

Brighton & Hove Local Safeguarding Children Board

**Monday 3 June 2019, 1.30-4.30pm,
The Great Hall, Moulsecoomb Hub North**

Present:

Chris Robson	LSCB Independent Chair (Chair)
Anna Gianfrancesco	Head of Safeguarding, Brighton & Hove City Council
David Kemp	Head of Community Safety, East Sussex Fire & Rescue Service (ESFRS)
Christine Lewis	LSCB Lay Member
Dawn Siddens	Designated Nurse, Brighton & Hove Clinical Commissioning Group (CCG)
Deb Austin	Assistant Director of Children's Services: Safeguarding & Care, Brighton & Hove City Council
Debi Fillery	Named Nurse, Brighton and Sussex University Hospitals NHS Trust (BSUH)
Elizabeth Cody	Director of Safeguarding, Brighton College
Emma Gilbert	Tenancy Services Operation Manager, Brighton & Hove City Council
Gareth Knowles	South East Coast Ambulance Service (SECamb)
Jamie Carter	Designated Doctor for Child Protection, Brighton & Hove Clinical Commissioning Group (CCG)
Jo-Anne Welsh	Director, Brighton Oasis Project, and Chair of Brighton & Hove Violence against Women and Girls Forum (VAWG)
Jo Lyons	Assistant Director of Children's Services: Education & Inclusion, Brighton & Hove City Council
Jo Tomlinson	Designated Nurse, Brighton & Hove Clinical Commissioning Group (CCG)
Jodie Potter	Senior Probation Officer, Kent, Surrey and Sussex Community Rehabilitation Company (KSS CRC)
Kerry Clarke	Public Health Strategic Commissioner Children's Services, Brighton & Hove City Council
Kit Francis	Lead Nurse for CSARC, Sussex Community NHS Foundation Trust (SCFT)
Laura Perkins	Brighton & Hove LSCB & SAB Business Manager
Louise Jackson	Named Nurse Safeguarding Children for SCFT and Specialist Nurse Safeguarding Children for FDFF
Mark Burden	Senior Operations Manager, National Probation Service
Martin McAngus	Lead Nurse Safeguarding, Sussex Partnership NHS Foundation Trust (SPFT)
Pinaki Ghoshal	Executive Director of Children's Services, Brighton & Hove City Council
Richard Lancashire	Modern Slavery Manager, Sussex Police
Ruth King	Blatchington Mill School

Tania Riedel	Head of Service, Adolescents and Youth Offending Service, Brighton & Hove City Council
Tara McGuicken	LSCB Senior Administration Officer (Minutes)
Terri Fletcher	Director, Safety Net
Till Sanderson	Detective Superintendent, Sussex Police

Apologies Received:

Alistair Hill	Director of Public Health
Allison Cannon	Director of Clinical Quality & Primary Care, Brighton & Hove Clinical Commissioning Group (CCG)
Daryl Perilli	Performance Manager, Brighton & Hove City Council
David Feakes	Head of Safeguarding, Sussex Community NHS Foundation Trust (SCFT)
Domenica Basini	Assistant Director for Safeguarding and Quality, NHS England South (South East)
Jo Gough	Chief Executive, RISE
Jo Player	Head of Safer Communities, Brighton & Hove City Council
Kay Watson	St Luke's Primary School
Naomi Ellis	Head of Safeguarding and Looked After Children, Sussex and East Surrey Clinical Commissioning Groups (CCGs)
Nick Childs	Lead Member and Chair of Children, Young People and Skills Committee (CYPS)
Pierre Serra	Detective Chief Inspector, Sussex Police
Yvette Queffurus	Named Nurse, Sussex Community NHS Foundation Trust (SCFT)

1. Welcome and Introductions

- 1.1 Chris Robson welcomed the Board members to the final LSCB 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 Minutes from the last meeting on 25 March 2019 were read and Terri Fletcher raised that she had sent her apologies for the meeting, but they hadn't been noted. This has now been rectified in the published [March minutes](#).



3. Update on Actions

(Ref 43 – Self-Harm Needs Assessment & Suicide Prevention)

- 3.1 Laura Perkins has now discussed with Gill Brooks, Children's Mental Health Commissioning Manager, the questions that arose from Board about A&E attendance, and this action will be discharged.



(Ref 45 – YMCA Right Here Leaflets)

- 3.2 The YMCA Right Here leaflets will be circulated alongside the 'launch' of the new arrangements. Chris Robson will have conversations about this outside of the Board meetings, and this action will be discharged.

(Ref 47 – Section 157/175)

- 3.3 The Board received an update from Dave Hunt, LSCB Learning & Development Coordinator, that he has commissioned an independent consultant (Ann Marie Christian) and we have now written to

around 220 faith organisations and community groups asking them to speak with Ann Marie. We are currently awaiting responses. The plan is then to invite those who show interest to a meeting, where we can discuss their training needs and how best we can offer this. This process will take some time and we will update as progress is made. Ann Marie has provided an outline proposal and costings for her involvement.

