considering recent publicity and AH reported that there had been none for Northumberland.</p> <p><b>c) NSSP annual report Apr 2019 - Sep 2020 (Robin Harper-Coulson)</b></p> <p>Comments have been provided by the 3 Safeguarding Partners and NSCC members, and final sign-off was requested. Agencies were thanked for their contributions. The report was agreed, and it will go to the Children's and Adults' Scrutiny Boards in due course.</p> <p>The Committee thanked everyone for their reports.</p>		
<p>5.</p>	<p><b>JTAI Action Plan (paper)</b></p> <p>AH provided the group with assurance around the procedure for monitoring this action plan. Progress was assessed by LA Leads in August and then challenged at a meeting last week by the 3 Safeguarding Partners, which resulted in the movement of some actions.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Some progress has been made with actions.</li> <li>• The delivery of MSET roadshows has been delayed because of Covid-19 and the regional review that is ongoing.</li> </ul> <p>The group were satisfied with the progress. Ofsted may review the action plan at a future inspection.</p>		
<p>6.</p>	<p><b>Agency Assurance re. JTAI theme (one agency per meeting)</b></p> <p>The current theme is mental health. JTAI meetings were on hold during lockdown but have restarted; the CCG gave positive feedback around their ongoing Trailblazer programme at the meeting on 2<sup>nd</sup> September.</p>		

<p>7.</p>	<p><b>Individual agencies' JTAI Improvement Plans</b></p> <p><b>Northumberland CCG (LS)</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Joint health action plan is in place.</li> </ul> <p><b>NHCFT (PS)</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The multi-agency audit tool (outstanding action) will be finalised in a 2<sup>nd</sup> meeting; health colleagues were asked to undertake self-assessment in their own areas initially.</li> </ul> <p><b>Northumbria Police (DR)</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The action plan is finalised.</li> </ul> <p><b>NPS (JH)</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Increased sharing, as work continues with MASH.</li> <li>• All staff are encouraged to attend virtual training sessions.</li> </ul> <p><b>CRC (MS)</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Increased communication between the MASH continues, with good learning outcomes noted.</li> </ul>		
<p>8.</p>	<p><b>Performance and Audit Report (papers) – Alan Hartwell</b></p> <p>AH presented his Performance and Audit Report September 2020 and the North and South of Tyne scorecard.</p> <p>The scorecard will be discussed by the Quality, Improvement &amp; Performance subcommittee, and there will be a review analysis from other LASs to see if there is shared learning. Benchmarking is required in order to build up a picture and hence some data may be missing if this is the first time the indicators are being collected. Direction of Travel and Early Warning Signs are also being asked to be collected.</p>		
<p>9.</p>	<p><b>Children, Young People and Families Plan - significant issues for C&amp;YP in Northumberland</b></p> <p>AH noted that the LA Communication Plan has hyperlinks to resources relating to the 6 priority areas in the Children's &amp; Young Peoples (C&amp;YP) Plan; this is still in draft, but links can be shared once finalised, after next month's C&amp;YP's Strategic meeting.</p>		
<p>10.</p>	<p><b>Forward plan – setting of next meeting's agenda (paper)</b></p> <p>Agenda items for the next meeting on 12<sup>th</sup> November were discussed.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 'Performance and Audit Report' – Q2 data will not be available in</li> </ul>		

	<p>time for this next meeting, so AH will bring updated information on the Demand Level Trends.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 'Update on Safeguarding/Board changes' was amended to 'Update on Safeguarding Training'.</li> </ul>		
<b>11.</b>	<b>Information Items</b>		
<b>11.1.</b>	<p><b>Northumberland and North Tyneside Safeguarding Adults Board Minutes</b></p> <p>Not available.</p>		
<b>11.2.</b>	<b>Report of Physical Intervention Practice &amp; Outcomes (paper)</b>		
<b>12.</b>	<p><b>Any Other Business</b></p> <p><b>a) Safeguarding Conference 3<sup>rd</sup> November 2020</b></p> <p>PS noted that topics and speakers are currently being identified in preparation for this annual conference, which will be held virtually.</p> <p>Well done to MS, who gave up smoking during lockdown and saved £2000!</p>		
<b>13.</b>	<p><b>Dates and Times of Future Meetings:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 12<sup>th</sup> November 2020</li> </ul> <p>Virtual: 1-3pm via Microsoft Teams</p>		

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Name	9.1.20	12.3.20	29.6.20	15.9.20
Paula Mead	✓	✓	✓	✓
Sheila Askew	✓	Joanne Hancox	Joanne Hancox	Joanne Hancox
Karen Burns	✓	A	✓	A
Marion Dickson	A	A	A	✓
Robin Harper-Coulson	✓	✓	✓	✓
Alan Hartwell	✓	✓	✓	✓
Dean Jackson	✓	✓	✓	Now Audrey Kingham
Cath McEvoy-Carr	✓	✓	✓	✓
Liz Morgan	A	A	DNA	A
Vida Morris	✓	A	✓	✓
Graham Reiter	✓	✓	✓	A
Donna Rose	✓	✓	✓	✓
Phil Soderquest	DNA	A	A	A
Martyn Strike	✓	✓	✓	✓
Margaret Tench	A	✓	A	A
Annie Topping	A	✓	✓	A
Karen Wright	✓	✓	✓	✓

✓ = Attended   DNA = Did not attend   A = Apologies