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SLSCB Members	Title	Representing	Other Interests: Stockton-on-Tees or Tees Valley Partnerships, Boards, Group etc. (Ch. denotes Chair, VCh Vice-Chair)	  Apols
Colin Morris (CM)	LSCB Independent Chair	SLSCB		
Pauline Beall (PB)	Business Manager		MALAP (Multi Agency Looked After Partnership)	
Lesley Cooke (LC)	Lay Member		Eastern Ravens Trust	
Vacancy	Lay Member			
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	
Lynda Brown (LB)	Head of Education, Early Years & Complex Needs and SBC / Spark of Genius Joint Venture: King Edwin School			Apols
Eric Jewitt (EJ)	SBC CESC Children's Workforce Manager / Chair Children's Workforce Sub-Group			
Peter Kelly (PK)	Director of Public Health			
Liz Hanley (LH)	Adult Services Lead		Health and Well Being Commissioning Group. Learning Disabilities Partnership (Ch.) Stockton Local Executive Group Adult Safeguarding;	Apols
Shaun McLurg (SM)	Head of Children & Young People's Services / Chair Tees LSCB's Procedures Group / Chair SLSCB VEMT Sub-Group		CAF Board (Ch.) Children & Young People Health Wellbeing Commissioning Group Youth Offending Team Management Board Spark of Genius Children's Homes	
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	
Simon Willson (SW)	SBC CESC Head of Business Support & Improvement / Chair Performance Sub-Group		MALAP (Multi Agency Looked After Partnership) (Ch.)	

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Cllr Ann McCoy (AM)	Lead Cabinet Member - Children and Young People (Participating Observer)			
Vacancy		CAFCASS		
Alastair Simpson (AS)	Detective Superintendent / Chair LIPSG	Cleveland Police		Apols
Alex Taylor (AT)	Head Teacher Independent Schools	Education Establishments		
Claire Humble (CH)	Head Teacher Secondary Schools			
Kerry Coe (KC)	Head Teacher Primary Schools		Apols	
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,	
Diane McConnell (DM)	SBC Chief Advisor School Effectiveness			
Jean Freund (JF)	Executive Nurse	Hartlepool & Stockton Clinical Commissioning Group (CCG)		Apols
Kailash Agrawal (KA)	Designated Doctor <i>Advisor to the Board</i>			Apols
Bev Walker (BW)	Deputy Director of Nursing, Quality and Safety	NHS England (Cumbria & North East)		Apols
Lindsey Robertson (LR)	Professional Lead Nurse, Out of Hospital Care	North Tees & Hartlepool NHS Foundation Trust		
Chris Stanbury (CS)	Executive Director of Nursing and Governance	Tees, Esk & Wear Valley NHS Foundation Trust		Apols
Julie Allan (JA)	Director of Offender Services -Durham & Tees Valley	Probation Services		Apols
Barbara Gill (BG)	Head of Offender Services - Community Rehabilitation Company			
Julie McNaughton (JM)	Accommodation Contracts Manager	Thirteen / Housing Provider		
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	

Guests:		
Alison Ferguson (AF)	Hartlepool & Stockton Clinical Commissioning Group	
Karen Agar (KAga)	Tees, Esk & Wear Valley NHS Foundation Trust	sub for Chris Stanbury
Anne-Marie Salwey (AMS)	Cleveland Police	sub for Alastair Simpson

Minute-Taker:	Gary Woods – SLSCB Business Support Officer
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Meeting Quorate:	Yes
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Declarations of Interest:	Cllr Ann McCoy declared a personal, non-prejudicial interest in respect of agenda item 8 – Welfare Reforms, as she was the Chair of Stockton District Advice and Information Service.
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Ref No. 1	Attendance, Apologies & Quoracy
<i>Discussion</i>	AMS was welcomed to the Board as the substitute for AS .
<i>Agreement/ Outcome</i>	Noted.