- 3.4 Chris Robson clarified that this work will be handed over to the Brighton & Hove Safeguarding Children Partnership (BHSCP) when the [new safeguarding arrangements](#) take place. This action will be discharged.

(Ref 48 – Section 157/175)

- 3.5 The [Adolescent safeguarding training](#) has now been running for over a year; it has been well received and staff have given very positive feedback. This has been collated via the generic Gateway evaluations and also by targeting staff who attended by using Survey Monkey three months after they had been on the training, asking if they had been able to cascade the training to other staff and also if they had been able to use the training into their practice. This gained a 100% return and staff all felt they had gained from the training and that it had enhanced their working practice and knowledge. We have also been able to improve on hearing the voice of the child/young person as we have had involvement from a young person who has been able to talk to the group about her experiences and how services worked for her or not; this has been very well received and enhanced the training sessions greatly. This action will now be discharged.

(Ref 49 – Section 157/175)

- 3.6 Gill Hibbert, Education Safeguarding Officer, had previously been asked to examine whether the Monitoring & Evaluation Group¹ was the best place to undertake the issue around the quality of referrals made to schools and Gill's plan to audit this. Gill Hibbert provided a virtual update that work is, and will continue to be, undertaken to support schools with advice, guidance and training through: the termly Brighton & Hove Education Safeguarding Network meetings; the advice and support role of the Education Safeguarding Officer; the Leading & Managing Safeguarding in Schools course organised by Brighton & Hove Governor Support. It is not clear what role there would be for Monitoring & Evaluation and Gill has not been advised by Front Door for Families that this is an area of concern.

- 3.7 Board were satisfied that work is undertaken appropriately, and this action will be discharged.

(Ref 50 – Safeguarding Support for Community Organisations)

- 3.8 The issue of safeguarding support for community organisations has been discussed with the Chief Executive of the Council and the Director of Children's Services.
- 3.9 Terri Fletcher updated members that Safety Net's funding unfortunately hasn't been continued, and although they will continue to offer training to Community/Voluntary Sector (CVS) organisations, this will have to be done on a charging model which won't be sustainable in the longer term due to these organisations having limited funds themselves. This is currently a challenge due to the difficulties with getting grant funding, and in outreach and support for smaller CVS groups.
- 3.10 Conversations are being had with Dave Hunt regarding how LSCB training can cover some of this work. Chris Robson was satisfied that this can be covered by the LSCB.
- 3.11 Terri expressed concern about engagement with smaller CVS groups, noting that take up of LSCB training has been limited from these groups. Anna Gianfrancesco explained that whilst the LSCB training may not reach all CVS groups, under the new safeguarding arrangements the Business Manager role will become full time and will incorporate working with CVS groups to ensure there is engagement, that all groups are aware of safeguarding work and practices, and to help the safeguarding partnership better understand the wider implications of our work for all community organisations. Terri thought this was positive but noted that many relationships come through the CVS sector, so work that is done needs to include Terri and other CVS representatives.
- Action: Anna Gianfrancesco to pick up conversations with Terri Fletcher and Jo Gough about safeguarding support for CVS sector under new arrangements.**

(Ref 51 – Domestic Abuse Audit Action Plan)

- 3.12 Anna Gianfrancesco has reviewed the domestic abuse audit action plan and this action will be discharged.

¹ The Monitoring & Evaluation Group oversees the development of a Quality Assurance Framework and undertakes or commissions multi-agency and single-agency audits and reviews of safeguarding activity throughout the city, to ensure compliance to the Child Protection and safeguarding procedures and that the LSCB priorities are worked to.

(Ref 52 – Management Information Report)

- 3.13 Kerry Clarke has sent the joint commissioning strategy performance report to Diane Williamson, Chair of the Monitoring & Evaluation Group, and indicators have been selected from the dataset for the Monitoring & Evaluation Group to explore. This action is now discharged.

(Ref 53 – Management Information Report)

- 3.14 Tania Riedel has arranged to send through data from Adolescent Vulnerability and Risk Meetings (AVRM) through to Diane Williamson.
- 3.15 Deb Austin sought clarification that no data that could identify children would be shared. Tania explained that the data that will be shared will be numbers of children on different red amber and green (RAG) ratings, rather than any identifying data.

(Ref 54 – Management Information Report)

- 3.16 Pierre Serra from Sussex Police has now sent through data to Diane Williamson and this action will be discharged.

(Ref 55 – Project on Support for Alcohol Dependent Parents)

- 3.17 Kerry Clarke and Jo-Anne Welsh were unsure of whether promotional materials had been circulated.
- 3.18 Jo-Anne updated the Board that on 5 July 2019 there will be an event about this project, and information will be circulated soon. Pinaki Ghoshal raised that he had seen information about this already, and it was clarified that the information had been circulated via routes outside of the LSCB. This will now also be circulated by the LSCB.

