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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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>LSCB and SSAB Chair Sunderland</li> <li>LSCB Chair Newcastle</li> </ul>	
Pauline Beall (PB)	Business Manager		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>MALAP (Multi Agency Looked After Partnership)</li> <li>Stockton VCSE Safeguarding Forum</li> </ul>	
Lesley Cooke (LC)	Lay Member		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Eastern Ravens Trust</li> </ul>	Apols
Vacancy	Lay Member			
Jane Humphreys (JH)	Corporate Director of Children, Education & Social Care (CESC)	Local Authority	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>CCG Stockton Locality Board Member</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>Safer Stockton Partnership</li> </ul>	
Peter Kelly (PK)	Director of Public Health		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <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>	
Liz Hanley (LH)	Adult Services Lead		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Health and Wellbeing Commissioning Group</li> <li>Learning Disabilities Partnership (Ch.)</li> <li>Stockton Local Executive Group Adult Safeguarding</li> </ul>	
Diane McConnell (DM)	Head of Schools and SEN		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>CAF Board</li> <li>Convener of the Safeguarding Forum for Education Settings</li> </ul>	
Shaun McLurg (SM)	Head of Safeguarding and Looked After Children / Chair Tees LSCB's Procedures Group / Chair SLSCB VEMT Sub-Group		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>CAF Board (Ch.)</li> <li>Children &amp; Young People Health and Wellbeing Commissioning Group</li> <li>Youth Offending Team Management Board</li> <li>Spark of Genius Children's Homes</li> </ul>	
Julie Nixon (JN)	Head of Housing & Community Protection		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>HWB Adult Partnership</li> <li>HWB Children's Partnership</li> <li>Tees Adult Safeguarding Board</li> <li>Safer Stockton Partnership</li> <li>SBC Adult Social Care Programme Board</li> </ul>	
Simon Willson (SW)	SBC CESC Head of Business Support & Improvement / Chair Performance Sub-Group		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>MALAP (Multi Agency Looked After Partnership) (Ch.) (pending new Chair to be determined as part of implementation of CESC Children's Review)</li> </ul>	
Cllr Ann McCoy (AM)	Lead Cabinet Member - Children and Young People (Participating Observer)		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Governor Tees, Esk &amp; Wear Valley NHS FT</li> </ul>	
Neil Schneider (NS)	Chief Executive (Participating Observer)			
Elisa Arnold (EA)	Service Manager	CAFCASS	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Redcar and Cleveland LSCB</li> <li>Local Family Justice Board</li> <li>Able to feed in national changes within the Family Justice Service</li> </ul>	

