

**BRIGHTON & HOVE LOCAL SAFEGUARDING
CHILDREN BOARD**

**Monday 11 June 2018. 1.30pm-4.30pm
The Great Hall, Moulsecoomb North Hub**



Attendees

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| Chris Robson | LSCB Independent Chair (Chair) |
| Anna Gianfrancesco | Head of Service, Adolescent Pod & Youth Offending Service |
| Christine Lewis | Lay Member, Brighton & Hove LSCB |
| Claire-Louise Mackay | LSCB Senior Administrator (Minutes) |
| Dan Chapman (Cllr) | Lead Member, Children's Services, Brighton & Hove City Council |
| Daryl Perilli | Performance Manager, Brighton & Hove City Council |
| David Feakes | Head of Safeguarding, Sussex Community NHS Foundation Trust |
| David Kemp | Head of Community Safety, ESFRS |
| Deb Austin | Assistant Director Children's Services: Safeguarding & Care |
| Debbie Piggott | Head of Service for Assessment, Rehabilitation and IOM, KSS CRC |
| Debi Fillery | Named Nurse, BSUH |
| Emma Gilbert | Tenancy Services Operation Manager, Brighton & Hove City Council |
| Fiona McPherson | Detective Superintendent, Sussex Police |
| Jamie Carter (Dr) | Designated Doctor for Child Protection, Brighton & Hove CCG |
| Jo Lyons | Assistant Director Children's Services: Education & Inclusion |
| Jo Player | Head of Safer Communities, Brighton & Hove City Council |
| Jo Tomlinson | Designated Nurse, Brighton & Hove CCG |
| Kay Watson | St Luke's Primary School |
| Kerry Clarke | Public Health Strategic Commissioner Children's Services, BHCC |
| Mark Burden | Senior Operations Manager, National Probation Service |
| Martin McAngus | Lead Nurse Safeguarding, Sussex Partnership NHS Foundation Trust |
| Mia Brown | LSCB Business Manager |
| Naomi Ellis | Head of Safeguarding and Looked After Children, Sussex and East Surrey CCGs |
| Paul Voight | Acting Detective Sargent, Sussex Police |
| Peter Wilkinson (Dr) | Acting Director of Public Health |
| Pinaki Ghoshal | Executive Director of Children's Services, Brighton & Hove City Council |
| Ruth King | Blatchington Mill School |
| Sharon Martin | Acting Head of Safeguarding, Brighton & Hove City Council |
| Steve Marshall-Taylor | Brighton College |
| Vickie Chapman | Practice Supervisor, CAFCASS |
| Yvette Queffurus | Named Nurse, Sussex Community NHS Foundation Trust |

Apologies Received

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| Allison Cannon | Director of Clinical Quality & Primary Care, Brighton & Hove CCG |
| Andrea Saunders | Head of Sussex Local Delivery Unit, National Probation Service |
| Bethan Haskins | Executive Director of Nursing & Quality, South East Coast Ambulance Service NHS |
| Carwyn Hughes | Detective Superintendent, Sussex Police |
| Domenica Basini | NHS England |
| Jo-Anne Welsh | Chair, Violence against Women & Girls Forum |
| Mary Flynn (Dr) | Named Doctor, Brighton & Hove CCG |
| Natasha Watson | Managing Principal Lawyer, Brighton & Hove City Council |
| Nigel Nash | Service Manager, CAFCASS |
| Nicola Ranger | Chief Nurse, BSUH |
| Pierre Serra | Detective Chief Inspector, Sussex Police |
| Terri Fletcher | Director, Safety Net. Community & Voluntary Sector Representative |

1. Welcome and Introductions

- 1.1 Chris Robson welcomed the group to the meeting and introductions were made.
- 1.2 Chris Robson reminded all members to declare any conflicts of interest should they arise.

2. Minutes of Last Meeting

- 2.1 The Minutes of the last LSCB meeting on 15 March 2018 were agreed for accuracy.



