

1. Attendance, Apologies & Governance.

SLSCB Members	Title	Representing	Other Interests: Stockton-on-Tees or Tees Valley Partnerships, Boards, Group etc. (Ch. denotes Chair, VCh Vice-Chair)	
Colin Morris (CM)	LSCB Independent Chair	SLSCB		Att
Pauline Beall (PB)	Business Manager		MALAP (Multi Agency Looked After Partnership)	Att
Lesley Cooke (LC)	Lay Member		Eastern Ravens Trust	Att
Jo Thornhill (JT)	Lay Member		Middlesbrough College Lecturer Teesside University Lecturer	Att
Jane Humphreys (JH)	Corporate Director of Children, Education & Social Care (CESC)	Local Authority	CCG Stockton Locality Board Member Stockton Local Executive Group Adult Safeguarding (Ch.) Hartlepool & Stockton CCG Board Member Health and Well Being Board (HWB) HWB Adult Partnership HWB Children's Partnership SMB – Public Protection Tees Adult Safeguarding Board TSVG Strategic Group Safer Stockton Partnership	Apol
Lynda Brown (LB)	Head of Education, Early Years & Complex Needs			Att
Eric Jewitt (EJ)	SBC CESC Children's Workforce Manager / Chair Children's Workforce Sub Group			Att
Peter Kelly (PK)	Director of Public Health			Att
Liz Hanley (LH)	Adult Services Lead		Health and Well Being Commissioning Group. Learning Disabilities Partnership (Ch.) Stockton Local Executive Group Adult Safeguarding;	Att
Shaun McLurg (SMcL)	Head of Children & Young People's Services		CAF Board (Ch.) Children & Young People Health Wellbeing Commissioning Group Youth Offending Service Management Board	Att
Julie Nixon (JN)	Head of Housing & Community Protection		Domestic violence Strategy Group, Health and Wellbeing Partnership Safer Stockton Partnership, SBC Adult Social Care Board, Welfare Reform Board	Apol
Simon Willson (SW)	SBC CESC Head of Business Support & Improvement / Chair Performance Sub Group			Att
Cllr Ann McCoy (AMc)	Lead Cabinet Member - Children and Young People (Participating Observer)			Att
Janice Deakin (JDe)	Service Manager		CAFCASS	Att

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Rob Donaghy (RD)	Detective Superintendent	Cleveland Police		Apol
Alex Taylor (AT)	Head Teacher Independent Schools	Education Establishments		Att
Claire Humble (CH)	Head Teacher Secondary Schools			Att
Kerry Coe (KC)	Head Teacher Primary Schools			Att
Joanna Bailey (JB)	Principal S'ton 6 th Form College		14-19 Partnership, Campus Stockton CPD Group Campus Stockton R&D Group Secondary Heads Group,	Att
Diane McConnell (DMc)	SBC Chief Advisor School Effectiveness			Att
Jean Freund (JF)	Executive Nurse	Hartlepool & Stockton Clinical Commissioning Group (CCG)		Att
Karen Hedgley (KH)	Senior Manager, Children's Safeguarding and Looked After Children (Designated Nurse). <i>Advisor to the Board</i>			Apol
Kailash Agrawal (KAg)	Designated Doctor <i>Advisor to the Board</i>			Apol
Bev Walker (BW)	Deputy Director of Nursing, Quality and Safety	NHS England (Durham, Darlington & Tees Area Team)		
Linda Watson (LW)	Clinical Director Community Services (SLSCB Vice Chair)	North Tees & Hartlepool NHS Foundation Trust	Better Care Fund Steering Group Hartlepool LSCB Hartlepool LSCB Training & Development Group (Ch.) North of Tees Partnership Group	Att
Julie Allen (JA)	Director of Offender Services -Durham & Tees Valley	Probation Services		Apol
Barbara Gill (BG)	Head of Offender Services - Community Rehabilitation Company			Att
Lesley Mawson (LM)	Associate Director of Nursing and Compliance	Tees, Esk & Wear Valley NHS Foundation Trust		Att
Julie McNaughton (JM)	Accommodation Contracts Manager	Thirteen / Housing Provider Joined Board 09/2014		Att