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Alastair Simpson (AS)	Detective Superintendent / Chair LIPSG	Cleveland Police	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Redcar SCB (Full board, Exec and LIPSG)</li> <li>Middlesbrough SCB (Full board and LIPSG)</li> <li>Hartlepool SCB (Full board, Exec and LIPSG)</li> <li>Teeswide Safeguarding Adults Board</li> <li>Tees LSCBs Strategic VEMT Group</li> <li>MAPPA SMB</li> <li>MASH Strategic Management Board (N Tees)</li> <li>CDOP</li> </ul>	
Alex Taylor (AT)	Head Teacher Independent Schools	Education Establishments		Apols
Clare Humble (CH)	Head Teacher Secondary Schools		<i>No other interests</i>	
Kerry Coe (KC)	Head Teacher Primary Schools		<i>No other interests</i>	Apols
Joanna Bailey (JB)	Principal Stockton Sixth Form College		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Governor at Thornaby Academy</li> <li>Governor at The Grangefield Academy</li> <li>Campus Stockton Teaching Alliance</li> <li>14-19 Partnership,</li> <li>Campus Stockton CPD Group</li> <li>Campus Stockton R&amp;D Group</li> <li>Secondary Heads Group</li> </ul>	
Vacancy	SBC Chief Advisor School Effectiveness			
Jean Golightly (JG)	Executive Nurse	Hartlepool & Stockton Clinical Commissioning Group (CCG)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>South Tees CCG (Exec Nurse)</li> <li>Teeswide Safeguarding Adults Board</li> <li>Member of NHSE Quality Surveillance Group meeting</li> </ul>	
Trina Holcroft (TH)	Designated Nurse, Safeguarding Children & LAC			
Kailash Agrawal (KA)	Designated Doctor <i>Advisor to the Board</i>		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Middlesbrough LSCB</li> <li>Redcar and Cleveland LSCB</li> <li>NT&amp;HFT Safeguarding Steering Group</li> <li>Teesside Designated Doctors Group (Ch.)</li> </ul>	
Bev Walker (BW)	Deputy Director of Nursing, Quality and Safety	NHS England (Cumbria & North East)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Tees Strategic VEMT Group</li> <li>Middlesbrough LSCB</li> <li>Redcar and Cleveland LSCB</li> <li>Hartlepool LSCB</li> <li>Durham LSCB</li> <li>Darlington LSCB</li> <li>Teeswide Safeguarding Adults Board</li> <li>Durham Safeguarding Adults Board</li> <li>Darlington Safeguarding Adults Board</li> <li>NHS England CSE Sub-Group</li> <li>NHS England Regional Safeguarding Forum</li> </ul>	
Lindsey Robertson (LR)	Professional Lead Nurse, Out of Hospital Care	North Tees & Hartlepool NHS Foundation Trust		Apols
Elizabeth Moody (EM)	Executive Director of Nursing and Governance	Tees, Esk & Wear Valley NHS Foundation Trust	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Teeswide Adult Safeguarding Board</li> <li>North Yorkshire Adult Safeguarding Board</li> <li>North Yorkshire Children's Safeguarding Board</li> <li>(Member of other safeguarding boards but send deputies on regular basis)</li> </ul>	

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Julie Allan (JA)	Head of Cleveland Area – National Probation Service (NE)	Probation Services	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Middlesbrough LSCB</li> <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>• Teeswide 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> <li>• Tees Strategic VEMT Group</li> </ul>	✓
Barbara Gill (BG)	Head of Offender Services - Community Rehabilitation Company			Apols
Julie McNaughton (JM)	Accommodation Contracts Manager	Thirteen / Housing Provider	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Tees Valley Choice Based Lettings Steering Group</li> <li>• My Sisters Place – Board</li> <li>• North East Homelessness Group</li> </ul>	✓
Steve Rose (SR)	Chief Executive Officer Catalyst	Voluntary Sector	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <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>	Apols

**Guests:**

Margaret Whellans (MW)	SBC - Interim Head of Early Help, Part. & Planning	
Anne-Marie Cartwright (AMC)	SBC - Attendance & Inclusion Manager	For agenda item 5 (a & b)
Rachael McLoughlin (RM)	NTHFT - Acting Named Nurse	Sub for Lindsey Robertson
David Egglestone (DE)	Probation Services - CRC	Sub for Barbara Gill

**Minute-Taker:**

Gary Woods - SLSCB Business Support Officer

**Meeting Quorate:**

Yes

**Declarations of Interest:**

None

<i>Ref No. 1</i>	<b>Attendance, Apologies &amp; Quoracy</b>
<i>Discussion</i>	<p><b>RM</b> was in attendance as the substitute for <b>LR</b>, and <b>DE</b> was in attendance as the substitute for <b>BG</b>. <b>MW</b> was introduced as the Interim Head of Early Intervention, Partnership and Planning, Stockton-on-Tees Borough Council.</p> <p>It was also noted that <b>KC</b> and <b>SR</b> were not present due to their participation in the ongoing Local Government Peer Review across Tees related to early help/intervention.</p>
<i>Agreement/ Outcome</i>	Noted.

