# 1. Attendance, Apologies & Governance

SLSCB	Title	Donreconting	Other Interests:		
Members	litte	Representing	Stockton-on-Tees or Tees Valley Partnerships, Boards, Group etc. (Ch. denotes Chair, VCh Vice-Chair)		
Colin Morris (CM)	LSCB Independent Chair	SLSCB	<ul><li>LSCB and SSAB Chair Sunderland</li><li>LSCB Chair Newcastle</li></ul>		
Pauline Beall (PB)	Business Manager		<ul> <li>MALAP (Multi Agency Looked After Partnership)</li> </ul>		
Lesley Cooke (LC)	Lay Member		Eastern Ravens Trust	<b>√</b>	
Vacancy	Lay Member				
Jane Humphreys (JH)	Corporate Director of Children, Education & Social Care (CESC)	Local Authority	<ul> <li>CCG Stockton Locality Board Member</li> <li>Stockton Local Executive Group Adult Safeguarding (Ch.)</li> <li>Hartlepool &amp; Stockton CCG Board Member</li> <li>Health and Wellbeing Board (HWB)</li> <li>HWB Adult Partnership</li> <li>HWB Children's Partnership</li> <li>SMB – Public Protection</li> <li>Tees Adult Safeguarding Board</li> <li>TSVG Strategic Group</li> <li>Safer Stockton Partnership</li> </ul>	<b>√</b>	
Lynda Brown (LB)	Head of Education, Early Years & Com- plex Needs and SBC / Spark of Genius Joint Venture: King Edwin School			Apols	
Eric Jewitt (EJ)	SBC CESC Children's Workforce Manager / Chair Children's Work- force Sub-Group			<b>*</b>	
Peter Kelly (PK)	Director of Public Health		<ul> <li>Health and Wellbeing Board (HWB)</li> <li>HWB Adult Partnership</li> <li>HWB Children's Partnership</li> <li>Adult's Joint HWB Commissioning Group</li> <li>Children's Joint HWB Commissioning Group</li> <li>Tees Adult Safeguarding Board</li> <li>Safer Stockton Partnership</li> <li>Tees VEMT Strategic Group</li> </ul>	<b>√</b>	
Liz Hanley (LH)	Adult Services Lead		Health and Well Being Commissioning Group     Learning Disabilities Partnership (Ch.)     Stockton Local Executive Group Adult Safeguarding	<b>√</b>	
Shaun McLurg (SM)	Head of Children & Young People's Ser- vices / Chair Tees LSCB's Procedures Group / Chair SLSCB VEMT Sub-Group		<ul> <li>CAF Board (Ch.)</li> <li>Children &amp; Young People Health Wellbeing Commissioning Group</li> <li>Youth Offending Team Management Board</li> <li>Spark of Genius Children's Homes</li> </ul>	<b>√</b>	
Julie Nixon (JN)	Head of Housing & Community Protection		<ul> <li>Domestic Violence Strategy Group</li> <li>Health and Wellbeing Partnership</li> <li>Safer Stockton Partnership</li> <li>SBC Adult Social Care Board</li> <li>Welfare Reform Board</li> </ul>	Apols	
Simon Willson (SW)	SBC CESC Head of Business Support & Improvement / Chair Performance Sub- Group	Welfare Reform Board     MALAP (Multi Agency Looked After Partnership) (Ch.) (pending new Chair to be determined as part of implementation of CESC Children's Review)		✓	