3. Update on Actions

- 3.1 The LSCB considered the circulated update on matters arising from the last LSCB meeting on 15 March 2018. **Actions 15, 16, 18, 20-24, 26 & 29** are complete and **Action 19** will be discussed on today's agenda
- 3.2 A verbal update was given for **Action 7**, which recommended that information on how schools monitor racist bullying be shared with One Voice. (Ref. W&X SCR). Pinaki Ghoshal advised that there has not been a One Voice meeting for some time. The Board were advised that these monitoring arrangements are currently under review, as they do not get responses from all schools because it is not a statutory requirement, so they may need to bring this back to Board.
- 3.3 **Action 17** concerned the Pan Sussex Procedures Subcommittee. The next meeting is scheduled for July, but Chris Robson has not been able to meet with the chairs of East & West Sussex LSCB to discuss extending the tenure of the chair to make the group more productive and increase consistency. He does not think that there will be a resistance to this, and will discuss further with Anna Gianfrancesco when she starts in post as the new Head of Safeguarding for the Local Authority.
- 3.4 **Action 25** was to look more closely at the data available on peer-on-peer abuse to ascertain if the increase in referrals to the SARC is representative of higher incidences of this abuse. The figures collected show that there was an increase in 2015 and in 2017, and that there have been 19 new cases in 2018 to date. We do not know at this stage what types of peer on peer figures relate to. Numbers so far this year indicate that we do need to explore further.
- 3.5 Jamie Carter said that he felt that social workers are aware of how to manage these cases, but is more concerned about the wider partnership, including schools. Jo Lyons said that schools record any incidences and these are looked at by their health & safety board. Ruth King said that she is not sure that all schools would identify behaviours as peer on peer abuse at the moment. There was new guidance issued by the Department for Education in May 2018, and we know from previous discussion at the Board that schools are incorporating this into their staff training.



3.6 It was agreed to task Monitoring & Evaluation with looking at recognition and response to peer on peer abuse. It was agreed that Monitoring & Evaluation will need to look at the data to inform their focus, e.g. harmful sexual behaviours.



3.7 **Action 27:** Jo Player informed the Board that the Strategic Commissioner Joint Domestic, Sexual Violence & Abuse and Violence against Women & Girls (VAWG) Unit recruited to this post, and the new commissioner will start on 30 July. There will also be a report to the Neighbourhoods, Inclusion, Communities & Equalities Committee on 2 July about the contract for the Portal, and we will ask for an update on this at the September Board Meeting.



4. Update from Leadership

4.1 The Leadership Group¹ last met on 14 May 2018 and this was the first joint meeting with the Safeguarding Adults Board (SAB). There was positive feedback from attendees and Chris Robson and Graham Bartlett are keen to continue with a combined meeting, although have agreed that members do not have to stay for the duration of the meeting.



Private Fostering² Annual Report

4.2 Tina James presented the Private Fostering Annual report. This highlighted that we need to raise more awareness within faith groups of Private Fostering, either through champions or via One Voice.

4.3 There were fewer Privately Fostered children reported last year, and Tina James advises this is because Bellerbys College have increase the amount of accommodation they can provide so less of their language students are staying in host families.

4.4 There is ongoing work with the Private Fostering Social Worker to improve the percentage of visits conducted within the timescale.

Trauma

4.5 An action from the W&X SCR was for the Monitoring & Evaluation Subcommittee to better understand how the safeguarding partnership response to trauma. The subcommittee felt that this was too wide a remit for them to undertake meaningfully. Recent activity undertaken by the SAB has also highlighted issues around recognition and response to trauma. A proposal was made to hold a joint extraordinary meeting to allow both Boards to consider the issues more fully however the Leadership Group favoured commissioning an external evaluation.

Newcastle CSE SCR

4.6 The Leadership Group reviewed the Newcastle SCR regarding sexual exploitation perpetrated between 2007-2015. The LSCB have published a [briefing](#) to raise awareness across the partnership. To our knowledge this is the first review undertaken jointly by a LSCB & a SAB. It identified 33 recommendations for the NHS, CPS and government, and another 15 for safeguarding boards. It was agreed that Graham Bartlett will chair a Working Group to look more closely at those recommendations aimed at safeguarding Boards, and invitations to join this will be sent out accordingly.

4.7 The review raised questions about a variety of areas, including working with communities; working with the CPS; working with perpetrators; pupils who change educational settings; and those services not usually keyed into the safeguarding agenda – i.e. pharmacies.