Ref No. 2	Action Log			
Discussion	<p><b>CM</b> referred to the SLSCB Action Log which had been circulated at the meeting for information. Updates were given as follows:</p> <p>23/8/1415: 'School Nurse Programme evaluation report to be presented at end of pilot' (LW/LR) – <b>LR</b> had requested that this item be deferred until the October 2015 Board meeting as she was unable to attend this meeting (see agenda item 4).</p> <p>44/07/1516: 'Provide updates of NTHFT (Health Visitors and training provided) engagement with the CAF process' (<b>LR</b>) – <b>CM</b> advised that he had received a response from the NTHFT Chief Executive following the correspondence he had sent in July 2015 expressing concern regarding the lack of engagement with the CAF process by NTHFT operational/frontline staff. A copy of this letter would be circulated to Board members following this meeting for information purposes.</p> <p>51/08/1516: 'Draft letter to regional/national LSCB Chairs regarding status of referrals to LADOs' (<b>PB</b>) – <b>PB</b> noted that the draft letter has been completed and is ready to be sent.</p> <p>54/08/1516: 'Raise the issue of the decreasing availability of secure estate beds via the National Association of LSCB Chairs – letter to be produced' (<b>CM/PB</b>) – an email has now been sent regarding this issue.</p> <p>55/08/1516: 'Comments on the draft Children and Young People's Plan 2015-2018 to be sent to <b>SW</b>' (<b>ALL</b>) – the Children and Young People's Plan is on the agenda for next week's Children and Young People's Partnership meeting.</p> <p>58/08/1516: 'Liaise with <b>JH</b> regarding the lack of STHFT media representation at the SCR Harry publication day, and address this with STHFT' (<b>JG</b>) – no discussions with STHFT had taken place as yet, though <b>JG</b> noted that the specific individual who had been involved in these discussions from STHFT had now left the organisation. Agreed that the learning from this action should still be taken forward.</p>			
Agreement/ Outcome	Noted the content of Action Log and subsequent updates given.			
Log Ref	Mtg Date	Action Required	Person Responsible	Due Date
60/09/1516	17.09.15	Copy of the NTHFT Chief Executive response to the identified CAF issues to be circulated to Board members.	<b>PB</b>	25.09.15

Ref No. 3	SBC Housing & Community Safety S11 Report			
Discussion	<p><b>JN</b> presented the Section 11 Audit 2014-2015 from Housing and Community Protection, Stockton-on-Tees Borough Council.</p> <p>Actions required against standards 1.2, 1.4, 8.2 and 8.4 included in the Action Plan – and these can now be signed off as complete.</p> <p><b>JN</b> observed that a small cohort of Housing staff have a significant involvement in safeguarding, particularly those who visit people's homes and are therefore required to be vigilant for any potential safeguarding issues – other staff on the periphery of safeguarding have still been through safeguarding training. Additional areas of note included the daily work relating to CAFs, and the initial feedback from the Local Government Peer Review highlighting good standards relating to safeguarding and dealing with young people within Housing and Community Protection.</p> <p><b>AM</b> suggested that links to Thirteen (Housing Provider) should be included in the audit – although the function of Housing staff are different to those of landlords, <b>JN</b> agreed to this</p>			

	<p>addition and would amend as appropriate. <b>JM</b> added that Thirteen work closely with Housing Options and have regular meetings regarding safeguarding. Forms to document concerns over safeguarding had been shared, and an e-learning package (recommended by the Board) had recently been rolled out to Thirteen staff.</p> <p>On a related note, <b>PB</b> advised that the Safeguarding Enable Audit Tool for 2015-2016 will be ready for use by partners in September 2015 – emails will be sent to those staff nominated to complete the 2015-2016 audit on behalf of their organisation/service area, with completed audits to be submitted by the 31<sup>st</sup> December 2015. All completed audits will come back to the Board (at the same time) for comment.</p> <p><b>CM</b> thanked <b>JN</b> for a very clear and focussed presentation.</p>			
<i>Agreement/ Outcome</i>	Content of the S11 Audit 2014-2015 from Housing and Community Protection noted. Links to Thirteen (Housing Provider) to be acknowledged via an addition to the audit.			
<i>Log Ref</i>	<i>Mtg Date</i>	<i>Action Required</i>	<i>Person Responsible</i>	<i>Due Date</i>
61/09/1516	17.09.15	Acknowledge links to Thirteen (Housing Provider) in the S11 Audit 2014-2015 from Housing and Community Protection via an appropriate addition.	<b>JN</b>	15.10.15

<i>Ref No. 4</i>	<b>School Nurse Programme – Evaluation Report</b>
<i>Discussion</i>	Due to her absence from this meeting, <b>LR</b> had requested that this item be deferred until the Board meeting in October 2015.
<i>Agreement/ Outcome</i>	School Nurse Programme – Evaluation Report to be deferred until the Board meeting in October 2015.