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Clir Ann McCoy (AM)	Lead Cabinet Member - Children and Young People (Participating Observer)		Governor Tees, Esk & Wear Valley NHS FT	<b>✓</b>
Vacancy	Service Manager	CAFCASS		
Alastair Simpson (AS)	Detective Superintendent / Chair LIPSG	Cleveland Police	Redcar SCB (Full board, Exec and LIPSG) Middlesbrough SCB (Full board and LIPSG) Hartlepool SCB (Full board, Exec and LIPSG) Teeswide Safeguarding Adults Board Tees LSCBs Strategic VEMT Group MAPPA SMB MASH Strategic Management Board (N Tees) CDOP	<b>✓</b>
Alex Taylor (AT)	Head Teacher Independent Schools	Education Establishments		✓
Claire Humble (CH)	Head Teacher Secondary Schools	Establishments	No other interests	<b>✓</b>
Kerry Coe (KC)	Head Teacher Primary Schools		No other interests	<b>√</b>
Joanna Bailey (JB)	Principal Stockton Sixth Form College		Governor at Thornaby Academy     Governor at The Grangefield Academy     Campus Stockton Teaching Alliance     14-19 Partnership     Campus Stockton CPD Group     Campus Stockton R&D Group     Secondary Heads Group	<b>✓</b>
Diane McConnell (DM)	SBC Chief Advisor School Effectiveness		CAF Board     Convener of the Safeguarding Forum for Education Settings	<b>✓</b>
Jean Fruend (JF)	Executive Nurse	Hartlepool & Stockton Clinical		<b>√</b>
Kailash Agrawal (KA)	Designated Doctor Advisor to the Board	Commissioning Group (CCG)	Middlesbrough LSCB     Redcar and Cleveland LSCB     NT&HFT Safeguarding Steering Group     Teesside Designated Doctors Group (Ch.)	<b>√</b>
Bev Walker (BW)	Deputy Director of Nursing, Quality and Safety	NHS England (Cumbria & North East)	Tees Strategic VEMT Middlesbrough LSCB Redcar and Cleveland LSCB Hartlepool LSCB Durham LSCB Darlington LSCB Teeswide Safeguarding Adults Board Durham Safeguarding Adults Board Darlington Safeguarding Adults Board MHS England CSE sub group NHS England Regional Safeguarding Forum	Apols
Lindsey Robertson (LR)	Professional Lead Nurse, Out of Hospital Care	North Tees & Hartlepool NHS Foundation Trust		<b>✓</b>
Chris Stanbury (CS)	Executive Director of Nursing and Govern- ance	Tees, Esk & Wear Valley NHS Foundation Trust		<b>√</b>

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<ul><li>Strategic DV and Abuse Strategic</li><li>Contest Gold</li></ul>		<ul> <li>Redcar and Cleveland LSCB</li> <li>Hartlepool LSCB</li> <li>South Tees YOS</li> <li>Stockton YOS</li> <li>Hartlepool YOS</li> <li>YOS Management Board</li> <li>LCJB</li> <li>Local Public Service Board</li> <li>Tees Safeguarding Adults Board</li> <li>Tees Adult Health and Wellbeing Board</li> <li>Strategic DV and Abuse Strategic Group</li> <li>Contest Gold</li> <li>Stockton Scanning and Challenge</li> <li>ETE/OSE Board</li> </ul>	Apols	
Barbara Gill (BG)	Head of Offender Services - Community Rehabilitation Company			Apols
Julie McNaughton (JM)	Accommodation Contracts Manager	Thirteen / Housing Provider		<b>√</b>
Steve Rose (SR)	Chief Executive Officer Catalyst	Voluntary Sector	<ul> <li>Safer Stockton Partnership</li> <li>Stockton 14-19 Partnership</li> <li>Stockton Carers Implementation Group</li> <li>Stockton Health &amp; Wellbeing Partnership</li> <li>Stockton VCSE Senior Leaders Forum</li> <li>Stockton Voice</li> <li>Stockton Youth Offenders Service Board</li> <li>Tees Dementia Collaborative</li> <li>Tees Valley Local Development Agencies Forum</li> <li>Tees Valley Unlimited European Social Inclusion Task &amp; Finish Group</li> </ul>	<b>√</b>

Guests:		
Neil Schneider (NS)	SBC – Chief Executive	Participating Observer
Ian Coxon (IC)	SBC – Head of Transactional Services	Participating Observer
Jayne Parry (JP)	SBC – Service Manager, Looked After Children	For agenda item 3
Rachel Harris (RH)	CAFCASS – Enhanced Practitioner	
Richard Parker (RP)	Probation Services – Probation Manager	Sub for Barbara Gill

Minute-Taker:	Gary Woods – SLSCB Business Support Officer

Meeting Quorate:	Yes

<b>Declarations of Interest:</b>	None

Ref No. 1	Attendance, Apologies & Quoracy
Discussion	<b>RH</b> was welcomed to the Board as the stand-in CAFCASS representative. <b>RP</b> was also welcomed to the Board as the substitute for <b>BG</b> .
Agreement/ Outcome	Noted.

### Ref No. 2 Action Log

Discussion

**CM** referred to the SLSCB Action Log which had been circulated for information, and requested updates to outstanding actions.