Ref No. 2	Action Log
<i>Discussion</i>	PB advised that there were no concerns regarding the circulated SLSCB Action Log.
<i>Agreement/ Outcome</i>	Noted content of Action Log.

Ref No. 3	Thirteen Safeguarding Children Policy (Draft)
<i>Discussion</i>	<p>JM gave an overview of the circulated Draft Safeguarding Children and Young People Policy from Thirteen Housing Group (THG). All Tees Valley Housing, Erimus Housing, Tristar Homes, Housing Hartlepool and Thirteen Care and Support Service-Users and Leaseholders would be covered by this policy. THG recognised they have a role to play in safeguarding, and welcomed comments from Board members on this draft version.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> It was noted that this policy dovetails with the issues that were raised at the recent Special SCR Harry Board Meeting, specifically regarding the understanding of the role and expectation of professionals going into people’s homes. There was a need to increase levels of awareness and reporting around damage to properties, domestic abuse within properties, and conditions of properties in terms of cases of potential neglect. JM noted the focus on trade’s operatives and the need to raise awareness of what needs reporting and the triggers to look out for – often repeat repairs within a property can signal safeguarding issues. An e-learning package was being considered as a compulsory training element for all THG staff. In addition, THG carry out annual gas safety checks which all properties must have, so it would be appropriate to target the staff conducting these checks (although they would not go into a child’s bedroom). AM proposed increased liaison between Thirteen and local council members via Patch Officers to ensure better understanding of issues when complaints around accommodation are submitted. It was confirmed that Patch Officers would be copied into this policy and be involved in any core training. SR commended the draft policy and suggested adding a note that it had been approved by the LSCB once it had been finalised and accepted. Also asked if it could be shared with colleagues within the voluntary sector – this was agreed, though it should be noted its status is presently a draft policy.

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> LC noted the need to link the policy with Landlords, of which there were a high number in the Stockton area. Updates on policy can be included in the Landlord Forums, and it was suggested that potential awareness raising sessions could be included as part of the accreditation process – JN agreed to look into this in more detail. 			
<i>Agreement/ Outcome</i>	Content of draft Safeguarding Children and Young People policy from Thirteen Housing Group (THG) noted, and agreed that it was a coherent and comprehensive report.			
<i>Log Ref</i>	<i>Mtg Date</i>	<i>Action Required</i>	<i>Person Responsible</i>	<i>Due Date</i>
07/04/1516	27.04.15	Look at potential awareness raising sessions for Landlords regarding Safeguarding Children and Young People as part of their accreditation process.	JN	31.07.15
08/04/1516	27.04.15	Liaise with JM regarding training issues identified within the draft Safeguarding Children and Young People policy.	PB	21.05.15

<i>Ref No. 4</i>	Procedure: Allegations against Staff, Carers or Volunteers
<i>Discussion</i>	<p>PB referred to the circulated Allegations against Staff, Carers or Volunteers procedure, and the request for Board members to advise whether they wished to agree this revised document. Of the responses received from Board members, only AS suggested a further slight amendment to section 4.11-4.15 regarding the time taken to conduct a disciplinary enquiry and arrange a hearing.</p> <p>It was noted that this procedure had been examined within the Tees LSCBs Procedures Group (TPG), and Board members agreed that the TPG be informed that the Board approve this document.</p>
<i>Agreement/ Outcome</i>	Revised Allegations against Staff, Carers or Volunteers procedure noted, and agreed that the Tees LSCBs Procedures Group (TPG) be informed that these have been approved by the Board.