<i>Ref No. 5</i>	<b>Operational Annual Assurance Reports 2014 / 2015</b>
<i>Discussion</i>	<p>a) <u>Children Missing Education</u></p> <p><b>AMC</b> gave an overview of the circulated Children Missing Education (September 2015) report, supplemented by the SBC Policy and Procedures for Children Missing Education including Children at Risk of Missing Education document.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 233 Children Missing Education (CME) referrals to the Attendance and Exclusion Team during the period 1<sup>st</sup> September 2014 to 20<sup>th</sup> July 2015 (academic year). This is an increase of 34 referrals compared to the same period in 2013-14.</li> <li>• Majority of referrals were received from Stockton’s maintained schools and academies, however referrals were also received from the School Admissions Team, the SEN Team, Multi-Lingual Team, First Contact, Housing and other Local Authority CME Officers.</li> <li>• From the 233 pupil referrals made, 216 children have been successfully traced at the time of preparing this report. The 17 outstanding cases continue to be investigated, and as per Stockton’s procedures, information has been shared with School Health and the missing children reported on the national School to School database (S2S).</li> <li>• 70.3% (164 children) of the referrals were made in respect of pupils of primary school age or pre admission age pupils. The CME procedures are not statutory for non-compulsory school age children, however referrals are actioned to ensure the smooth transition to education, and to ensure that there is no gap in the child’s education.</li> <li>• 18 children (7.7% of all children referred) were ascribed as being from GRT heritage. The largest known ethnicity was White British which accounted for 130 children (55%). 32 children (13.9%) were referred where ethnicity was not known.</li> <li>• Following the recent review of Children’s Services, a dedicated post for Children Missing Education has been put back into the structure.</li> <li>• Information sharing with School Nursing has been strengthened this past academic</li> </ul>

year, and work to formulate an information sharing protocol is ongoing. Intelligence sharing with the Police is established through the VEMT meetings, however this will be further enhanced through a new intelligence sharing meeting to commence in the autumn term, and also through Operation Encompass.

**AM** queried whether the LSCB will be appropriately informed about young refugees coming into the Borough – assurance was given that systems are in place via Housing providers and Local Authority Officers where the relevant authorities will be informed if a school place is required. **CM** added that broader safeguarding considerations will arise around the issue of refugee children which will affect not just Social Care and Education, but Health too.

**JH** noted that work was currently taking place relating to Children Missing Education in order to assess the present situation. Assurance was needed that systems are robust, and it was vital that agencies share information when they are the first to be notified of missing episodes.

Clarification over the 13 children listed as CME at National Curriculum Year 1 was requested – **AMC**, adding that an additional 5 children were also found to be CME within this year group, stated that most of these cases were in relation to children who were due to begin school, but whose parents had not followed up school places.

There was no national or regional CME data available for comparison, but an existing regional network was in place for sharing information – **AMC** to request the sharing of such data at the next regional network meeting.

b) Home Education

**AMC** referred to the circulated Elective Home Education (August 2015) report, supplemented by the SBC Elective Home Education Policy.