4. Update from the Leadership Group²

- 4.1 Chris Robson provided an update from the latest Leadership Group meeting which took place on 20 May 2019.
- 4.2 The last meeting was very poorly attended. As a result of continual low attendance, the group has been reviewed and Chris Robson, alongside the [Safeguarding Adults Board \(SAB\)](#) Chair Graham Bartlett, has agreed that the group should be disbanded.
- 4.3 Under the new safeguarding arrangements for the LSCB, the replacement of the Leadership Group will take the form of subgroup chairs attending a strategic 'Steering Group' with the statutory partners and independent scrutineer. There will be regular meetings between the Chairs/Independent Scrutineers of the children's and adults' Boards, alongside a representative from Community Safety Partnership. This is to ensure that correct governance is in place for joint work and that no areas of overlap are overlooked.
- 4.4 Board members agreed with these changes and nobody had any further comments or questions.
- 4.5 Chris Robson updated members that LSCB's Participation and Engagement Group is also being disbanded due to low attendance, and there have been agreements over how participation and engagement work can be put into place in the new arrangements, primarily falling under the remit of a full time Board Manager.



5. Update on Serious Case Reviews (SCRs)³

- 5.1 Emma Gilbert, Chair of the Case Review Group⁴, updated the Board members on the progress of the 'Family Gray' Serious Case Review (SCR) which is currently being undertaken.
- 5.2 Agency reports, known as Information Management Reports (IMRs) have been written with the deadline of 13 May 2019. We have received most reports but are still awaiting a few. On 10 and 14 June 2019, the reviewer will be meeting with IMR authors to delve into their reports further if required. The final report is due in September; we will know in the next few weeks whether this will need to be extended.
- 5.3 Anna Gianfrancesco updated Board that we have undertaken our first rapid review under the new guidelines, which state that when a death meets the criteria of known or suspected harm or neglect,



² The Leadership Group consists of the chairs of the LSCB Subcommittees and chairs of the SAB Subcommittees and helps us co-ordinate the ongoing work to meet Business Plan objectives.

³ A Serious Case Review should be carried out for every case where abuse or neglect is known or suspected and either a child dies; or a child is seriously harmed and there are concerns about how organisations or professionals worked together to safeguard the child.

⁴ The Case Review Group meets on a monthly basis to consider whether we should undertake Serious Case Reviews (SCRs) or Learning Reviews, follow the process of reviews underway, agree final reports and track actions.

we have to complete a 15-day review. The review outcome in this case was that no local learning or serious case review is required. The rapid review meeting followed the tragic death of a young person by suicide. The decision has been forwarded to the National Panel for their ratification.

- 5.4 Those on the Board who were involved in gathering information from their agencies for the rapid review were thanked for their quick involvement and thorough reports. Emma Gilbert commented that the review offered a good opportunity to test the new system, however was quite a discrete piece of work. In future, larger, more complex cases might be more difficult to put together into a report within the 15-day timeframe.
- 5.5 Child safeguarding practice review guidelines have been circulated to the Case Review Group. Chris Robson requested that they also be shared with the new Steering Group.
Action: Laura Perkins to circulate child safeguarding practice review guidelines to Steering Group.