6/7/1415: 'Early Help Strategy' (JH) – with specific reference to *iii. Provide 6 monthly EHS Performance Indicator reports to SLSCB*, **PB** had spoken with **JH** regarding the need for a revised completion date, likely to be nearer the end of 2015. **JH** confirmed that there is a strategy with an implementation plan behind it, and that a multi-agency group were now addressing the delays in this work. In addition, the new Children's Social Care structure now sees a post with the Early Help Strategy within its remit, which should provide further drive and direction – this post is yet to be filled though.

A cross-Tees peer review had just been completed, and learning from this would need to be incorporated within the Early Help Strategy. Also, the development of the Multi-Agency Children's Hub (MACH) across Stockton and Hartlepool would need to link in with Early Help. **JH** noted the achievements of Essex County Council who had been progressive in terms of Early Help.

**SM** felt that although a strategy may have been agreed, this has never been launched, and staff would therefore know little about it. It was agreed that a briefing note to staff, along with a draft Action Plan, would be beneficial in raising awareness. It was important to inform all partners that Early Help work was ongoing, and that the strategy was still being worked on. As part of the implementation group, **LR** agreed to lead on this briefing, and would liaise with **JH** and **AM**.

51/10/1415: 'Report detailing a composite Action Plan of best practice learning following the Rotherham CSE, internal benchmarking against inspection templates and work streams dedicated to looking at CSE processes, and the inclusion of expected information in relation to missing persons to be prepared for consideration by the SLSCB at their meeting on the 20th November 2014' (RD) – amended due date to be confirmed.

64/11/1415: 'Board Members to let PB have sight of their original DBS notification' (ALL) – Board agreed to remove this item from the SLSCB Action Log, and add it to the Board Business Plan instead. Periodic updates will be given to the Board in future.

101/12/1415: 'Update regarding CAF activity from Health Visitors, Midwives and Children's Centres, as well as use of SAFER referral tool, to be given at SLSCB meeting in May 2015' (JAn) – amend due date to July 2015.

02/04/1516: 'iii) Each of the other partner agencies to consider whether and how they too wished to apologise and advise the Business Unit accordingly prior to the report being shared with Harry's father' (Non-SBC partner agencies) – no responses had been received thus far from any non-SBC partner agencies, and no responses had been forthcoming in terms of identifying representatives to accompany Social Care to the meeting with Harry's Father. NS attempted to clarify if partners were not prepared/unwilling to apologise and/or face the media, to which there was overt response.

09/04/1516: '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) – a short summary of the identified key themes will be discussed at the forthcoming SLSCB Development Day in June 2015, where it was hoped that Board members, with the support of a LIPSG member, would take on the lead reviewer roles.

10/04/1516: '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) – this will be completed by the SLSCB Development Day in June 2015.

11/04/1516: '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**) – spoken with the University (discussion with **PK** was not required), and confirmed that the issue here was with the labelling of the charts/graphs, and the confusion over CAFs and CAF2s. The report will be re-issued.

14/04/1516: '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**) – a meeting with Head Teachers has been delayed, so feedback will now be given at the SLSCB Development Day in June 2015.

15/04/1516: 'Provide breakdown of the number of cases involving the transfer of children from police custody to local authority care in Stockton' (Police) – AS attended a recent Tees DCS meeting where all 4 DCS' agreed to collate samples of this issue. Two Stockton-related cases were noted, but in both, the young people were due in court the next day, and accommodation was only available in other parts of the country. The Police have a Tees Protocol on this issue, but there is not enough secure accommodation in the locality (provision at Newton Aycliffe and in Northumberland was noted). AS agreed to draft a Terms of Reference to discuss this further, with proposals put forward for a group of professionals to come together to investigate this issue and report back to Boards.

18/04/1516: 'Relay discussion to AS re. inconsistencies in the submission of data to Tees Strategic VEMT Group' (AMS) – AS confirmed that documentation from 3 authorities had now been received, and the remaining authority will be contacted. Updates will be given at the SLSCB Development Day in June 2015.

Agreement/ Outcome	Noted content of Action Log, and subsequent updates given.			
Log Ref	Mtg Date	Action Required	Person	Due Date
		·	Responsible	
20/05/1516	21.05.15	Produce a staff briefing document regarding the ongo-	LR	18.06.15
		ing work in relation to the Early Help Strategy.		
21/05/1516	21.05.15	Draft a Terms of Reference to further discuss the is-	AS	18.06.15
		sue of the transfer of children from police custody to		
		local authority care.		