- As of the end of July 2015, the Local Authority had notification of 79 children, from 59 families, being home educated. This represents an increase of 6 secondary pupils and 2 primary pupils on the previous year's figures.
- The number of children being electively home educated has more than doubled since 2009/10, when 39 children were on the register.
- During academic year 2014/15, 37 new notifications were received by the LA, from 22 families, up from 22 new notifications the previous year.
- Two reception age pupils have been home educated this year, having never attended school; one of these pupils has older siblings who are already being home educated.
- A Specialist Community Liaison Officer within the Engagement and Learning Team has continued to work to break the cycle within many Gypsy, Roma, Traveller families (GRT) of children ceasing education in school at the end of the primary phase and beginning to home educate. A total of 18 GRT pupils (equating to 22% of all EHE pupils) have been registered as home educated during this period, which is the same number as for the previous academic year.
- During the academic year, 17 pupils were removed from the EHE register; of these, 3 left the area and 14 returned to education at a mainstream, special school, or alternative provision provided by the Local Authority, the latter being a slight decrease from 16 the previous year. A further 12 pupils have been removed from the EHE register as they are no longer of compulsory school age as of June 2014.
- This year, for the first time, one GRT EHE pupil continued at Stockton Riverside College post-16, following attendance there during years 10 and 11.
- The reasons given by families for opting out of school vary widely; there does not appear to be any pattern to this. The only notable cohort is the number of pupils being withdrawn from school due to parental preference (41 cases), which is an increase from 20 during the previous year.
- Following the recent review of Children's Services, the Local Authority elective home

education monitoring arrangements and procedures have been slightly revised in relation to the role of a Local Authority adviser. Our new procedures will retain the robust monitoring and safeguarding focus, however where previously joint home visits with an LA adviser and the Attendance Co-ordinator (EHE) would have taken place, this will now be undertaken solely by the Attendance Co-Ordinator (EHE).

**PK** asked whether the Local Authority have the right to reject a home learning request in light of the potential effect on a child's social development. **AMC** advised that a request cannot be rejected as this is a parent's right, however, any potential safeguarding issues, inclusive of social development consideration, will be raised with parents/carers. It was also noted that parents/carers must notify the child's GP if they are home educated, and that some families change their mind about educating their child(ren) at home following the initial visit due to the substantial commitment required.

**CM** thanked **AMC** for this (and the previous Children Missing Education) report, helping Board members recognise the robust systems in place in Stockton regarding home visits and returning children to school if necessary.

c) Safeguarding in Education Establishments

**DM** gave an overview of the circulated SLSCB Quality Assurance Report – Education 2014/2015. This report sets out the work to prioritise safeguarding across the education sector to demonstrate the assurance that Working Together 2013 and the revised Keeping Children Safe in Education 2015 guidance is in place, and the requirements of the Section 11 audit are met. Since 2012, revised mechanisms are in place to communicate the key messages of the Stockton Local Safeguarding Board to all education providers, including:

- SLSCB education representatives prepare an e-bulletin after SLSCB meetings to brief on the key messages, share and signpost resources and provide updates on safeguarding practice. This *Safeguarding Briefing* is cascaded to all education providers.
- Termly half-day forums held for all education providers to provide training, discussion and to communicate key actions about safeguarding best practice. These *Safeguarding Forums* are offered free to senior leaders in education settings across Stockton.
- Each school receives an annual assessment of its performance against a range of performance criteria in the *Stockton School Improvement Challenge Framework*. Attendance at the Safeguarding Forum is monitored and if providers fail to attend, a challenge criterion is triggered and the governors or academy trust and the Corporate Director are informed.
- An *action plan* is prepared for education providers after each Safeguarding Forum to ensure compliance against key initiatives.
- Template proformas and policies are issued for use by education providers. File audits are beginning to be held to ensure compliance with appropriate record keeping/policy.

Progress against 2014/2015 was noted, with the following key achievements highlighted:

- In 2014/2015, 12 schools/academies were inspected. No school/academy was judged to be less than good for behaviour and safety. This means there is no school in the Borough with a current judgement of less than good for behaviour and safety. There were no unannounced Ofsted inspections for behaviour and safety in the Borough.
- A robust programme of single agency training continues to be delivered. Discrete events have been held for governors, early years providers, Designated Safeguarding Leads and Designated Teachers (for Looked After Children). Particular emphasis this year has been placed on training for childminders.
- The quality assurance of Personal Education Plans (PEPs) for Looked after Children was extended further by grading PEPs bronze, silver or gold, and informing the education setting of this judgement and how to improve. This has led to a further improvement in the quality, and to some of the first gold standard PEPs being awarded.