6. Quarter 4 South East Coast Ambulance Service (SECamb) Safeguarding Report

6.1 Gareth Knowles presented to the Board SECamb’s quarter four (January to March) safeguarding report.



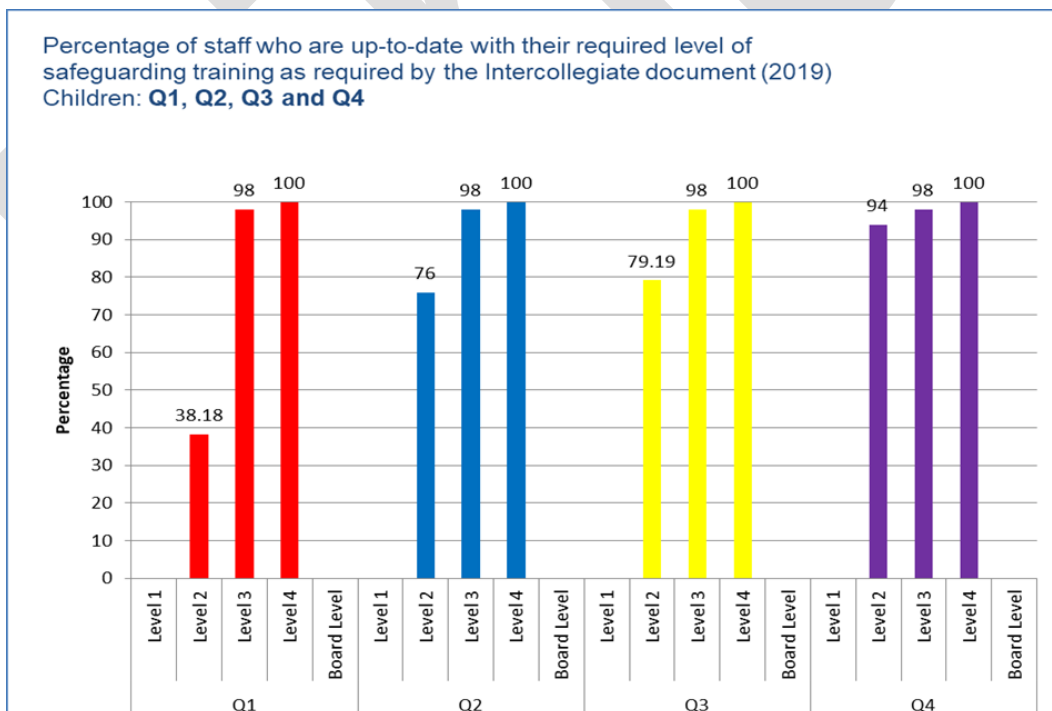
Context

6.2 SECamb cover 3600 square miles and a population of 4.15 million people. There are 14 operational dispatch areas, and an average of 175 ambulances and rapid response vehicles are on duty at any given time. SECamb get 2500 calls per day and 1200-1300 referrals every month, an increase from 2017-2018. Gareth noted that this increase could be due to an increase in the number of trained staff undertaking calls and referrals.

6.3 There has been significant investment in the safeguarding team over the last two years with new roles created at all levels.

Training

6.4 SECamb training offered to clinical staff focuses heavily on safeguarding children and includes e-learning which is job specific. The safeguarding children training covers Female Genital Mutilation (FGM), Domestic Abuse (DA), and Child Sexual Exploitation (CSE).



Clinical staff also receive face-to-face training in Gillick Competence⁵ and the Mental Capacity Act (MCA)⁶.

⁵ Gillick competency is used to help assess whether a child has the maturity to make their own decisions and to understand the implications of those decisions.

⁶ The Mental Capacity Act 2005 provides a legal framework for acting and making decisions on behalf of adults who lack the capacity to make particular decisions for themselves.

6.5 For non-clinical staff, SECAMB has developed a new basic awareness e-learning package on Prevent⁷ that all staff will be expected to complete during 2019/20.

6.6 Three members of staff are now also being trained as trainers.

Supervision

6.7 SECAMB have reported that for quarter one, two, three, and four, there has been no safeguarding supervision policy in place. SECAMB have agreed that there will be a safeguarding supervision policy as a standalone policy and this is being progressed.

Serious Incidents

6.8 SECAMB haven't provided any data on serious incidents with a safeguarding element for quarter two, three, or four. A process for capturing and recording safeguarding related Serious Incidents needs to be progressed.

Learning from Serious Case Reviews (SCRs), Domestic Homicide Reviews (DHRs)⁸, and Safeguarding Adults Reviews (SARs)⁹

6.9 SECAMB practice is often commended in case reviews. A notable example was in the recent [Baby Alex Learning Review](#), a case of a young boy injured in the care of his parents, where the ambulance crew were tenacious in gaining access to the home despite the Mother's reluctance to cooperate.

6.10 SECAMB are aiming to improve how they evidence incorporation of learning from reviews and are working on ways to track implementation of learning and monitoring what is working in practice.

Modern Slavery

6.11 SECAMB do not have a modern slavery statement published on the SECAMB public facing website. There needs to be a clear statement regarding modern slavery, which is accessible to the public and is reviewed at least annually and this will now be worked on.

Prevent and Female Genital Mutilation (FGM)

6.12 For quarter four there have been no case referrals for either Prevent or FGM. This may be because interactions with patients are so brief and paramedics don't perform intimate examinations, so opportunities for identification are very low.

Board Discussion

6.13 Gareth Knowles asked the Board if they have any questions relating to the report.

6.14 Pinaki Ghoshal asked why the number of referrals to children's social care looks particularly low in Brighton and Hove. Gareth was unsure of whether this is due to a possibly lower paediatric population, due to socioeconomic factors, or due to being behind with training. Pinaki queried whether it could also be due to issues around neglect and urged the importance of not wanting to miss anything. Gareth said he would go away and enquire about this issue.

6.15 Anna Gianfrancesco noted that in previous years there had been some work in SECAMB around people presenting very drunk or on drugs, where a pathway had been considered from the ambulance service through to front door for families, though this doesn't seem to have actually been put into place. Anna asked Gareth whether he knew of a referral pathway for cases that aren't brought to A&E. Gareth explained that in Kent, SECAMB have looked at a similar situation of children who aren't registered with a GP, and pathways for referrals are being looked at. Gareth and Anna agreed to discuss this issue further outside of the meeting.

Louise Jackson mentioned that she met with Emma Ray, Safeguarding Practitioner for SECAMB, about this specific issue and will be talking about it further going forward.

6.16 Chris Robson asked whether the training provided covers the different referrals pathways. Gareth clarified that they don't because the pathways differ so much on a local level and aren't the same across the region. They are hoping to get local pathways around to relevant ambulance crews.