Exploitation

4.8 The strategic oversight of vulnerability to exploitation was considered, and the current understanding is that exploitation into county lines activity will be part of the Community Safety Partnership's Vulnerability, Violence & Exploitation remit, but all other forms of exploitation need to be held by the children or adult safeguarding Board's respectively. Therefore the LSCB will continue to have our two subcommittees: Children & Young People Exploitation Tactical Group and the Children & Young People Exploitation Strategic Group. These will look at vulnerability to radicalisation, CSE and missing.

4.9 Chris Robson said that one of the issues has been to ensure the right representation at these groups, as the Strategic group needs to have the correct senior managers who are able to make decisions and influence their agencies. He implored Board members to ensure that the correct

¹ This group consists of the chairs of the LSCB Subcommittees and helps us co-ordinate the ongoing work to meet Business Plan objectives.

² A 'Privately Fostered' child is a child under the age of 16 (18 if disabled) who is cared for and accommodated by someone other than a parent or close relative for more than 28 days. Close Relatives are Step Parents, Grandparents, Brothers/Sisters or Aunts/Uncles.

people are present at these meetings, and invitations to the next Strategic group will be issued shortly if attendance could please be prioritised. **(Action 30)**



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| 30 | Chris Robson will write individually to the members of the Exploitation Strategic Subcommittee to explain the importance of having the correct people at these meetings | Chris Robson | Complete. Next meeting scheduled for 11 September 2018 |

5. Feedback from Development Day

- 5.1 The LSCB Development Day took place on Monday 30 April 2018, and Chris Robson thanked so many members for attending and their input to the conversations. He said that a lot of good points were made in the discussions, and that there was a lot of positive feedback that really speaks to the commitment of everyone in the Board.
- 5.2 Opportunities for positive changes were considered, and time was taken to look at what we could do better. The general consensus was that the Board functions effectively, but that a few tweaks could be made.
- 5.3 Mia Brown is currently updating the Board Constitution to include what was raised at the Development Day and this will form the basis of the submission to the three main Safeguarding Partners. We should also look at the Business Plan as part of this process, and could use this as an opportunity to involve young people in shaping the work of the Board.
- 5.4 The new Working Together guidance was originally due to be published in March 2018, but this was then delayed until May. Once published the Safeguarding Partners will have a year to put the new arrangements into effect.
- 5.5 There was a feeling at the Development Day that there are too many subcommittees connected to the Board. The continuation of the Early Help group was particularly questioned. Peter Wilkinson, the Chair of this group, said that the Terms of Reference cover a lot of ground, but this is not necessarily what the members want from the group so thinks its remit and purpose should be reviewed.
- 5.6 When Anna Gianfrancesco starts in post as the Head of Safeguarding next month she will be reviewing all of the LSCB Subcommittees to get a better understanding for how they work. This will support Chris Robson with his proposal to the Safeguarding Partners. It was acknowledged that Early Help will be part of the new Working Together, but it is difficult that the goal posts in this area keep moving. He said that there is also a new group looking at Early Help as part of the successful Troubled Families Earned Autonomy bid.



6. Agency Safeguarding Updates

- 6.1 At our last meeting we introduced this agenda item to give all partners the opportunity to reflect upon good practice and share lessons learned with other agencies. In March we heard an update on the work of the Education & Skills team around sexual violence & harassment in schools, but no one has nominated themselves to share an update this quarter.
- 6.2 If anyone has any practice that they would like to discuss in this section in future meetings please email Mia Brown mia.brown@brighton-hove.gcsx.gov.uk



7. Working Together 2018 – update on publication

- 7.1 This was discussed during item 5

8. Op Encompass – proposed implementation in Brighton & Hove

- 8.1 Following the presentation at our last Board meeting on the roll out of Operation Encompass³ in West Sussex, a Working Group has formed to look at how we could implement this scheme in Brighton & Hove. They have put forward a proposal for agreement today.



³ Operation Encompass is an initiative where the police contact a school to let them know if they have attended a domestic abuse incident at a child's home so that they can better support the pupil the next day.