	<p>Next steps for 2015/2016 were acknowledged, with particular emphasis on further embedding the referral processes and partnership intelligence sharing protocols to ensure education providers are proactive in challenging the sexual exploitation of children, and ensuring schools can implement Operation Encompass so that children experiencing domestic violence are supported appropriately in education settings.</p> <p><b>AM</b> reported that following recent meetings with Youth Forum representatives, CSE posters in schools were deemed ineffective. As such, careful consideration of how we best communicate safeguarding issues within schools was required, particularly in light of further comments from Youth Forum representatives who would have liked more safeguarding information when at primary school. <b>PK</b> also noted the apparent ambivalence of young people towards social media safety, even down to primary school age. <b>DM</b> added that a health-related behaviour questionnaire for young people has been proposed to establish their perception of risk-taking behaviour – this is widely used across North Yorkshire.</p> <p><b>CM</b> thanked <b>DM</b> for a very helpful and comprehensive report, providing good levels of assurance to the LSCB on these important matters.</p>			
	<p>d) <u>Private Fostering</u></p> <p><b>SM</b> presented the circulated 2015 Annual Private Fostering Progress Report (September 2015), highlighting the following items:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Children's Social Care is not involved in making Private Fostering arrangements, but is responsible for checking that arrangements are suitable for the child or young person.</li> <li>• In Stockton-on-Tees, there were two new notifications of Private Fostering arrangements received during 2014/2015. Of these, action was taken in both cases in accordance with the requirements of Regulations 4(1) of the Children (Private Arrangements for Fostering) Regulations 2005 for carrying out visits. Both children in arrangements were above the age of 10 years and were from the United Kingdom; there was one male and one female. One of the placements ended during the year.</li> <li>• Although the numbers of arrangements continue to be low, Stockton's Private Fostering arrangements are not out of line with national, regional or local statistics.</li> </ul> <p>Board members agreed to raise awareness of Private Fostering within their own organisations, and encourage staff, as appropriate, to attend the forthcoming multi-agency Briefing Session on the 30<sup>th</sup> September 2015.</p> <p>On a related topic, <b>CM</b> raised the issue of children being brought into an area from other places to be educated and accommodated with another family, and queried if this may possibly expose such children to greater risk? <b>AS</b> added that the issue of Human Trafficking was also discussed at the recent Tees LSCBs Strategic VEMT Group, with greater understanding around school registrations/de-registrations required – a meeting with the Education Analyst has been proposed to further investigate this area. It was agreed that awareness raising and communication was vital between agencies, with <b>PB</b> noting the annual item in Stockton News regarding Private Fostering support.</p>			
<i>Agreement/ Outcome</i>	All operational annual assurance reports noted and discussed.			
<i>Log Ref</i>	<i>Mtg Date</i>	<i>Action Required</i>	<i>Person Responsible</i>	<i>Due Date</i>
62/09/1516	17.09.15	Request the sharing of Children Missing Education information at the next regional network meeting.	<b>AMC</b>	30.10.15

<i>Ref No. 6</i>	<b>Published Annual Health Safeguarding Reports</b>
<i>Discussion</i>	<p>a) <u>HAST CCG Annual Report 2014 / 2015</u></p> <p><b>JG</b> gave an overview of the circulated Safeguarding Children &amp; Adults Annual Report: April 2014 – March 2015. The report included national context, legislation and statutory guid-</p>