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Steve Rose (SR)	Chief Executive Officer Catalyst	Voluntary Sector	Safer Stockton Partnership, Stockton 14-19 Partnership, Stockton Carers Implementation Group, Stockton Health & Wellbeing Partnership Stockton VCSE Senior Leaders Forum, Stockton Voice, Stockton Youth Offenders Service Board, Tees Dementia Collaborative, Tees Valley Local Development Agencies Forum, Tees Valley Unlimited European Social Inclusion Task & Finish Group	Att

Minute Taker & Guests:	Lorna Gray, SLSCB Administrator	
Detective Sergeant Simon Walker - Cleveland Police.	Regina Harrington – Housing Team Leader, Strategy and Development	Karen Blackburn – Probation, Lead Manager, Court Services.
Jill Anderson, Service Manager - First Response, CESC	Martin Graham – Strategic Manager, Children & Young People.	Anne Marie Cartwright – Assistant Manager, Attendance Service CESC
Nigel Chilton – Principal Advisor, CESC		

Meeting Quorate:	Yes
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Declarations of Interest	There were no declarations of interest
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Ref No. 2	Welcome and Introductions
Discussion	<p>CM welcomed Julie McNaughton to her first SLSCB meeting representing Thirteen Housing Group.</p> <p>CM initiated discussion on the efforts that had been made to try to arrange a self-assessment benchmarking event against the Ofsted Inspection Framework using an Independent Consultant Sue Woolmore (SWo). A mutually convenient date could not be agreed due to conflicts with other diary pressures. A date in March 2015 was offered by SWo, however members felt it would not be appropriate to wait that length of time, further dates would be sought or an alternative method introduced to undertake this work.</p> <p>Discussions continued regarding CSE benchmarking work post Rotherham and the Jay Report. Members shared information on work that has already been completed or is underway;-</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Local VEMT groups have completed a CSE benchmarking exercise pre Rotherham and information is being collated by the Strategic VEMT group. ▪ JH is preparing a report for Cabinet; it is likely the report will be shared with SLSCB in due course. ▪ Mark Braithwaite – Independent Chair, Middlesbrough LSCB is completing a benchmarking exercise on behalf of the LSCB Chairs and Tees LSCBs VEMT. ▪ SMcL has given a VEMT awareness presentation to Council Members and Chairs of Governors which included a CSE Case Study. The presentation is also to be given to secondary Heads when a date is confirmed. The presentation can be shared with SLSCB and other Key Groups if required. ▪ The Voluntary Sector are holding a meeting called 'Voice Forum' they are doing a half day workshop on CSE work in the Stockton Voluntary Sector
Agreement / Outcome	i. SLSCB Self-Assessment, with Sue Woolmore, if possible to be completed before December 2014.

ii. October Agenda Item: CSE Information Sharing / Benchmarking post Rotherham.				
Log Ref	Mtg Date	Action Required	Person Responsible	Due Date
36/9/1415	18.09.14	SLSCB self-assessment session.	CM	20.11.14
37/9/1415	18.09.14	Details of ongoing work / work completed around CSE to be emailed to SLSCB Business unit	ALL	02.10.14

Ref No. 3	SLSCB Action Log
<i>Discussion</i>	PB advised the SLSCB Action Log has been circulated for information. The log will be maintained within the Business Unit and circulated regularly for progress updates.
<i>Agreement / Outcome</i>	Noted content of Action Log

Ref No. 4	Items for Decision / Endorsement
<i>Discussion</i>	<p>DMc Presented the Child Protection Policy Guidance for Schools / Safeguarding in Education.</p> <p>Key issues from the new guidance document were highlighted and information was shared on how Stockton is responding / addressing particular issues as they arise. A best practice guide has been given to Schools to advise what their policies should look like.</p>
<i>Agreement / Outcome</i>	<p>Noted and endorsed content of Implications for education settings of 'Keeping Children Safe in Education' and Stockton's response report and The School Child Protection Policy including:-</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> i. The requirement for all educational settings to attend the termly Safeguarding Forum briefing. ii. The requirement for all Designated Safeguarding Leads to attend the termly single agency training. iii. The requirement for all staff in all educational settings to take part in face to face or e-learning training on KCSE. iv. The School Child Protection template policy agreed for use in all educational settings.