<i>Ref No. 5</i>	Case Audits
<i>Discussion</i>	<p>The circulated discussion paper on case audits was noted following extensive debate within the Learning & Improving Practice Sub-Group (LIPSG). Following the identification of key themes from SCRs, Learning Reviews and Multi-Agency Case File Audits (MACFAs), the paper recommended that audit and review activity for 2015-2016 should focus on the following...</p> <p><u>Primary areas requiring additional focus</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Voice of the child/consultation with child Professional challenge Managing parents/carers challenging behaviour / culture of optimism <p><u>Key themes which are already subject of focus within the LSCB</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> DNA / missed appointments Neglect: awareness, identification and response <p><u>Other key themes</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Conference decision-making, quality of plans and involvement of all adults living in the household Information sharing <p>These themes would be included in the next SLSCB Business Plan, and it was proposed to identify a lead reviewer for each theme, with the role of identifying a suitable review mechanism and group of professionals best able to contribute to that review.</p>

	<p>SW welcomed the flexible approach to reviewing these themes, but cautioned against losing momentum of ongoing reviews into the voice of the child. Advised that any future focus on this area should stay connected with this current review.</p> <p>JH supported the primary areas outlined, and felt it was important for the Board to receive feedback from lead reviewers in terms of what they were proposing to look at. It was agreed to identify a representative from CESC to be the lead for one of the primary areas.</p> <p>In relation to the remaining two primary areas identified, Board member volunteers for the lead reviewers should be forwarded to AS. If there is a lack of volunteers, AS would propose members to fulfil these roles.</p>			
Agreement/ Outcome	Discussion paper on case audits was noted, and the identified key themes for 2015-2016 audit and review activity, along with the proposed approach, was agreed. Nominations/ volunteers for lead reviewers to be identified. Once in place, agreement regarding the reporting structure through the LIPSG and Performance Sub-Group Chairs to be established.			
Log Ref	Mtg Date	Action Required	Person Responsible	Due Date
09/04/1516	27.04.15	Board members to nominate/volunteer for lead reviewer for the identified key themes for 2015-2016 audit and review, and forward details to AS .	ALL	21.05.15

Ref No. 6	SBC Children & Young People's Select Committee Review of CSE and Action Plan			
Discussion	<p>SM gave a brief overview of the circulated Task and Finish Review of Child Sexual Exploitation (March 2015) conducted by Stockton-on-Tees Borough Council's Children and Young People Select Committee. This reviews origins are following the publication of the Jay Report into the child sexual abuse scandal in Rotherham, and sought to assess whether the Council's and partners' VEMT (Vulnerable, Exploited, Missing, Trafficked) arrangements are effective in dealing with CSE in the Borough.</p> <p>AM commented that when presented to Cabinet, there was some concern raised around whether agencies had lost focus on other CSE-related issues that were happening. Although reassurance had been given that appropriate policies and procedures were in place, a number of recommendations were made to strengthen arrangements. The Board would need to take the lead on an Action Plan relating to the LSCB-related recommendations identified, and discussion ensued as follows...</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Recommendation 1</u> (Number, membership and accountability arrangements for the VEMT groups/SLSCB be reviewed...) – Strategic VEMT (AS) to be asked to conduct a review, and look at all 3 levels (Strategic VEMT, VEMT Sub-Groups and VEMT Practitioners Groups (VPGs)). It was felt that some overlap was necessary and beneficial in terms of providing continuity across levels. • <u>Recommendation 2</u> (Consider formal mechanisms for sharing information from the VEMT groups including how best to raise awareness with the wider voluntary and community sector, including the Faith Community) – Catalyst (SR) to work with VEMT groups to establish awareness raising across the sector. Noted that a quarterly safeguarding group is now in place where messages can be relayed. Also noted that some Local Authorities have had targeted discussions with some Faith groups, but it was felt that there needs to be a basis for these discussions as there was potential for insensitivities. • <u>Recommendation 6</u> (Ensure that a multi-agency co-ordinated training strategy be developed...) – liaison with the NTHFT training group would be required (LR). Regarding the safeguarding training for Elected Members element, such training would be available following the forthcoming election, but appropriate sanctions for not attending would 			