	<p>ance consideration, commissioned services, work within the Clinical Commissioning Groups (CCGs), and inter-agency safeguarding children arrangements.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Hartlepool &amp; Stockton-on-Tees (HAST) CCG and South Tees (ST) CCG have agreed joint arrangements, with a Designated Nurse for Safeguarding and Looked After Children (LAC) and Designated Doctors for Safeguarding Children in post. Following a review in February 2015, it was agreed by both CCGs that the resource for the Designated Nurse and LAC would be increased to 2 posts, which will generate capacity for the CCGs, with each CCG having its own designated post holder.</li> <li>During 2014/15, the Designated Professionals have offered and provided expert advice, support and developmental guidance in relation to safeguarding and LAC to provider organisations commissioned by the CCGs.</li> <li>Although the CCG do not commission Primary Care, the NHS England (NHSE) Accountability and Assurance Framework (2013) is clear that the Designated Professionals should work closely with NHSE to drive up the quality of safeguarding practice in Primary Care. The Designated Nurse and SCO have worked closely with NHSE Cumbria and North East to support this aim in General Practice (GP) across Teesside. A Safeguarding Children and General Practice Action Plan is in place.</li> <li>The Executive Nurse and Designated Professionals as members of NHSE Safeguarding Quality Surveillance Forum, a sub-group of the Quality Surveillance Group (QSG), have shared soft intelligence and information pertaining to specific issues, and provided feedback to the CCGs as to the appropriate action taken on a system wide basis.</li> </ul> <p>Key challenges and achievements during 2014-15 were listed, including the improvement in the compliance for submission of reports for Initial and Review Case Conferences by GPs following focused work being undertaken during 2014/15 to address the weaknesses within the Local Authorities/Primary Care systems. Key objectives for 2015-16 were also outlined.</p> <p>With reference to the 'Young Inspectors' groups (page 11) used to engage children and young people in the work of the Board, <b>JG</b> would ask Dr Paul Williams to contact <b>JB</b> to see if the work of this group could feed into the Voice of the Child thematic work currently being undertaken by the SLSCB.</p>			
	<p>b) <u>NTHFT Annual Report 2014 / 2015</u> Due to her absence from this meeting, <b>LR</b> had requested that this item be deferred until the Board meeting in October 2015.</p>			
	<p>c) <u>TEWV FT Annual Report 2014 / 2015</u> Since only recently becoming a member of the SLSCB, <b>EM</b> requested that this item be deferred until the Board meeting in October 2015 when Karen Agar (Associate Director of Nursing (Safeguarding)) will be in attendance to present.</p>			
<i>Agreement/ Outcome</i>	HAST CCG annual report noted. NTHFT and TEWV annual reports to be deferred until the Board meeting in October 2015.			
<i>Log Ref</i>	<i>Mtg Date</i>	<i>Action Required</i>	<i>Person Responsible</i>	<i>Due Date</i>
63/09/1516	17.09.15	Arrange for Dr Paul Williams to liaise with <b>JB</b> re. the work of the Young Inspectors group feeding into the SLSCBs Voice of the Child thematic work.	<b>JG</b>	15.10.15

<i>Ref No. 7</i>	<b>Performance Data Report Q1 (April – June)</b>
<i>Discussion</i>	<p><b>SW</b> referred to his circulated SLSCB Performance Data Update for Q1 2015-16 report:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><u>CAFs</u> - 244 CAFs initiated over the Q1 period is a drop from the 356 in the previous quarter, although if the Q1 rate is sustained over the year, this would indicate an im-</li> </ul>