- 8.2 The working group looked at feedback from other areas who did not succeed with the scheme and considered the following key challenges which may impact successful implementation of the project:
- Poor school engagement with the project
 - GDPR implications
 - Resource implications for the Front Door for Families / duplication of processes for the Front Door who advise they already contact schools regarding most domestic abuse incidents
 - The confidence and ability of school staff to appropriately support the child
- 8.3 The Working Group recommend that we bring Operation Encompass into effect in Brighton & Hove. The project will be introduced to the Schools Safeguarding Network on 29 June, and schools are advised to brief their Governors accordingly. The paper presented to Board can be read [here](#).
- 8.4 One of the main challenges will be schools having access to a secure email address to receive the notifications. This is being addressed as part of the working group.
- 8.5 Police have drawn up an Information Sharing Agreement and the Board legal adviser will review this. The reason for sharing information has been agreed as under a legal framework, with reference to Section 11 of the Children's Act. Signed consent by parents is not required and the Information Sharing Agreement is GDPR compliant
- 8.6 Governance and accountability was agreed. The project will report directly to the Community Safety Partnership Board (as the leads on Domestic Violence) and the Brighton & Hove LSCB. At an operational level, Operation Encompass will report into the Brighton & Hove LSCB Monitoring & Evaluation Subcommittee. The Police Strategy & Compliance Team will undertake weekly dip checks to see how the referrals were received and what was done and report performance to the Brighton & Hove LSCB Monitoring & Evaluation Subcommittee.
- 8.7 It was recommended that that Brighton & Hove LSCB/ Safeguarding Partnership explores furthering the projects reach to include notifying schools about children who are missing and those coming into contact with the Police.
- 8.8 Peter Wilkinson said that the Early Help Group discussed this and the schools were really keen to receive this information to help them better understand the child's behaviour. He said that where it had failed in other Local Authorities was because it relied on the goodwill of individuals, but this approach is more systematic.
- 8.11 Fiona McPherson said that as they are asking frontline officers to do another task but completing the template that having consistency across the county is really important to them.
- 8.12 Pinaki Ghoshal asked if there were any national evaluations or research into the effects of the project. He expressed concerns about committing to resourcing a project that is not evidenced based. There has not been a national evaluation by the police as implementation differs across force areas. Chris Robson said that as part of our monitoring of the scheme we will make sure it works in Brighton & Hove. It was agreed that the Working Group would meet one more time to agree how the project will be evaluated locally. **Progress will be reported under matters arising in September 2018.**
- 8.13 Ruth King asked the LSCB to be specific on what we want to evaluate, for example we can look at the process of information being passed from police to schools, but should not expect all domestic violence to stop as a result of this. We could look at qualitative data from schools on how they have responded to the child, and look at data to see if this has affected the number of exclusions. We could also consider how many cases were previously known about.
- 8.14 Kerry Clarke and Debi Fillery are doing some work on how to share information with schools and children attending A& E for self-harm. The evaluation process for this can be shared with the working group.
- 8.15 The Board agreed to support the implementation of Operation Encompass this year.

10. Participation & Engagement – joint LSCB & SAB Strategy

- 10.1 Now that our Participation & Engagement Subcommittee is a joint group with the Safeguarding Adults Board, they have adapted the LSCB Communication Strategy into a Joint LSCB & SAB Communication & Engagement Strategy for 2018 – 2021. Both Boards have a responsibility to raise



awareness of safeguarding with the public as well as professionals, and we have developed this joint strategy to embrace the Whole Family Working approach and ensure that the work of both Boards is effectively communicated to the relevant audiences such as children, young people, adults with care and support needs, families, practitioners and the wider community in Brighton & Hove. Mia Brown presented the strategy to the Board for agreement in lieu of the Participation & Engagement Subcommittee Chair, Pierre Serra.