# Ref No. 3 Children's Social Care CSE Audits Discussion **JP**, noting her role as the Chair of the VEMT Practitioners Group (VPG), a scrutiny panel overseeing VEMT children and young people, gave an overview of her circulated themed CSE audit report. The audit was undertaken in October 2014, in Quarter 3 of the audit timetable in relation to children and young people who featured on the VEMT list. Those selected were all active cases to Social Care, and represented 36% of the total number of children featured on the VEMT list at that time, and who were believed to be at risk of CSE. Of the 9 audits undertaken, only 3 cases were deemed 'good', with 4 requiring improvement. The remaining 2 cases were 'inadequate', meaning it was deemed that the young person involved was not being safeguarded. SM confirmed that the outcomes from the audit were not acceptable, and that work was clearly required, as documented in the actions/recommendations within the report. It was also noted that although cases with Child Protection plans are subject to appropriate rigour, those cases not involving CP plans need to have the same level of attention and quality. It was recognised that staff do need to be supported, but they then need to ensure they follow procedures. SM will be discussing the findings with his management team, and will report back to the Board regarding the actions being taken to address identified shortfalls. A further audit has been undertaken during April 2015, and it was agreed that comparisons

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Agreement/ Outcome	The findings of the themed CSE audit report were noted, as were the actions and recommendations put forward. Further discussion to address these issues would follow, with data from the April 2015 audit to be presented in order to ascertain any improvements made.			
Log Ref	Mtg Date	Action Required	Person Responsible	Due Date
22/05/1516	21.05.15	Report back to the Board regarding the actions being taken to address issues outlined in the themed CSE audits in October 2014 and April 2015.	SM	20.08.15

Ref No. 4	SLSCB Jui	ne – March Forward Planning		
Discussion	The circulated SLSCB Meeting Planner for 2015-2016 was noted, and all agreed that this was a useful tool in the planning and preparation of Board matters. <b>PB</b> will forward the QA reporting template to all partner agencies, and urged Board members to flag up anything that was missing from the planner as soon as possible.			
	January 20 would be u	It was agreed to move the January 2016 Board meeting (recently re-scheduled to the 14 <sup>th</sup> January 2016) back to the original date of the 21 <sup>st</sup> January 2016 (whilst noting that <b>CM</b> would be unavailable, and that <b>AS</b> would therefore need to chair this meeting in his capacity as SLSCB Vice-Chair).		
Agreement/ Outcome	SLSCB Meeting Planner 2015-2016 noted.			
Log Ref	Mtg Date	Action Required	Person Responsible	Due Date
23/05/1516	21.05.15	Forward a copy of the QA reporting template to all SLSCB partner agencies.	РВ	18.06.15
24/05/1516	21.05.15	Move January 2016 Board meeting back to the original date of the 21 <sup>st</sup> January 2016.	Business Unit	18.06.15

Ref No. 5	Tees Child Protection Review Conference Procedure
Discussion	JH highlighted comments she had raised in relation to the Tees Child Protection Review Conference Procedures, specifically the proposal to remove the word 'expert' in relation to the conference Chair, and the proposal to notify Heads of Service/LSCB Chair if minutes were not sent out within 20 days. A LAC reference also required discussion.
	<b>SM</b> added that these procedures had been through the Tees LSCBs Procedures Group (TPG) which he Chairs, and the use of the word 'expert' had been queried when analysing the draft document – TPG agreed that the conference Chair was the 'expert' in the room. Regarding the LAC reference, the TPG agreed that dual process should not be used, a view also held by some Tees Board's. Legal advice had also been sought regarding a previous statement within the draft document which suggested that if a child gets married, they cease to be a child – this was not the case.

	Agreement was reached to approve the Tees Child Protection Review Conference Procedures, with the addition of bringing to the attention of the relevant Head of Service/LSCB Chair if minutes are not being sent out within 20 days.
Agreement/ Outcome	Tees Child Protection Review Conference Procedures approved, with the addition of informing Head of Service/LSCB Chair if minutes are not being sent out within 20 days.