Ref No. 5	Items for Decision / Endorsement			
<i>Discussion</i>	<p>PB shared feedback from Board Members regarding the Proforma Request for Information from GP's for Strategy meetings.</p> <p>The information will now be shared with the Tees Procedures Group.</p>			
<i>Agreement / Outcome</i>	Noted and endorsed Proforma Request for Information from GP's for Strategy meetings.			
Log Ref	Mtg Date	Action Required	Person Responsible	Due Date
37/9/1415	18.09.14	<p>GP's Information for Strategy meetings proforma agreed subject to minor amendments which will be shared with Tees Procedure Group: -</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Amend form to identify children on first page. ▪ Note to include details of UBB if applicable and to return form if family / children are not know to the GP. ▪ Amend adult behaviour section. 	PB	13.10.14

Ref No. 6a	Operational Annual Reports (2013 / 2014)			
<i>Discussion</i>	JA presented the 2014 Annual Private Fostering Progress Report. Information was shared on current numbers of private fostering arrangements in Stockton and how improvements have been made to increase awareness; this includes creating a mentor group made up of qualified Social Workers. A request was made for all members to raise the profile and awareness of Private Fostering within their agencies and encourage attendance at the next training session in October.			
<i>Agreement / Outcome</i>	Noted and endorsed content of 2014 Annual Private Fostering Progress Report including:- i. Recommendations from Ofsted.			
<i>Log Ref</i>	<i>Mtg Date</i>	<i>Action Required</i>	<i>Person Responsible</i>	<i>Due Date</i>
38/9/1415	18.09.14	Raise awareness of Private Fostering within own Organisation.	ALL	15.10.14
39/9/1415	18.09.14	Encourage staff, as appropriate, to attend the multi-agency Briefing session on 8 th October 2014.	ALL	08.10.14

Ref No. 6b	Children Missing from Education			
<i>Discussion</i>	Nigel Chilton and Anne Marie Cartwright presented the Children Missing from Education Report and Policy and Procedures for Children Missing from Education including Children at Risk of Missing Education. Discussions were held regarding the statistical information on Children missing from education; assurance was given in terms of robust procedures and the monitoring and flagging system currently in place. Further assurance was requested in terms of risk assessment of CSE, Honour Based Violence and Trafficking. SMcL provided assurance and confirmed that these cases are cross referenced with the VEMT young person list. A-MC also added that information sharing with Border Control has also been included when required. Further discussions were held around post 16 and problems that occur as there is no requirement for these young people to be tracked. Vulnerable young people in this area however can be picked up by the 14 – 19 Partnership; JB will initiate discussions at the next meeting.			
<i>Agreement / Outcome</i>	Noted and endorsed content Children Missing from Education Report and Policy and Procedures for Children Missing from Education including Children at Risk of Missing Education.			
<i>Log Ref</i>	<i>Mtg Date</i>	<i>Action Required</i>	<i>Person Responsible</i>	<i>Due Date</i>
40/9/1415	18.09.14	Discussions on Post 16 Missing from Education to be held at 14-19 partnership	JB	20.11.14

Ref No. 6c	Elective Home Education			
<i>Discussion</i>	Nigel Chilton and Anne Marie Cartwright presented the Elective Home Education in Stockton on Tees 2013/14 Report. Statistical information was shared on elective home education pupils by gender and year groups as well as a trend breakdown over the last five years. PK raised concerns regarding appendix 1 - Elective Home Education Referral Process for			

	<p>Schools and asked how young children are getting social and emotional development when they are home schooled. A-MC shared details of home visits and advice that is given around activity / hobby groups. LW repeated this question in terms of School Nursing and how they access the service. A-MC confirmed that notice is given to GP's so they are aware of the situation.</p> <p>CM acknowledged a useful discussion and suite of papers in terms of Corporate Parenting.</p>
<i>Agreement / Outcome</i>	Noted content of Elective Home Education in Stockton on Tees 2013/14 Report

<i>Ref No. 6d</i>	Independent Reviewing Officer Annual Report 2013-14, Child Protection and Looked After Children & Young People
<i>Discussion</i>	<p>Martin Graham presented two Independent Reviewing Officer Annual Reports 2013-14</p> <p><u>Child Protection</u> MG highlighted sections within the report detailing the numbers of CP conferences held and the number of children subject to CP Plans. It was noted that there was an improvement in numbers within quarter 4 of 2013/14. MG shared details of young people attending conference and advised that the low numbers are an area of concern.</p> <p><u>Looked After Children & Young People</u> MG presented statistical information and advised that the number of Children Looked After has risen significantly in recent years, however over the last year the rate of increase has slowed making the LAC population more stable albeit at a higher level.</p> <p>CM acknowledged the importance of IRO work and queried if the high workloads are impacting on the quality of work. Should SLSCB be concerned? Are we able to meet requirements of duties and responsibilities?</p> <p>AMc advised that JH has instigated a group to look at how we know and understand what is happening on the frontline. AMc felt that this is a valuable piece of work and reports and details from this group should come to SLSCB.</p>
<i>Agreement / Outcome</i>	Noted content of Independent Reviewing Officer Annual Report 2013-14, Child Protection and Looked After Children & Young People.