- 10.2 The strategy can be read [here](#).
- 10.3 The strategy reflects a number of core communication principles including openness and honesty, transparency, timeliness, accessibility, and accuracy. It supports both of the Board's Business Plans and compliance with the Data Protection Act.
- 10.4 The strategy looks at the main audiences both Boards need to communicate to and the messages we need to share. For the best way to meet our objectives with children & young people the Participation & Engagement Subcommittee are consulting with the YMCA's Right Here, and the Youth Ambassadors.
- 10.6 The primary responsibility for implementing this strategy sits with the Joint LSCB & SAB Participation & Engagement Subcommittee. All members must ensure that they take responsibility for communicating all key information within their respective agencies and ensuring that any issues identified within their organisation are communicated back to the relevant Board.
- 10.7 The LSCB budget includes an annual ring-fenced sum for information and publicity. Each year the Participation & Engagement Subcommittee will agree a Communications Plan which is informed by local and national child and adult protection and safeguarding events, projects and campaigns
- 10.10 Peter Wilkinson said that the strategy reads confusingly in some places where sentences about children & young people, and adults with care and support needs, run into each other. **(Action 31)**
- 10.11 Kerry Clarke said that one of the most challenging aspects is when young people do not see behaviour as potentially harmful. She thinks that a joint campaign with children & young people, and parents and carers needs to be done to help parents have conversations, and that children should feed into the development of this. Anna Gianfrancesco agreed, and said that County Lines Exploitation and recreational drug use fits within this scope, and needs to sit elsewhere in the strategy rather than with the wider messages about safeguarding. Chris Robson said that the strategy will be a living document. **(Action 32)**
- 10.12 The Joint LSCB & SAB Communication & Engagement Strategy 2018-21 was agreed by the LSCB. This will be going to the SAB later this month for sign up.



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| 31 | Punctuation to be reviewed. | Claire-Louise Mackay | Complete |
| 32 | This year's Communication Plan should be added as an appendix to explain the specific issues we will be concentrating on increasing awareness of in 2018-19 | Mia Brown | |

11. LSCB Management Information Report

- 11.1 Daryl Perilli presented the LSCB Management Information for Q4 2017-18.
- 11.2 As of March 2018 there were:
 - 51,000 children living in Brighton & Hove
 - 5,432 SEND Children In Schools
 - 1,010 EHCP and Statemented Children
 This is above the national average.
- 11.3 4,035 Pupils were entitled to Free School Meals, which is 13.2% - lower than the National Average of 14.7%.
- 11.4 There were 168 NEET 16 to 17 year olds (Not in Education, Employment or Training). Anna Gianfrancesco explained that legally these children should be involved in some form of education, work or training, but there is little we can do to enforce this. The Youth Employability Service (YES) try to engage these young people and are told when pupils drop out of colleges so that they can



track what they are doing. Ruth King said that there is an obligation for schools to know what their students have gone onto once they have left Year 11.

- 11.5 There were also 11.2% pupils classed as persistent absentees in 2016/17. This was 10.5% nationally, and we have scheduled an update on the work to improve this figure at our September Board meeting.
- 11.6 There were 201 Educated at Home Pupils, and Jamie Carter queried whether this includes those children who receive tutoring at home as well as those who are electively home schooled? Chris Robson said that this seemed to be quite high and was advised that this has always been so in Brighton & Hove. Peter Wilkinson said that the Healthy Futures Team provide health support for children who are not attending school.
- 11.6 Peter Wilkinson asked if the amount of children living in poverty has gone down from 18.1% in 2014 to 15.5% because the city is getting more affluent or because austerity is narrowing the gap. Daryl Perilli said that the data does not tell us this, and postulated that it may also be the effect of some families having to move out of the city.
- 11.7 There were 7537 contacts to the Front Door for Families in the year ending March 2018 – this equates to 13,343 initial contacts. 2,626 children were then referred to Children’s Social Care (3,003 referrals). 1,925 children were open to Children’s Social Work, and 481 children were the subject of an Initial Child Protection Conferences
- 11.8 There were 419 Children in Care at the end of March 2018, including 29 Unaccompanied Asylum Seeking Children.
- 11.9 There were 200 A&E Attendances for self-harm in 2016/17. Daryl Perilli said that whilst attendance is down, the admissions appear to be up. Anna Gianfrancesco asked whether we should also count the number of attendances at A& E for substance misuse as well, as this is a safeguarding issue. This data may be easier to get from ruok? as they receive all the Paragon reports for young people concerning drugs. Debi Fillery said that the Mental Health Liaison Team’s figures vary as they are still seeing 2-3 young people a day which is significantly more than the number in the report. She said that if the young person presents with an “injury” it may not be recorded as self harm so BSUH need to look more closely at how their IT is quantifying this. **(Action 33)**
- 11.10 We looked at the number of children on Child Protection Plans by category of abuse, and the number of children recorded as on plans for emotional abuse has fallen to 48%, but this is still higher than the national average of 37%. The number of children on plans for neglect has increased, suggesting that professionals are now recognising emotional abuse as a form of neglect in their recording.
- 11.11 During Q4, 2017-18, there were 53 children missing education (down from 69 in Q3), 24 children missing from care, and 23 missing from home. The Monitoring & Evaluation Subcommittee have requested a report at their next meeting to look more closely at children missing education. Anna Gianfrancesco said that we should look at children on reduced timetables as this is a big risk area. Ruth King said that we should also think about short stay schools; part time timetables; late starts/shunted timetables; off-site provision/educated offsite - eg OneChurch; and internal exclusion for a sustained period of time
- 11.12 Kerry Clarke said that the Behaviour and Attendance Partnership are looking at these issues with Gavin Thomas. Once we have a more complete picture of this we can look at what we need to do to improve this situation.
- 11.13 Chris Robson said that we need some comparison figures on the safeguarding snapshot to give us more context. **(Action 34)**
- 11.14 The number of ICPCs completed within 15 working days of a strategy discussion was 79% for Q4 2017/18, down from 93% in the previous quarter. Deb Austin said that the average for the past six months was 86%, higher than the national and South East averages, and Anna Gianfrancesco said that the school holidays make it difficult to arrange the meetings within this timescale.
- 11.15 Partners other than the Local Authority have been asked to provide three indicators for the data dashboard. The data from Sussex Police is included on page four, and the education on page three. The health indicators are to be agreed at the next Monitoring & Evaluation Subcommittee meeting.