	<p>need establishing.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Recommendation 10</u> (<i>Revised VEMT Strategy and Action Plan and strengthened performance and quality assurance framework be subject to further scrutiny together with the internal audit of CSE case files and the outcome of benchmarking work against the Ofsted recommendations</i>) – Stockton element of the performance and quality assurance and the Ofsted benchmarking completed, and this will remain work in progress. Strategic VEMT (AS) to focus on strategic elements. • <u>Recommendation 11</u> (<i>Report be submitted to the LSCB for consideration</i>) - complete. 			
Agreement/ Outcome	Task and Finish Review was noted, and recommendations acknowledged. Action Plan to be populated following the discussion and identification of responsible Board members.			
Log Ref	Mtg Date	Action Required	Person Responsible	Due Date
10/04/1516	27.04.15	Populate Action Plan in relation to the recommendations outlined within the Task and Finish Review of Child Sexual Exploitation (March 2015) review conducted by Stockton-on-Tees Borough Council's Children and Young People Select Committee.	PB	21.05.15

Ref No. 7	Evaluation of CAF Process – Study by University of Teesside			
Discussion	<p>SW referred to the circulated Evaluation of the Common Assessment Framework (CAF) Process in Stockton-on-Tees report by Teesside University. This had been commissioned by the Local Authority using regional funding, and the following key points were noted...</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • There were high levels of referrals to Social Care, but low uptake of the CAF. • There had been significant changes in the way the CAF was being managed during the course of this report – new CAF team, new database and new forms now in place. • Stepping down from statutory care to CAF (page 33) – although the report noted that this had not been well established, SR advised that Catalyst had undertaken work with CAMHS, and that the voluntary sector could offer support with this issue. SM would feed this back to the CAF group. • Concern expressed by Board members regarding the figures in the graphs (pages 15-16) detailing CAF activity over the past 4 years (Figure 1), number of CAFs by agency in 2013-14 (Figure 2), and CAF by age group 2013/14 (Figure 3) – these did not appear consistent, and there was no context behind the statistics in terms of the comparative size of Stockton to other locations. SW to liaise with PK regarding identified statistical concerns, and take back to the University for clarification. • Breakdown of participants by organisation (page 5) – LR queried who was spoken to here as there was no list of participants. • A number of recommendations were proposed, but it was agreed that since there had been developments during the report in relation to the CAF provision, many of these recommendations are not as relevant now. <p>It was acknowledged that the report provided a useful reflection of the journey taken in terms of management of the CAF, and that work was still required to further strengthen these arrangements – SM would discuss this at the CAF group and include a section in the next CAF report detailing what has been done to enhance provision. A periodic update would be given at the Board meeting in July 2015.</p>			
Agreement/ Outcome	Teesside University report noted, and it was agreed that, whilst it provided a useful reflection of the developments of the CAF in Stockton, many of the recommendations were outdated as there had been significant changes to the management of the CAF. The remaining identified issues would be addressed with the University and at the CAF group, and updates would be provided to the Board in July 2015.			

Log Ref	Mtg Date	Action Required	Person Responsible	Due Date
11/04/1516	27.04.15	Liaise with PK regarding identified statistical queries within the Evaluation of the Common Assessment Framework (CAF) Process in Stockton-on-Tees report, and seek clarification from Teesside University.	SW	21.05.15
12/04/1516	27.04.15	Discuss the Evaluation of the Common Assessment Framework (CAF) Process in Stockton-on-Tees report by Teesside University at the CAF group, also noting the discussion at this Board meeting. Provide updates on further CAF developments to the Board.	SM	16.07.15