<i>Ref No. 7</i>	Understanding and Using Safeguarding Performance Intelligence.
<i>Discussion</i>	<p>SW provided a visual presentation of Stockton's Performance Data and where Stockton fits in terms of levels of deprivation. SW advised the session objective is to achieve a shared understanding of:-</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ The current profile of children who need help and protection in our area ▪ How the Board has impacted on this profile in the last 12 to 18 months <p>Following the presentation members worked in groups to answer the following questions:-</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Why do you think Stockton-on-Tees has such relatively high levels of CIN / CP / LAC 2. What has the Board done over the past 18 months to impact on these levels, and what is the evidence for this. <p>Collated answers are detailed in Appendix 1 (Held by SLSCB)</p>
<i>Agreement / Outcome</i>	Members commented on the usefulness of the exercise and group interaction. CM acknowledged the value of conversations and advised that this method will be factored in

	to future meetings where appropriate.			
Log Ref	Mtg Date	Action Required	Person Responsible	Due Date
41/9/1415	18.09.14	Aid memoir to be produced using the outcome of group discussions for Understanding and Using Safeguarding Performance Intelligence.	Business unit	16.10.14

Ref No. 8	Quarter 1 (April – June) Performance Data
Discussion	<p>SW presented the Quarter 1 (April – June 2014) Performance Data Set and highlighted some specific areas of increased statistics:-</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Housing and Homelessness – high number of families using Bed & Breakfast provision ▪ High rates of emergency attendance in hospitals for 0-4 year olds ▪ Rates of 2nd or subsequent CP Plans is increasing <p>JF commented that there has been an increase generally in A&E and it would be useful to spend time unpicking these figures.</p>
Agreement / Outcome	Noted content of Quarter 1 (April – June) Performance Data Report

Ref No. 9	Partners Operational Safeguarding Issues
Discussion	<p>a) <u>CESS</u> SMcL shared current operational issues for CESC</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. There has been a sharp rise in referrals since September – now approaching 300. This will start to figure in other statistical measures and will cause pressure on the system. 2. There has been coverage in the local press over the last week which is linked to SCR Harry. So far SBC has not been asked to comment but there may be an impact when the SCR is published. PB commented that the DfE has been notified of the press coverage and they gave thanks for the information. <p>b) <u>Lead Cabinet Member - Children and Young People - AMc</u></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Cabinet have reaffirmed there will be no changes to 'A Safer Place for Children' Guidance document. Children under the age of 10 must be accompanied by an adult in public buildings. <p>c) <u>CWD Training - EJ</u></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. EJ provided an update on the Stockton / Hartlepool Joint Training Group. The strategy has been approved and membership has been confirmed. The current training programmes will run as they are and the training charging policies will remain the same for this financial year. <p>d) <u>Police</u> SWa shared information from Police</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. There is a lot of ongoing work around CSE. Discussions continue between the Local and Strategic VEMT Groups. Further updates will be provided by RD at a future meeting. <p>e) <u>NT&H FT</u> - LW advised of some</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Long term sick within the Safeguarding Team continues. 2. A service review with the CCG will highlight resource and capacity issues.
Agreement / Outcome	Safeguarding issues noted.

Ref No. 10	Health 2013 / 2014 Annual Reports
<i>Discussion</i>	<p>a) North Tees & Hartlepool NHS Foundation Trust b) Tees Esk & Wear Valley NHS Foundation Trust – Report Deferred c) Hartlepool & Stockton CCG – Report Deferred</p> <p>LW presented the North Tees & Hartlepool NHS Foundation Trust Annual Safeguarding Report. CM acknowledged a strong input from Stockton around training and development. PB gave praise for an excellent piece of work around e-Safety.</p> <p>SW queried the use of data in terms of children not attending appointments and unintentional injuries. A request was made for the information to be brought to the Performance Sub Group for further discussions. PB advised that the issues will also be picked up in SCR's.</p> <p>PB noted the Audit and Development section of the report and commented that although SLSCB did not request S11 audits to be completed; all partners are required to cover S11 requirements in their annual assurance report.</p>
<i>Agreement / Outcome</i>	Noted content North Tees & Hartlepool NHS Foundation Trust 2013 / 2014 Annual Report