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| 33 | Debi Fillery, Anna Gianfrancesco and Daryl Perilli to discuss how we can better evidence the number of children who present at A&E due to self-harm or substance misuse | Debi Fillery, Anna Gianfrancesco and Daryl Perilli | |
| 34 | Daryl Perilli to add some comparative figures to the safeguarding snapshot to give more context | Daryl Perilli | |

12. Multi-Agency Audit on Intra-familial Child Sexual Abuse

- 12.1 Jamie Carter presented the multi-agency audit on Intra-familial Child Sexual Abuse that he led with Lee Horner. The purpose of the audit was to evaluate how effectively current multi-agency practice protects children where concerns have been raised that sexual abuse may be occurring within a family.
- 12.2 The audit looked at four main areas:
- Are concerns clearly recognised and/or dealt with early enough?
 - The interface with the child SARC, and whether the pathway worked effectively if required
 - Access to therapeutic support by children and other family members
 - Are agencies working together effectively to protect the child?
- 12.3 Seven cases were reviewed. Audits were completed by six agencies that have provided a service to the child, with the only gap being Primary Care due to capacity issues. They also sought information from the Child Witness Scheme about the support provided in cases where the child(ren) were required to attend a criminal trial.
- 12.4 The overall judgements graded two cases good with outstanding features, one case good, two cases requiring improvement with good features, one case requiring improvement and one case inadequate.
- 12.5 Strategy discussions were held in all cases, but there were issues related to the involvement of relevant agencies and recording in 5/7 cases. Professionals need to be much more specific/clearer about which health professionals need to be involved in strategy discussions and the SARC must be included.
- 12.6 The CSA Pathway was not followed in the majority of cases (5/7) and this meant the SARC was not involved when they should have been.
- 12.8 There was good evidence that the voice of the child was heard.
- 12.8 A number of recommendations were made which are being overseen by the Monitoring & Evaluation Subcommittee.
- 12.9 Chris Robson asked whether the case that was graded inadequate has been addressed. It was confirmed that an agency took a proactive action to look at this. Another case has been referred to the Case Review Subcommittee to consider for a Learning Review.
- 12.10 Chris Robson thanked Jamie Carter, Lee Horner and Tina James for their work on this.