6.17 Christine Lewis raised that in the report there aren't any comparable tables showing the data of number of vulnerable of groups referred, including Prevent and FGM, and asked if there was a similar lack of reporting of these groups in other areas. Gareth explained that there were no differences across areas in the underreporting of FGM and Prevent, but that he would mention that it would be useful to have comparable tables of data.



⁷ Prevent is one of the four strands of CONTEST, the Government's Counter Terrorism Strategy. The 'Prevent Strategy' is to reduce the threat to the UK from terrorism and aims 'to stop people becoming terrorists or supporting terrorism'.

⁸ Domestic Homicide Reviews (DHRs) are conducted when someone has died as a result of, or their death is suspected to have been caused by, domestic violence and abuse.

⁹ A Safeguarding Adults Review (SAR) is a multi-agency process that considers whether or not serious harm experienced by an adult, or group of adults at risk of abuse or neglect, could have been predicted or prevented.

6.18 All issues identified in the SECamb Quarter 4 report will be addressed by SECamb and the new Steering Group will be updated of progress.

7. Preventative Programme for Infant Head Injuries: ICON

7.1 Jamie Carter told the Board that in West Sussex there have been a severe number of infant injuries and in Brighton & Hove a few recent cases of infant injuries have resulted in a SCR or a learning review include [Baby Alex](#) and [Baby Liam](#).

7.2 ICON is a programme looking at abusive head trauma (AHT)¹⁰, typified by injuries to brain, eyes, and some other areas, which can lead to death or debilitating injury. 24 of every 100,000 babies are affected each year by AHT, and research suggests that 1 in 9 mothers may have shaken their baby and up to 2 in 9 have felt like doing so.

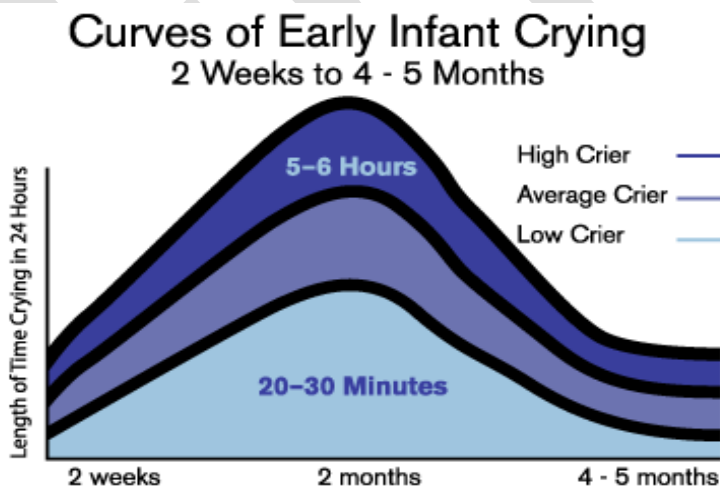
7.3 Recent SCRs (as above) have highlighted the risk to infants and that even the best child protection plan won't be able to prevent a child being harmed in the middle of night by their parents. Very often advice is targeted towards mothers and not fathers, although 70% of AHT cases are perpetrated by males.

7.4 Many parents shake their baby as an impulsive reaction to crying, and many don't understand the consequences of head shaking. The ICON programme is a multi-agency preventative programme based around helping parents cope with a crying baby, which teaches parents the following:

- I) Infant crying is normal, it will stop!
- C) Comfort methods can soothe the baby and the crying will stop.
- O) It's OK to walk away if you have checked the baby is safe and the crying is getting to you.
- N) Never, ever shake or hurt a baby.

The ICON Programme incorporates messages within a series of touch point interventions throughout universal services for children and families: 2 midwifery contacts, 3 health visiting contacts, 6-8 week GP checks.

7.5 The programme builds on primary/universal services and aims to normalise crying; crying decreases with age and by 5-6 months crying starts to dissipate. ICON has promotional films and is also developing new resources.



7.6 'Dadpad' is an additional element of the ICON programme, into which the ICON 'Coping with crying' and safe sleeping messages has been incorporated to educate fathers of the issue.

7.7 The cost for a Sussex-wide copy right to all recourses, templates, training slides, scripts, media films and new developments within ICON is £5,000. Additionally, a total cost for a 4-year license to Dadpad is £64,000, or a discounted £50,000 for app licenses to cover all the areas in Sussex, which would equate to £12,500 per area.

7.8 Impact from the ICON programme and Dadpad can be measured by the number of AHT victims, numbers of parents/carers attending emergency departments with a 'crying baby' and no signs of

¹⁰ Abusive head trauma (AHT), commonly known as shaken baby syndrome, is an injury to a child's head caused by someone else.

illness, as well as qualitative measures such as parental reports and feedback from the programme/app.