Ref No. 11	Impact of Welfare Reforms			
<i>Discussion</i>	<p>CM Initiated discussions on the impact of the Welfare Reforms on agencies.</p> <p>AMc Shared information on a piece of work around sanctions that is underway led by Julie Nixon. Further information can be shared with the SLSCB in due course.</p> <p>Following discussions members agreed that this item would be deferred to the December Board meeting to allow members to gather information for a table discussion and a more formal record to be made of the implications on services.</p>			
<i>Agreement / Outcome</i>	All agencies to prepare a response on the impact of Welfare Reforms on their agency for a table discussion at the December meeting.			
<i>Log Ref</i>	<i>Mtg Date</i>	<i>Action Required</i>	<i>Person Responsible</i>	<i>Due Date</i>
42/9/1415	18.09.14	18.12.14 Agenda Item: Impact of Welfare Reform - Agency Response.	Business Unit	04.12.14
43/9/1415	18.09.14	Impact of Welfare Reform – Agency Reports / Perspective	ALL	04.12.14

Ref No. 12	Board Minutes for Accuracy 21.08.14
<i>Discussion</i>	Minutes of Board meeting held 21.08.14 were agreed as a true record.
<i>Agreement / Outcome</i>	Minutes to be recorded as ratified.

Ref No. 13	Tees LSCBs VEMT Strategic Group
<i>Discussion</i>	CM noted apologies from RD and requested that deputies for Board representatives are given an up to date briefing note by the Chair of the ongoing work within their sub group to enable the deputy to provide a full update and be in a position to answer any questions.
<i>Agreement / Outcome</i>	Noted: Update from the Tees LSCBs VEMT

Ref No. 16	SLSCB VEMT Sub Group
<i>Discussion</i>	<p>SMcL Provided detailed information for the Young People currently on the VEMT list.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ 23 young people on the list ▪ 19 female / 4 male ▪ Age Breakdown: 9 x 17yr old, 6 x 16 yr old, 3 x 15 yr old, 4 x 14 yr old, 1 x 12 yr old. ▪ 1 vulnerable as a result of drug debt ▪ 19 at risk of CSE ▪ 9 missing from home ▪ 1 possible trafficked ▪ Risk breakdown: 11 high, 8 medium, 4 low ▪ Concerns around 4 female LAC / Care leavers possibly linked to ongoing police investigations ▪ 2 young people have become looked after recently as a result of risk of CSE ▪ Recent intelligence shared in relation to two takeaways in Stockton. <p>CM acknowledged the information and advised that if members required any further information this could be shared outside of the meeting.</p>
<i>Agreement / Outcome</i>	Noted: Update on local VEMT activity.

Ref No. 17	SLSCB LIPSG
<i>Discussion</i>	<p>CM Shared an update provided by KH on the current workload of LIPSG.</p> <p>Ongoing work continues. The group is currently developing an action plan for one particular case. No new cases have been referred into the group.</p> <p>SMcL advised that one of the current cases has CSE running through it.</p>
<i>Agreement / Outcome</i>	Noted: Update from the LIPSG

Ref No. 19	Tees LSCB Procedures Group
<i>Discussion</i>	<p>SMcL provided an update from the Tees LSCB Procedures Group.</p> <p>Work is still ongoing with the current work plan; no procedures have been signed off. The group is working well and is well attended.</p>
<i>Agreement / Outcome</i>	Noted: Progress update from Tees Procedures Group

Ref No. 20	Any Other Business			
<i>Discussion</i>	PB advised that an email has been circulated today for a CSE Master Class on 23rd October 2014 at Wynyard Hall in Billingham. 8 places have been allocated and JH is looking for a cross section of professionals to attend.			
<i>Agreement / Outcome</i>	Nominations should be sent to PB by 23.09.14			
<i>Log Ref</i>	<i>Mtg Date</i>	<i>Action Required</i>	<i>Person Responsible</i>	<i>Due Date</i>
44/9/1415	21.08.14	Nominations for CSE Master Class to be emailed to PB	ALL	23.09.14

Appendix A is held within the SLSCB Business Unit for information purposes.