13. Monitoring & Evaluation Subcommittee Annual Report

- 13.1 Mia Brown presented the Monitoring & Evaluation Subcommittee annual report on behalf of their Independent Chair, Helen Davies.
- 13.2 The full report can be read [here](#).
- 13.3 During 2017-18 the group has been more focused on individual agencies' own audits, and how they obtain and act on feedback from children about their services.
- 13.3 Two multi-agency audits were completed over this year. The first was on [Safeguarding Children with Disabilities](#), which was presented to the Board in December 2017 and identified some areas of good practice. The second, on Interfamilial Child Sexual Abuse will be presented today.



- 13.4 Each year the Monitoring & Evaluation Subcommittee asks all partners to provide their audit schedules for the year so that we can assured that they are assessing their own safeguarding practice. Last year the group were informed that Sussex Police would not be undertaking any safeguarding audits.
- 13.5 During the year the representatives from the National Probation Service, CAFCASS, and the Children's SARC, have been invited to attend and present summary information from their single agencies to the group. Children's Social Care presented the findings from a number of their audits on re-referrals, CSA, pod workloads, and pathway plans for care leavers, and the group considered the Pan Sussex audit of missing children. The subcommittee also routinely scrutinised MASH/FDFF data and received oral reports of the findings of the team's regular audits
- 13.6 Requests were made to the subcommittee throughout the year to audit or analyse areas of concern.
- 13.7 In 2017/18, all agencies were asked for the first time to report on how they receive feedback from children, young people and parents about their safeguarding services/interventions, the nature of the feedback, and any changes to services made in response to this feedback. The responses were of variable quality, especially on any changes made as a result of the children's feedback
- 13.8 During 2016/17, changes were made to the LSCB's Management Information Report, focussing on key data and presenting this information in a more visual way. This has continued in 2017/18.
- 13.9 There is more to do in ensuring that all agencies are listening to the voices of children/young people and their families, and are achieving a positive impact on children's lives as a result of their own quality assurance processes.
- 13.11 Pinaki Ghoshal asked what the subcommittee would consider to be a minimal audit programme, and whether the Board are able to say that agencies need to improve. Chris Robson confirmed that it is part of the LSCB's oversight role to be assured that all partners are assessing their safeguarding practice regularly and we test this via the Section 11 audits as well as single agency audit requests.
- 13.12 Chris Robson said that he thinks the police have an opportunity to do more audits. Fiona McPherson said that the Strategy & Compliance team in Sussex Police look at a lot of recommendations from HMIC, and other bodies, that require them to do audits across all areas of policing. She said that they can produce a short report that better explains what they do. **(Action 35)**
- 13.13 Jamie Carter asked if other Safeguarding Boards do their own analysis of single agency audits, as West Sussex seem to focus on multi-agency audits. Mia Brown confirmed that every LSCB will have their own Quality Assurance Frameworks, and how these are enacted may differ across the county.



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| 35 | Sussex Police will submit a report to outline how the Strategy & Compliance team quality assure the work of the force, and what this tells us about Safeguarding practice. (For attention of Monitoring & Evaluation) | Carwyn Hughes | This is on the forward planner for the November meeting of the Monitoring & Evaluation Subcommittee |

14. Any Other Business

Joint Targeted Area Inspection

- 14.1 Debbie Piggott said that Medway have received a notification of a JTAI inspection looking at Domestic Violence & Abuse. She will share her experience of taking part in this process with the Leadership Group at their next meeting.

Brighton & Sussex University Hospitals Named Doctor

- 14.2 Leonie Perera is stepping down from the role of Named Doctor at the hospital, and this will be taken over by Frances Howsam. Jamie Carter said that this is a really challenging role and Leonie has been really robust and passionate in meeting the demands of this post.

Xanax

- 14.3 Anna Gianfrancesco said that there is a rise in Xanax use. Ruok? are collating their data on young people's use. She asked all partners to record if it comes to their attention. Debi Fillery said there was a lot of self-harm incidences at one point but this seems to have tailed off. We need to know if this is a high risk cohort or more widespread situation.



Safety Rocks

- 14.4 Mia Brown asked on behalf of Terri Fletcher if any members had any feedback on the latest edition of our parents' newsletter Safety Rocks. Kerry Clarke said that in a parents' workshop there was some good feedback on the article on exam tips.



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Future Meetings:

- Monday 10 December 2018, 1.30-4.30pm, The Great Hall, Moulsecoomb North Hub,