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Ref No. 6		Stockton & Hartlepool LSCBs Draft Neglect Strategy				
Discussion	PB gave an overview of the circulated draft Hartlepool & Stockton-on-Tees LSCBs Neglect Strategy, which included a delivery plan outlining the responsibilities of partner agencies. The Neglect Strategy was linked in with the Early Help Strategy and the Graded Care Profile Tool discussed at previous Board meetings, and had been adjusted to reflect the requirements of Stockton. The Hartlepool LSCB would be presented with this shortly, and the strategy had also been shared with both the Early Help and Graded Care groups. DM would share this document at the forthcoming Safeguarding Forum for schools, emphasising that it was a draft version.					
	Regarding the Graded Care Profile Tool, <b>LR</b> noted that this had been revised following concern over some of the terminology used, and a second version had been produced (and was circulated to Board members). Early Adopter Sites were now being sought, and there needed to be a firm commitment from the Board if they wanted to apply to become one of the first areas in the country to pioneer delivery of this new authorised version. A charge of £1,500 would be applied to support investment in the materials, and applications have to be submitted by the 3 <sup>rd</sup> July 2015 – <b>LR</b> to lead on this.					
Agreement/	Draft joint Neglect Strategy was noted and approved subject to some minor amendments.					
Outcome	Once approved by Hartlepool LSCB, the strategy will be added to staff briefings to raise					
	awareness (should this document not be approved by HSCB then it will revert to a SLSCB-					
	only strategy).					
Log Ref	Mtg Date	Action Required	Person	Due Date		
			Responsible			
25/05/1516	21.05.15	Lead on the application to become an Early Adopter	LR	03.07.15		
	Site of the revised Graded Care Profile Tool.					

Ref No. 7	Continuum of Need
Discussion	JH advised that the Continuum of Need framework was being examined with the view to having one framework that covers the North of England. As part of the new Multi-Agency Children's Hub (MACH), an implementation group had been tasked with drafting a new Continuum of Need – it was agreed to bring this to the Board at the August 2015 meeting.
Agreement/ Outcome	Continuum of Need developments noted, with updates to be brought to the Board in August 2015.

Ref No. 8	Catalyst – Voluntary/Community Safeguarding Assurance Report (SLSCB Action 107/02/1415)		
Discussion	SR presented his circulated draft annual report on Safeguarding Policy and Practice in the Voluntary, Community and Social Enterprise Sector. The report was compiled using information already obtained by Catalyst, Stockton Residents and Community Groups Association (SRCGA), Tees Valley Rural Community Council (TVRCC), Love Stockton and the Stockton Borough Council Sports Development Team. It was noted that a comprehensive audit of the many hundreds of VCSE organisations in the borough would be impossible within resources available. Key points highlighted included		
	There is an estimated 800 organisations that fit the widest VCSE criteria, the vast majority of which are led and run entirely by volunteers. Around 500 are known to Cata-		

- lyst, but only about 50 routinely access public sector contracts, the rest relying on other means of funding their operations.
- In order to create better co-ordination and understanding of safeguarding issues, Catalyst has recently established a VCSE Safeguarding Forum that will, over time, create a more extensive knowledge base and resource for all organisations. This will be augmented by a comprehensive training programme through the Stockton VCSE Centre of Excellence and the SLSCB Training programme.
- Many management committees demonstrate concerns that, whilst they undertake training and develop policies, they are not able to oversee every group or activity that hires space in their centre. SRCGA are now working with a number of them to review room hire agreements to include a statement about clear responsibility for safeguarding children and vulnerable adults to improve the current clause which is more general about being responsible for all who are taking part.
- SBC Sports Development has reported that 'very few sports organisations or clubs have not undergone any form of safeguarding training, and more or less 100% of volunteers have had DBS checks'.
- Non-Christian faith organisations which affiliate to Catalyst or SRCGA are encouraged
  to go through the same training as other organisations. It is known that one, the Community Welfare Trust, has undertaken safeguarding training, therefore further discussion is required around encouraging uptake.

**AS** commented on the difficulties of logging safeguarding issues and requirements across such a vast sector, but commended the report in attempting to achieve this. Also added that the Police would be happy to support the VCSE Safeguarding Forums.

Strong responses concerning safeguarding had been received from some groups (perhaps linked to National Accreditation requirements), but concern was expressed over groups who partners may have less confidence in. Discussion was linked to an item in the last meeting around an educational establishment with potential safeguarding issues, and it was agreed that it be useful to know who was invited to the VCSE Safeguarding Forums, and who did not attend. **PB** noted the close working with James Hadman (Development Officer, Catalyst), and the potential to link the Board's Lay Members with work in the voluntary sector.