- 7.9 So far, the programme has been adopted in West Sussex Safeguarding Board and East Sussex Safeguarding Board are now also looking at it.
- 7.10 Jamie Carter asked the Board members if they have any questions about the ICON programme or Dadpad.
- 7.11 Terri Fletcher asked whether in cases of AHT the parents are often already known to services or not. Jamie explained that in serious case reviews this tends to be the case, but he was unsure of the breakdown in more general cases, though could think off the top of his head some cases where the families were not known to services previously.
- 7.12 Chris Robson said that the LSCB couldn't commit to funding but that this can be brought to the partnership. Pinaki Ghoshal questioned why the NHS isn't paying for the programme. Jamie explained that the NHS isn't paying for the programme because it is considered a multi-agency programme, and although it clearly has an impact on the health system, it also impacts social care and there is often also a criminal component to many cases, so it isn't only relevant to the NHS. Chris agreed that in preventing harm to children, there are many multi-agency staff who can deliver information in the ICON programme, for example social workers. Pinaki agreed that there are many modes of delivery across agencies but retained that the ICON programme itself should be paid for either by the NHS, CCG, or Public Health. Jamie agreed to take this back for discussion.
- 7.13 Pinaki felt that the ways in which we reach fathers needs to be looked at more widely throughout this. Jamie agreed, explaining that this concern is what drove Dadpad's creation. Jo Tomlinson shared that the Case Review group is currently having discussions about how to reach fathers and secondary carers and exploring the various fathers' groups that can be worked with.
- 7.14 Anna Gianfrancesco asked Jamie who is leading on the implementation of the ICON programme and Dadpad. Jamie answered that himself and Sam Tyler are leading in the short term, but that he was unsure who would have oversight in the longer term. Anna urged the importance of keeping the drive going and embed assessment processes and evaluation of the programme, including GP 6-week checks. It was agreed that a large challenge pan-Sussex will be keeping oversight of action plans on wider work around this. Jamie agreed that he would also take this back for further discussion and that this will be fed back through the Business Manager for the new partnership to look at in more detail.

8. Modern Slavery and Trafficking

- 8.1 Richard Lancashire, Modern Slavery Manager at Sussex Police, came to talk to the Board about modern slavery and trafficking. He thanked the Board for the invitation to talk.
- 8.2 Sussex Police continue to invest in developing their response to the National Strategic priority and employ Richard Lancashire to drive this in the force with the Sussex portfolio lead, D/Supt Jeff Riley. Developing training, policies, procedures, and investigations are necessary for Police personnel, but equally in conjunction with Partners. It is important that Richard works with all agencies to ensure their training is adequate and covers the obligations to report modern slavery and trafficking. The bespoke modern slavery coordinator, Tom Bennett, is monitoring this for Brighton and Hove City Council.
- 8.3 The Police are driven by:
- Article 4 of European Convention on Human Rights (ECHR) – Prohibition of slavery and forced labour ([Link here](#))
 - The Modern Slavery Act (2015) ([Link here](#))
 - The strategic plan for the Home office, National Police Chief Council and the UK Independent Anti-Slavery Commissioner
 - College of Policing
- 8.4 Richard provided a brief snapshot of the Modern Slavery Act (2015):
- **Section 1** relates to 'slavery, servitude and forced or compulsory labour'. There aren't often children in this category, although there may be rare cases, for example children brought into UK with a view to escaping their country of origin who may be forced into working after school. Sometimes modern slavery offences aren't looked at in cases like this.
 - **Section 2** relates to human trafficking. There is misinterpretation in the press about what human trafficking is, and in reality, it depends on the objectives of moving person. Perpetrators of human trafficking are any group of people responsible for recruiting a person and facilitating



movement with the purposes of exploitation at the other end. This can be within a country or across countries. For cases involving children, you just have to prove they have been recruited and moved from one location to another with the purpose of exploitation to classify for human trafficking, you don't have to identify the means by which this was done.

- **Section 3** discusses what the meaning of exploitation. Types of exploitation include slavery, servitude or compulsory labour, sexual exploitation, and securing services by force, threats, or deception. Forced marriages are considered one interpretation of such services.
- **Section 52** outlines the obligation of organisations regarded in law as first responder organisations (including all local authorities and police) to refer any potential victim of modern slavery or human trafficking to the Home office Single Competent Authority using the National Referral mechanism (NRM)¹¹ process. Whether a child was encountered as a potential migrant child, asylum seeker, Child Sexual Exploitation (CSE) victim, Child Criminal Exploitation (CCE)¹² victim, drugs supplier or a number of other scenarios, the primary available information must be examined in order to assess whether there are reasonable grounds/credible suspicion that they may be the subject of exploitation. The police additionally have a duty to record, respond and investigate these cases and apply meaningful tactics capable of identifying and prosecuting those responsible. The investigation into modern slavery takes place parallel to any other ongoing investigations.