Ref No. 8	Welfare Reforms			
<i>Discussion</i>	<p>JN presented her circulated report on the Impact of Welfare Reform. A meeting at the start of 2015 involving a mix of professionals had taken place, but much of the evidence provided was anecdotal which made the writing of this report challenging. Work is already taking place around the reforms, and Board members were advised to bring any specific issues being seen within their own organisations to the Board so this can be analysed.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Recent work around food banks had been completed – social policy response will be brought to the Board. Universal Credit will be rolled out in Stockton in December 2015. Remains difficult to ascertain what affects are due to welfare reforms, but agreement that this needs to be kept as a live issue at the Board. <p>CM noted that the Board have received a number of reports in relation to welfare reforms over the last two years, and felt it was important to understand if they (the welfare reforms) are having an impact on children (e.g. increase in LAC). If issues were arising, liaison with a higher authority may be necessary.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> AM agreed that more than anecdotal evidence was required. PK felt it was difficult to sometimes separate the effects of policy and poverty in general. Noted that there was ongoing academic work using Stockton as a yardstick – this should be brought to the Board, and PK would link in with JN regarding this. JM commented on the significant impact on housing – there was a large stock of 3 bedroom housing, but a lack of 2 bedroom properties, which had a knock-on effect in terms of rent arrears/debt. Under-occupancy was evident in certain areas, and some families were moving to private landlords who were charging less rent. The high demand for primary schools in some areas was noted, as was school transfers, and some schools seeing increases in pupil premiums. All could be attributable to families moving. <p>JN added that political party's policies concerning welfare had been looked at to try and determine the impact of what they are proposing and what may happen depending on who is in government. A discussion had also taken place with Job Centre Plus around Universal Credit, and the issue of sanctions.</p>			
<i>Agreement/ Outcome</i>	Impact of Welfare Reform report noted, and agreed that this needs to remain as a live issue at the Board. Ongoing work acknowledged, and someone from Teesside University to provide an update on the impact of reforms in Stockton.			
Log Ref	Mtg Date	Action Required	Person Responsible	Due Date
13/04/1516	27.04.15	Liaise with Teesside University regarding ongoing academic work around impact of Welfare Reforms in Stockton, with updates on this work to be provided to the Board.	PK	20.08.15

Ref No. 9	Section 11 Audit Returns (continued from March 2015)
<i>Discussion</i>	<p>The Board noted completion by partners of the following Section 11 Audits, containing their self-assessments of how they compared to the required standards...</p> <p><u>h) Cleveland Police</u></p> <p>Actions required against standards 2.4, 5.3, 7.3, 7.4 and 8.1 included in the action plan</p> <p>The Section 11 Self-Assessment Tool submitted to the Board from Cleveland Police had been provided to all four Tees LSCBs despite a request for a Stockton-specific Section 11 template to be completed. All agencies were encouraged to look at the Stockton Section 11 Audit Tool as the Board agreed to spend £8,000 on this.</p> <p><u>i) Durham Tees Valley Community Rehabilitation Company (Probation Services)</u></p> <p>Full compliance noted. No actions required. No challenge made.</p>
<i>Agreement/ Outcome</i>	Content of the S11 Audits be noted and the necessary further amendments be made by authors and submitted to the Business Manager.

Ref No. 10	Partners Operational Safeguarding Issues			
<i>Discussion</i>	<p><u>Local Authority</u></p> <p>JH advised that the Children’s Services Review had finished and was now in the implementation phase – an update would be provided at the next Board meeting. An LGA Peer Review across Tees regarding Early Help would also be taking place shortly – the peer team would be returning in June/July, and other partner agencies would be involved then.</p> <p><u>CCG</u></p> <p>AF confirmed that the Designated Nurse posts were being advertised through NHS Jobs (an agency post was currently in place in the interim) – responses had been good thus far. Also noted that a review had been completed into the Equality Team.</p> <p><u>Education Establishments</u></p> <p>DM expressed concern regarding some pupils attending an identified mosque after-school group, and allegations of maltreatment (hitting) whilst there. It was agreed that more information was required on this, and a conversation needed to take place between DM, Police, CESC and relevant Head Teachers to get a measure of the response required. SR noted that he was working with Satnam Singh (SBC Local Diversity Officer) to establish some form of multi-faith forum, but this was proving difficult due to a lack of trust.</p>			
<i>Agreement/ Outcome</i>	Updates noted.			
<i>Log Ref</i>	<i>Mtg Date</i>	<i>Action Required</i>	<i>Person Responsible</i>	<i>Due Date</i>
14/04/1516	27.04.15	Liaise with Police, CESC (SM) and relevant Head Teachers to establish measure of response required in relation to alleged safeguarding issues at an identified mosque after-school group.	DM	21.05.15