**CM** commended **SR** on an excellent report, which in his opinion, could and should be used as a model by other LSCBs.

Agreement/ Outcome Draft report noted and commended, with current and potential future links between the VCSE and Board partners discussed.

Ref No. 9	S11 Return	n: Housing & Community Services			
Discussion	Since <b>JN</b> was not present, it was agreed to defer this item until the July 2015 meeting.				
Agreement/ Outcome	Item defer	Item deferred until July 2015.			
Log Ref	Mtg Date	Action Required	Person Responsible	Due Date	
26/05/1516	21.05.15	Defer S11 Return: Housing & Community Services agenda item to the Board meeting in July 2015.	JN	16.07.15	

Ref No. 10	TEWV NHS FT CQC Inspection
Discussion	CS advised Board members of the outcome of the recent CQC inspection at TEWV in
	January 2015 (report published on the 11 <sup>th</sup> May 2015 – hyperlink to the report included on
	the agenda). The Trust received an overall 'good' rating, although there was an area 're-
	quiring improvement' regarding safety. All issues within the 'requiring improvement' cate-
	gory related to Adult Services, and these were already being/had been addressed – AM,

	as lead Governor of TEWV, had been given assurance that the issues identified were individual to specific wards, not a Trust-wide problem. An Action Plan would be completed by the end of August 2015.
Agreement/ Outcome	CQC inspection of TEWV outcome noted, and assurance received that identified issues requiring improvement were being/have been addressed.

### Ref No. 11 Partners Operational Safeguarding Issues

#### Discussion

### Local Authority

Regarding the Children's Services Review, **JH** advised that 2 out of the 3 new Head of Service posts had now been appointed (**SM** to Head of Safeguarding and Looked After Children; **DM** to Head of Schools and SEN) – the remaining post (Head of Early Intervention, Partnership and Planning) is being advertised externally. Further appointments of third-tier officers will be made shortly.

Good progress was being made in relation to the new Multi-Agency Children's Hub (MACH), and it was agreed that a presentation to the Board on developments would be useful. Signs of Safety training was ongoing, with good attendance and feedback – the intention was to use this from the front of the MACH rather than as just another tool.

Operation Encompass, the implementation of key partnership working between Cleveland Police, Local Authorities and nominated 'Key Adults' in schools, was noted – the partnership were keen to roll this out to Health colleagues too. It will initially commence in the Hartlepool area on 1<sup>st</sup> April 2015, and will be rolled out to the other 3 Local Authority areas covered by Cleveland Police by April 2016. **AT** added that it would be useful to know if problems were stemming from home as schools are often not aware. **AS** will liaise with the Police representative who would be attending the forthcoming schools' Safeguarding Forum regarding this issue.

**AM** noted that mandatory safeguarding training is now being rolled out for all new and existing Council Elected Members following the recent elections.

### **NTHFT**

**LR** asked partner agencies to be mindful of the forthcoming CQC inspection at NTHFT in July 2015 – a lot of work is going on to pull together information for this visit.

### Voluntary Sector

**SR** noted his role as the Chair of the 'A Fairer Start' group, involving an innovative targeted programme to improve life chances of 0-3 year olds. This pilot project will be focused on the Stockton Town Centre Ward, one of Stockton-on-Tees' most deprived wards, where people are faced with the biggest health inequalities. Big Life Families have been appointed to run this project, with the intention to positively influence safeguarding issues. It was agreed that a presentation on 'A Fairer Start' to the Board would be beneficial to raising awareness of this project.

A new Health & Wellbeing Officer within Catalyst has been appointed and may attend some future Board meetings.

## a) Update re. Disclosures to Libraries

JH had met with Reuben Kench (Head of Culture and Leisure, SBC) and the SBC legal department regarding the approach to this ongoing issue, and had also liaised with Darren Best (Police) – it was evident that information was not being shared in an ideal way, and that the current situation was not satisfactory as staff were left in a difficult position.