- 8.5 In 2018, Brighton & Hove City Council referred four under 18s into the NRM. This means that on four occasions in the year, circumstances of a child's exploitation (Criminal, sexual or to provide benefits or services to a third party) resulted in a Section 52 referral. The potential reasons for this low number and a catalyst for increased future referrals is central to current efforts.
- 8.6 Safeguarding assessments, case reviews, training and awareness plans and procedures should all be mindful of Slavery and trafficking.
- 8.7 Jo Player, Head of Safer Communities at Brighton & Hove City Council, is the Modern Slavery lead contact and the recently appointed Modern Slavery co-ordinator, Tom Bennett, will be developing the current arrangements. There is also a Pan-Sussex Modern Slavery Network where all Sussex local authorities, Police and other stakeholders seek to apply a common direction of travel.
- 8.8 Having seen that YMCA trainer Mark Cull was set to deliver training to taxi drivers on Safeguarding, Richard Lancashire has provided him with a Modern Slavery & Trafficking dimension for his consideration. Richard Lancashire will also be meeting with Gareth Knowles from SECamb alongside a drugs county lines portfolio colleague to assist the training of SECamb teams.
- 8.9 Chris Robson thanked Richard for his time and reiterated to the Board the importance of all practitioners being aware of this information and on how to spot the signs of modern slavery and human trafficking.

9. Safety Rocks Newsletter for Secondary Schools



- 9.1 Terri Fletcher has put together the primary school [Safety Rocks Newsletter](#) and is currently working on putting together the secondary school newsletter. The newsletters are for the parents and carers of secondary aged children. Terri enquired whether the Board had any suggestions on what could be included in the leaflet as it is important to have relevant and current sections.
- 9.2 It was raised that the newsletter could perhaps involve something about [VVE¹³ Week of Action](#) which is taking place at the end of June, with ongoing work beyond June.
- 9.3 Terri noted that she could circulate dates to Board members, so they could let her know if there is anything they would like to be included.
- 9.4 Pinaki thought that it might be useful to include something about modern slavery and also a piece about the ICON programme.
- 9.5 Debi Fillery mentioned that some staff members have raised confusions about how old a child can be before they can be left home alone. NSPCC have a good checklist on this and it might be worth highlighting this to parents/carers in the newsletter.

¹¹ For further guidance on the National Referral Mechanism (NRM) [click here](#).

¹² Child Criminal Exploitation (CCE) is when children are targeted, often by gangs, to carry out criminal activity.

¹³ Violence, Vulnerability, and Exploitation (VVE) refers to when young people are exploited often to carry out drug-related activity across county lines. [See here for more](#).

9.6 Board members agreed it would be useful to have these newsletters as a standing item on Board meetings so that ideas can come through sooner.

10. Final Update on New Arrangements



- 10.1 Anna Gianfrancesco updated the Board that there have been a number of meetings recently between all partners on the new safeguarding arrangements. We have written the proposal for our new arrangements and will be submitting this to the Secretary of State for Education once it has been approved by the [Health & Wellbeing Board](#). This will be finalised by 29 June 2019.
- 10.2 What we're looking at in our new arrangements is quite different on some levels; Chris Robson will continue to chair the Board meetings as our new 'Independent Scrutineer' and will also chair our new 'Steering Group', which replaces the LSCB Leadership Group. Board meetings will become themed and more discussion-based and interactive. As well as the Independent Scrutineer, the Steering Group will be comprised of the key partners, chairs of the subgroups, designated professionals for each agency (heads of safeguarding), a representative from Community Safety Partnership, and a representative from schools/early years. The Steering Group will scrutinise budget spends and set the agenda for The Partnership (BHSCP), and work will be very much be led by the subgroups. Membership will be reviewed so that a wider representation is included in work being done.
- 10.3 Subgroups won't be changed dramatically apart from Leadership and Participation & Engagement which are both being disbanded. Some names of subgroups will be changing to be consistent across Sussex. The Learning & Development Group will look at pan-Sussex learning in addition to local learning. The Case Review group and Monitoring & Evaluation group will be kept named as such. The Exploitation group will continue to be joint with the SAB and will be looking at the VVE action plan. The Child Protection Liaison Group (CPLG)¹⁴ will continue once every other month and will be renamed to Child Safeguarding Liaison Group (CSLG). Chris Robson's role as Independent Scrutineer will be much more attending subgroups and offering challenge about our work, themes, and perhaps deciding on what themes can be looked at.
- 10.4 Regarding Community/Voluntary Sector (CVS) representation, we have proposed a similar membership to now, but are also asking representatives to review how they can best represent the whole sector (e.g. sports groups). This is an opportunity to think about who attends Board meetings and how wider partners can be brought in and add to our work, as well as allowing us to help with theirs. Terri Fletcher remarked that this will need further discussions as they might struggle to get representatives from smaller groups at board, and in the current climate many are stepping back from responsibilities like sitting on Boards. Anna said that it doesn't have to be fixed and that agreed to have further discussions about this.
- 10.5 School and college representation will continue on our new Board.
- 10.6 The Business Manager post will be going full time and will adopt community engagement work (picking up the workplan of the LSCB Participation & Engagement Group), incorporating the voice of children and families as well as the voice of faith and community groups. Some of this will hopefully include young people being represented in meetings.
- 10.7 Kerry Clarke felt that in the past there have been difficulties with pre-planning funding of different projects and services and raised that she would like there to be further discussions about what a pooled funding pot might look like, what criteria would have to be met for it to be allocated, and what would classify as a Public Health, Children's Services, or NHS responsibility. Pinaki Ghoshal clarified that the Safeguarding Board's purpose was never to be funding things as it hasn't got secure funding and isn't an organisation. Anna agreed that there isn't any space in the budget to fund things outside of training, meetings, and case reviews (e.g. anything outside of the business of the partnership). Chris Robson explained that there will be transparency over funding for our arrangements, and that we only occasionally have the ability to fund things because of previous underspends on our budget. It was agreed that the three statutory partners and perhaps the Steering Group need to have further conversations around longer term commissioning arrangements.