Ref No. 11	PACE Beds Juveniles
<i>Discussion</i>	<p>AMS referred to the circulated letters from the Association of Chief Police Officers (Transferring Children from Police Custody to Local Authority Care) and Home Office/Department for Education (Transfer of Children from Police Custody to Local Authority Accommodation under Section 38(6) of the Police and Criminal Evidence Act 1984). These letters request local authorities to work with their police service to...</p>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Accommodate children charged with an offence and denied bail. Avoid children being detained in police stations pending appearance at court. Be prepared to extend this procedure to 17 year-olds from October 2015. <p>Concern was expressed over young people staying in police stations too long due to a lack of secure accommodation. Upon investigation of local examples where this had occurred, it was found that in some cases there was a secure bed, but it was at the other end of the country, and not therefore a realistic option.</p> <p>In relation to the circulated PACE Beds: post-charge legal framework for transfers of juveniles to local authority accommodation, it was felt that the first option for transfer should be extended family members if any live locally. It was also noted that requests for transfer are often made out-of-hours (Emergency Duty) where there can be one staff member on duty. Any request for transfer would move down the list of priorities should a call be received regarding, for example, child protection.</p> <p>It was agreed that there seemed to be contradictory positions in relation to this issue - AC-PO were outlining good practice, but local authorities were demonstrating problems in providing secure accommodation. Query raised over whether this was a national problem, or just pertinent to Stockton – Police to provide a breakdown of the number of cases involving transfer requests from a Stockton perspective. JH to also ask Tees DCS Group if the ACPO and Home Office/Department of Education letters are being acted upon, with updates to be provided at the next Board meeting.</p>			
<i>Agreement/ Outcome</i>	Letter concerning the transfer of children from police custody to local authority care noted, along with the post-charge legal framework for transfers of juveniles to local authority accommodation. Agreed the need to establish the extent of this issue in Stockton.			
<i>Log Ref</i>	<i>Mtg Date</i>	<i>Action Required</i>	<i>Person Responsible</i>	<i>Due Date</i>
15/04/1516	27.04.15	Provide breakdown of the number of cases involving the transfer of children from police custody to local authority care in Stockton.	Police	21.05.15
16/04/1516	27.04.15	Ask Tees DCS group if the ACPO and Home Office/Department of Education letters are being acted upon, with updates for the next Board meeting.	JH	21.05.15

Ref No. 12	<i>Safeguarding Pupils from Extremism and Radicalisation</i>			
<i>Discussion</i>	<p>The circulated Department for Education letter regarding Safeguarding Pupils from Extremism and Radicalisation was noted. The letter outlines the increase in capacity and expertise in counter-terrorism through the expansion of its Due Diligence and Counter Extremism Group (DDCEG), and draws attention to some of the support available to schools to help them safeguard pupils from the risks of extremism and radicalisation.</p> <p>A review of schools where evidence of links with people who may have travelled to Syria is being conducted, and co-operation with this review is encouraged. This correspondence has been copied to Prevent leads in relevant area and Police regional Prevent co-ordinators. DM confirmed that this letter had also been circulated to all schools in Stockton, and had been mentioned in the schools' Safeguarding Forums.</p>			
<i>Agreement/ Outcome</i>	Department of Education letter noted.			

Ref No. 13	<i>The future role of Stockton Borough Council in relation to PREVENT and CHANNEL</i>			
<i>Discussion</i>	JN referred to the circulated report to SBC Corporate Management Team regarding the Government's plan to place CHANNEL and PREVENT functions on a statutory footing as part of the revised Counter-Terrorism and Security Act, and the wider implications for SBC.			