AS had undertaken some local work on this issue, and circulated an update to CM and JH. Confirmed there was no simple solution as there were around 600 convicted sex offenders living in Teesside subject to various degrees of monitoring and restrictions, all proportion-

ate to the level of risk they pose. Since the sharing of photographs of offenders is not an option (issues of disclosure are covered in MAPPA guidance), a greater focus should be on ensuring that all staff are trained in safeguarding, and are looking out for signs of potential safeguarding incidents. Where disclosures are necessary and proportionate, there is a need to liaise with the Managers of a service to establish what the best approach is (needs to be backed up by legal guidance). Ultimately, there can be no blanket policy, as this would be deemed unlawful.
<b>CS</b> endorsed the above view, and noted the approach to s37/s41 patients going through rehabilitation and the need to re-integrate them into the community. Also cautioned

**CS** endorsed the above view, and noted the approach to s37/s41 patients going through rehabilitation and the need to re-integrate them into the community. Also cautioned against a pure focus on convicted offenders, as this approach may result in staff missing the behaviour of non-convicted offenders.

The fact that this is not a library-only issue was again raised, and a piece of work to broaden this discussion was proposed (**NS** would liaise with **AS** regarding library arrangements). **CM** noted that although the Board had attempted to ascertain the views of national bodies, this had proved rather limited, therefore it was agreed to refer this discussion to the Teeswide MAPPA Strategic Management Board for further comment – **AS** to action, and agreement that this matter should now be taken 'off-line' in terms of LSCB business.

Agreement/ Outcome	Partner updates noted. Discussion regarding disclosures to libraries also noted, with further actions agreed to widen this debate.				
Log Ref	Mtg Date				
Log Nei	Wilg Date	Action Required		Due Date	
			Responsible		
27/05/1516	21.05.15	Liaise with <b>AS</b> regarding library arrangements in re-	NS	03.07.15	
		lation to disclosures.			
28/05/1516	21.05.15	Refer updated discussion around disclosures to	AS	18.06.15	
		MAPPA Strategic Management Board for comment.			

Ref No. 12	27.04.15 Board Minutes for Accuracy
Discussion	Minutes of the Board meeting held on the 27 <sup>th</sup> April 2015 were agreed as a true record.
Agreement/ Outcome	The minutes of the Board meeting held on the 27 <sup>th</sup> April 2015 be recorded as ratified.

Ref No. 13	SLSCB Performance Sub-Group
Discussion	<b>SW</b> gave an overview of his circulated Performance Sub-Group update report. Key points included
	<ul> <li>Production of the SLSCB Performance Data Set is now well embedded (SBC CESC do this work). Recent input from the Public Health team to help take forward work on understanding the data regarding children attending A&amp;E.</li> <li>Further work is in hand to tighten up on arrangements for ensuring correct GPs are identified to provide information for conferences.</li> <li>Evaluating impact of SCR/Learning Reviews - this will be an area of work to be picked up, once recent SCR/LR action plans have been fully implemented and are at a point where some key themes can be identified for follow-up evaluation work. This area of work will need to be co-ordinated carefully with the LIPSG.</li> </ul>
	In terms of issues for decision or resolution, it was noted that although the Board had agreed with the revised CP plan format, this is not being replicated on the RAISE system – work is ongoing to address this, and evidence of improvements in outcomes for children was being seen, with clearer plans documenting who was completing what, by when. Signs of Safety awareness was also contributing to improvements, with better clarity in language used within plans.

	A further issue for resolution was the previously agreed expectations for Board members undertake some practice observations (part of the Board Business Plan). Board members should be making arrangements with their own staff to attend conferences – <b>PB</b> will reissue the observation proforma with guidance notes (observations need to be completed by the 18 <sup>th</sup> December 2015).  The importance of having an appropriate multi-agency input to the Performance Data Set was also discussed – this is somewhat Council-driven at present, and it would be useful to know the key pieces of data required by all partner agencies. It was noted that Hartlepool are still seeking to secure funding to create a Tees-wide multi-agency performance management framework.  Regarding the age threshold for children attending conferences, it was agreed that the current threshold for 8 year-olds to be considered, not expected, to attend was appropriate. However, improved documentation around staff discussions with the child to ascertain if it was appropriate for them to attend was necessary.			
	<b>SW</b> commented on the fact that the Performance Sub-Group and LIPSG often touch on the same issues, and queried the value of rationalising these two groups. Agreement to include this debate as part of the forthcoming SLSCB Development Day in June 2015.			
Agreement/ Outcome	Updates and developments noted, specifically Board members' commitment to undertaking practice observations by December 2015, and the need for further discussion at the SLSCB Development Day regarding the value of rationalising the Performance Sub-Group and LIPSG.			
Log Ref	Mtg Date	Action Required	Person Responsible	Due Date
29/05/1516	21.05.15	Forward practice observation proforma, with guidance notes, to Board members.	РВ	31.05.15