¹⁴ The child Protection Liaison Group (CPLG) is a multi-agency forum that currently meets on a monthly basis to review and improve joint working practice in respect of inter-agency Child Protection processes.

11. Any Other Business

VVE Week of Action



- 11.1 The following updates were provided to the board by Jo Player on behalf of Tim Read, VVE Coordinator:
1. As previously mentioned, the LSCB exploitation group has expanded to include SAB and is now known as the exploitation group. This group will continue to steer the progress against the VVE action plan. The VVE Coordinator is working with SAB representatives to ensure the VVE action plan reflects adults services.
 2. Relevant actions from the [Newcastle SCR](#) have been transferred to the VVE action plan and work is happening with Mia Brown to ensure actions are not repeated elsewhere.
 3. Key performance indicators have been agreed with the strategic leads of VVE action plan and performance monitoring will begin from Quarter 1, 2019-20. Where possible, data will be backdated for 2018-19 to enable the Exploitation group and others (possibly Monitoring & Evaluation Group) to compare against the previous year's data. Quarter 1 performance data will be shared with the new Partnership.
 4. The VVE Coordinator is in the initial scoping stages of developing a data analyst forum to improve multi-agency data sharing and analysis to inform targeted commissioning, interventions and messaging.
 5. The Sussex Police and Crime Commissioner-led bid to Early Youth Intervention Fund has led to the [REBOOT programme](#) being launched across Sussex; The VVE Coordinator represents Brighton & Hove City Council in a local implementation group to ensure the communications strategy links to existing service provision and to raise awareness of referral criteria/processes.
 6. The Exploitation group is undertaking work to review existing safe spaces provision in the city centre in advance of the busy summer months coming up. This is to ensure that Night-Time Economy (NTE), licensed premises, and security staff are confident in how to safeguard children at immediate risk of harm and where follow up support can be identified.
 7. A contextual safeguarding approach is being developed pan-Sussex and a link to an online survey for LSCB members will be for us to gain a clear understanding of people's confidence and knowledge in this area: [Link here](#). It was requested that this is shared widely throughout member organisations. This will help to inform a pan-Sussex contextual safeguarding conference being planned for later in the year – hopefully October or November.
 8. VVE week of action plans for the week commencing 24th June are progressing well with highlights including a world café at the Amex on 25th June to raise awareness of how VVE impacts the city, exploitation awareness training for taxi drivers, outreach and engagement activity across the city's neighbourhoods and a 'spot the signs' style social media campaign currently in development by the communications team which will be shared early June. It was requested that this is also shared far and wide including posters and sample messages for social media accounts.
- 11.2 Anna Gianfrancesco raised concerns that the VVE week of action hasn't been circulated very well and many people might not know much about it.
Action: Tania Riedel and Laura Perkins to talk to Tim Read about an agenda on the VVE week of action.

Pelican Parcels

- 11.3 Christine Lewis raised awareness of a service she is involved in called [Pelican Parcels](#) who take donations of essentials for babies and children up to the age of 10 and distribute them via frontline staff. This has been going on since December 2018 and has already provided support to over 80 families. Sometimes health visitors have heard about this 'through the grape vine', but it would be good to have more strategic sharing of the service's work. [See more here](#).
Action: Tara to put on LSCB website.
- 11.4 Jo Tomlinson provided an update on the [Gosport report](#) for the Board to have awareness of it. There was an investigation into Gosport memorial hospital after a significant number of patients died due to morphine and opioid being given to them. Certain measures have been put in place, but others need strengthening, so CCGs will be asking providers for assurance about their response to the learning and asking them to provide action plans.





12. **Handover to Brighton & Hove Safeguarding Children Partnership (BHSCP)**

This is the last meeting of the Board as the 'LSCB'. Chris Robson thanked all members and advisors for their contributions to the Board, noting that there are many dedicated people to safeguarding and hoped that they stay engaged and committed to the new arrangements. There will be some changes which will be good – especially pan-Sussex – but local commitments will remain. Chris remarked that he has enjoyed being the LSCB chair and looks forward to undertaking his role as Independent Scrutineer for the BHSCP.

Future Meetings for BHSCP:

- Monday 9 September, 1.30-4.30pm, Moulsecoomb North Hub, Great Hall
- Monday 16 December, 1.30-4.30pm, Moulsecoomb North Hub, Great Hall

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