	<p>Board members discussed issues taking place within the local community, and it was felt that professionals needed to be more aware of the signs of potential radicalisation. There was a need for regular reporting back to the Board regarding any intelligence that is available locally, and the work of the new Cleveland PREVENT Group can provide this link.</p> <p>SR noted a recent breakfast meeting held for Chief Executives. This was attended by an Elder from a local mosque, who talked about differences between boys and girls being radicalised – this had been fed back to Steven Hume (SBC Community Safety and Security Manager).</p>
<i>Agreement/ Outcome</i>	Report noted, and requirement for the Cleveland PREVENT Group to feed information into the Board was agreed.

Ref No. 14	Learning from SCRs – Gavin
<i>Discussion</i>	<p>PB presented responses to the 3 questions posed at the lunchtime drop-in events which were organised for staff to receive information on learning from SCR Gavin and other local and national reviews...</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • I will make some changes to my own practice which will include: • I need to seek further support, supervision or training in respect of: • Additional comments and questions: <p>Board members agreed it was important for staff who attended these events to discuss with their Line Managers regarding any learning, and that it would be useful to have evidence on what agencies have done to enhance practice via supervisions. There was also a need to ensure that any identified learning points were being applied through staff practice, particularly since the same practice issues seem to come up frequently.</p> <p>Agreed that for future learning, clustering of identified issues would be useful, along with an acknowledgement of which agency the learning points came from to seek any trends.</p> <p>SW noted that in addition to the individual lessons that staff can take away through these events, the SCR Action Plan would also identify key learning themes. These lessons could be cross-referenced with the Learning & Improvement Framework (LIF).</p>
<i>Agreement/ Outcome</i>	Learning from 2014-2015 SCRs (Gavin) noted, and the framework for multi-agency learning approved.

Ref No. 15	19th March 2015 & 16th April 2015 Board Minutes for Accuracy
<i>Discussion</i>	<p>Minutes of the Board meeting held on the 19th March 2015 were agreed as a true record. PB to check with Neil Schneider (SBC Chief Executive) as he may have already paid the requested sum of £1,500 from the Association of Independent LSCB Chairs (Ref No. 5).</p> <p>Minutes of the Special SCR Harry Board meeting held on the 16th April 2015 were agreed as a true record, subject to the following amendment...</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ref No. 2 (Presentation of Harry SCR Review Report) – amend Log Ref 2/4/1516 to reflect that the apology is for Harry, not Harry’s father. <p>JH added that it was possible that one, if not both, of Harry’s parents may have been released from prison by the time the report was published (page 5).</p>
<i>Agreement/ Outcome</i>	The minutes of the Board meeting held on the 19 th March 2015 be recorded as ratified. Minutes of the Special SCR Harry Board meeting held on the 16 th April 2015 be recorded as ratified, subject to one identified amendment.

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17/04/1516	27.04.15	Ref No. 2 (Presentation of Harry SCR Review Report) – amend Log Ref 2/4/1516 to reflect that the apology is for Harry, not Harry's father.	Business Unit	08.05.15

Ref No. 16	Tees LSCBs VEMT Strategic Group			
<i>Discussion</i>	<p>AS not present so no updates were available.</p> <p>Concern was expressed by some members regarding the completion of the Quality Assurance and Performance Framework data – Q3 statistics had been submitted by Stockton, but not all other Tees authorities had completed this work. Similarly, an agreed benchmarking exercise in response to an Ofsted report on the Rotherham child abuse scandal had only been submitted by Stockton. It was agreed that if other Tees authorities were not able to complete these pieces of work in a timely manner, Stockton information should still come to the Board so that any local issues can be picked up and acted upon. AMS agreed to relay the discussion regarding inconsistencies in the submission of data across Tees authorities to AS.</p>			
<i>Agreement/ Outcome</i>	Issues noted in relation to the inconsistent submission of data across Tees, with agreement that Stockton statistics should still come to the Board for analysis and identification of local issues.			
Log Ref	Mtg Date	Action Required	Person Responsible	Due Date
18/04/1516	27.04.15	Relay discussion to AS re. inconsistencies in the submission of data to Tees Strategic VEMT Group.	AMS	08.05.15