Ref No. 14	SLSCB Training Sub-Group
Discussion	<b>EJ</b> referred to his circulated Children's Workforce Development/Training Sub-Group update report – this would be the last report in the Stockton format, as this group has now become a joint training group with Hartlepool. Key points included
	<ul> <li>Areas that have been incorporated into the programme and developed to meet current issues include Neglect (both foundation and advanced), Domestic Abuse, Child Trafficking and Sexual Exploitation, and Runaways: Missing from Home or Care.</li> <li>Stronger links with the Voluntary, Community and Social Enterprise (VCSE) Sector have been developed via Catalyst, and this will continue to be built upon.</li> <li>Discussions with colleagues from Public Health have seen the development of training for FASD (Foetal Alcohol Spectrum Disorder) and MIND (Mental Health).</li> <li>Signs of Safety training is ongoing across partner organisations.</li> </ul>
	The need to identify a Chair for the new joint training group was again raised – <b>LR</b> confirmed that she would Chair this group from September 2015 (the interim Chair, Maureen McEneaney, would continue until then).
	In relation to the attached course statistics, feedback from evaluations showed that training is highly valued and well attended. <b>SR</b> queried if evaluations of the e-learning courses were available – evaluations are accessible through the e-learning provider.
Agreement/ Outcome	Updates noted, with <b>LR</b> confirmed as the new joint training group Chair from September 2015.

Ref No. <b>15</b>	Tees LSCBs Strategic VEMT Group
Discussion	<ul> <li>AS noted the following from his circulated Tees Strategic VEMT Group update report</li> <li>The group has developed a new strategy document for Child Sexual Exploitation.</li> <li>A new action plan for CSE was presented to the latest meeting.</li> <li>An awareness raising campaign 'In the Wrong Hands' has been developed and was launched yesterday – decent press coverage received. Board offered thanks to Mark Braithwaite and the Redcar &amp; Cleveland press officers for their efforts, and PB added that the SLSCB website now has a VEMT page with links to 'In the Wrong Hands'.</li> <li>A first draft quality assurance framework for VEMT has been developed and ratified by the Board, though it was acknowledged that this needs more work.</li> </ul>
Agreement/ Outcome	Updates noted.

Ref No. 16	SLSCB VEMT Sub-Group							
Discussion	SM referred to the circulated Benchmarking against Recommendations from The Sexual Exploitation of Children: It Couldn't Happen Here, Could It? (Ofsted, 2014) document. This had been completed from a Stockton perspective, and had been submitted to the Tees Strategic VEMT Group for comment, but analysis against other Tees authorities was still required. Feedback from the Tees Strategic VEMT Group would be brought back in July.							
Agreement/ Outcome	Work in progress noted, and agreement to defer this item to the July 2015 Board meeting.							
Log Ref	Mtg Date	Action Required	Person Responsible	Due Date				
30/05/1516	21.05.15	Defer discussion regarding Ofsted Thematic Inspection Benchmarking to Board meeting in July.	SM	16.07.15				

Ref No. 17	Tees CDOP
Discussion	No updates submitted as there has not been a meeting since the last Board. Next meeting scheduled for tomorrow (22 <sup>nd</sup> May 2015).
Agreement/ Outcome	Noted.

Ref No. 18	Any Other Business							
Discussion	<b>JF</b> advised that interviews were held last week for the H&S CCG Designated Nurse post, and an appointment had been made. Further details will follow at a future Board meeting.							
	<b>PB</b> will circulate the themes from the evaluations of the recent SLSCB Staff Engagement Sessions for discussion at the Board meeting in July 2015.							
	The Board had received a request from the Tees-wide Safeguarding Adults Board (TSAB) to consult on their business plan (statutory requirement) – <b>PB</b> would circulate the plan, and asked for any comments before her meeting with the TSAB Business Manager tomorrow.							
Agreement/ Outcome	Noted.							
Log Ref	Mtg Date	Action Required	Person Responsible	Due Date				
31/05/1516	21.05.15	Evaluation themes from staff attending the SLSCB Staff Engagement Sessions to July Board meeting.	PB	16.07.15				
32/05/1516	21.05.15	Circulate the TSAB Strategic Business Plan 2015- 2016 to Board for immediate comment.	PB	21.05.15				