Ref No. 17	SLSCB VEMT Sub-Group			
<i>Discussion</i>	<p>SM presented the circulated Annual Report for the VEMT Sub-Group which gave an overview of the activity undertaken by the group during 2014/15. Ongoing work includes...</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Return interviews – monitoring compliance and quality assurance • Benchmarking exercise against recommendations arising from Ofsted Thematic CSE Inspection • Provision of data from Cleveland Police regarding missing children • Consideration of children's homes location risk assessments • Contributing to audit of CSE training across Tees • Contributing to development of 'In the wrong hands' publicity campaign <p>KAg to look into the potential addition of a Health representative to this group (though it was noted that Health representatives do attend the VEMT Practitioners Group (VPG)).</p>			
<i>Agreement/ Outcome</i>	Annual report noted.			

Ref No. 18	SLSCB LIPSG			
<i>Discussion</i>	<p>Reference was made to the circulated Annual Report for the LIPSG, which gave an overview of the activity undertaken by the group during 2014/15. Membership changes across the year were reflected in the report, and the key themes identified from the 8 cases that were subject to review by the group were listed. Terms of Reference would be reviewed shortly, as would membership.</p>			
<i>Agreement/ Outcome</i>	Annual report noted.			

Ref No. 19	Tees LSCB's Procedures Group
<i>Discussion</i>	<p>SM presented the circulated Annual Report for the Tees LSCBs Procedures Group which gave an overview of the activity undertaken during 2014/15. Ongoing work includes...</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Allegations Management – draft procedures circulated to LSCBs for approval but further amendments now requested by TEWV. Draft revisited by TPG and to be recirculated to LSCBs for approval. • Recording principles – circulated to LSCBs for approval but not agreed by HSCB due to existence of more detailed guidance. This has now been agreed by TPG and will come out to LSCBs for approval. • Dual process i.e. use of CP process and LAC/Court/PLO process – work underway to develop consistent procedures across Tees. • Police guidance for making domestic abuse referrals to children's social care – agreed to consider prior to this being brought back to LSCBs for consideration. • Core Group guidance - develop consistent procedure/practice guidelines across Tees. <p>The group was more stable now, and there had been very good progress made, with excellent attendance. A robust work programme was in place, and monthly update reports were going to all 4 Tees LSCBs. CM commended SM on his efforts following members' comments on the significant difference he had made as Chair of this group.</p>
<i>Agreement/ Outcome</i>	Annual report noted.

Ref No. 20	Tees CDOP
<i>Discussion</i>	KA not in attendance to present, but updates on some of the actions were outlined in the circulated Action Plan.
<i>Agreement/ Outcome</i>	Updates to actions noted.

Ref No. 21	Any Other Business			
<i>Discussion</i>	<p>The revised guidance from the Department of Health regarding Female Genital Mutilation (FGM) was highlighted – this had been attached to the latest Board Email Bulletin.</p> <p>SR to complete Section 11 report for next Board meeting in May 2015.</p> <p>AT noted further changes to Independent Schools' regulations for safeguarding children.</p> <p>SW attended a Tees-wide Performance Framework meeting with PB recently – this is a vague concept at present, and some papers are required on this for Board comment.</p> <p>CM noted that there had been a small number of replies (including one from NSPCC) regarding the letter sent out to national bodies in relation to disclosures to libraries – these would be circulated to Board members by PB.</p> <p>CM also advised that a sub-group of Board members met last week regarding the Board Development Day in June 2015. A brief had been identified, and an external facilitator (Nicky Gormley) had now been arranged.</p>			
<i>Agreement/ Outcome</i>	Noted.			
<i>Log Ref</i>	<i>Mtg Date</i>	<i>Action Required</i>	<i>Person Responsible</i>	<i>Due Date</i>
19/04/1516	27.04.15	Circulate responses received regarding disclosures to libraries letter.	PB	08.05.15