	<p>provement on the 877 for the whole of the previous year. There has been an increase in the number of CAFs from Children’s Centres (44 in Q1, compared to 41 for the whole of 2014-15) – this is a positive step given the lower than expected engagement from this sector in the past. Difficulties with behaviour management account for one third of all reasons for CAFs.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <u>Referral Activity</u> - there were approaching 600 cases where Social Care support was requested, but it was deemed that further early help support would be appropriate. The rate of cases proceeding to Single Assessment appears to be reducing. Over the 2014-15 period, 2187 cases proceeded to single assessment (i.e. an average of 550 per quarter) – the figure for Q1 of this year was 378.</li> <li>• <u>Timeliness of decision making</u> - 99% of single assessments were undertaken within the 45 day target time, continuing the positive performance of the previous year. 100% of ICPCs were held within 15 days of the strategy meeting which commenced the s47 enquiry – this is further improvement on the 88% achieved for 2014-15 which was above benchmark group averages (for the 13-14 period). 96% of child protection plan reviews were held within timescale; slightly outside the target of 98% but still within the range of benchmark group averages.</li> <li>• <u>Strategy meetings / Section 47 Enquiries / ICPCs (Initial Child Protection Conferences)</u> - nearly 62% of s47 enquiries did not result in an ICPC, a higher proportion than the previous year, and higher than benchmark group averages (based on 13-14). This could reflect a combination of cases being escalated unnecessarily along with more rigorous risk assessment through the s47 process. Externally commissioned work regarding s47s will take place looking at all Q1 cases.</li> <li>• <u>Attendance / participation at Initial and Review Child Protection Conferences</u> - the work done over the past year regarding GP reports is reflected again in the higher proportion (94%) of ICPCs for which GP information was received. However, the proportion for Review conferences is not as high; this is kept under review by the Performance Sub-Group which has recently agreed some further revision of procedures to improve this situation. A separate piece of work is now being commissioned to look at agency attendance for all ICPCs during the Q1 period – <b>SW</b> will complete scoping documents for this (and the externally commissioned s47 work) and forward to <b>PB</b>.</li> <li>• <u>Overall rate of children in need (CIN)</u> - this was fairly stable over the period, although ended at a rate per 10,000 of 466, slightly higher than the rate of 454 at the end of the previous quarter. The rate of children subject to protection plans reduced over the quarter to 77 per 10,000 (i.e. 325 cp plans), compared to a rate of 84 (356 cp plans) at the end of the previous quarter.</li> </ul> <p>A further area for the Board’s attention relates to those children on second or subsequent protection plans, and the duration of plans – this follows the trend of children being in the looked after system longer in Stockton.</p> <p>Detailed discussion ensued regarding support services around the family for those children on protection plans, and those services that take a long time to engage. However, the overriding view remained that too many children were subject to protection plans and that all agencies needed to address this (other than Social Care and one from Probation, no cases had been submitted to <b>JH</b> for analysis as part of the thematic work around Conference Decision-Making, Professional Challenge, Quality of CP Plans). Not enough was being done before referrals come into Social Care, though outcomes from the Early Help Peer Review may shed some light on this, along with the ongoing thematic work.</p> <p>Regarding the performance statistics, <b>CM</b> noted the improvements made, but felt the data remained very much Social Care dominated – there was a need to re-balance this amongst partner agencies. In terms of the Health workforce data provided, <b>JG</b> would be working with Health colleagues to assure accuracy for the Q2 period.</p>
<p>Agreement/ Outcome</p>	<p>Performance data for Q1 2015-2016 noted and discussed. Scoping documents for commissioned work around s47 and ICPC attendance to be completed and forwarded.</p>

Log Ref	Mtg Date	Action Required	Person Responsible	Due Date
64/09/1516	17.09.15	Complete scoping documentation for the commissioned s47 work and ICPC attendance work, and forward to <b>PB</b> .	<b>SW</b>	02.10.15

Ref No. 8	<b>Scoping Update for Thematic Improvement Areas from Lead Board Members</b>			
<i>Discussion</i>	<p><u>Voice of the Child</u>  <b>JB</b> referred to an amended scoping document regarding the Voice of the Child (VoC) thematic work which was circulated for information at the meeting, explaining the rationale for the proposed additions/changes. The intention was to use access to primary and secondary school pupils to establish how systems intending to ascertain the voice of the child are perceived by these children.</p> <p>It was agreed that all agencies should be informing <b>JB</b> of any work around the VoC that has taken/is taking place, and that Board members should be feeding this work into the VoC group. <b>SW</b> noted the case file audits that have been undertaken in CESC looking at VoC evidence, and the work by the SBC Children's Rights Officer, Donna Grace, around the consultation document and how this feeds into the child protection process – proposed that Donna is part of the SLSCB VoC group. <b>JA</b> also advised of work around the VoC between Stockton Youth Offending Service and Probation.</p> <p><b>AS</b> expressed caution in relation to expanding the scope of the VoC group, particularly around the use of social media, and <b>JG</b> felt the groups 'deliverables' needed to be more specific in terms of how 'progress' would be measured, and any tangible outcomes (as opposed to 'improving understanding' which can be difficult to evidence). <b>EA</b> was happy to support this group, but stressed the need to ascertain current/previous VoC work.</p>			
	<p><u>Managing parents / carers challenging behaviours / culture of optimism &amp; Involvement of all adults living in the household</u>  <b>CH</b> attempted to contact Karen Agar (TEWV Associate Director of Nursing (Safeguarding), and LIPSG member supporting this thematic work) during the summer holidays and will be meeting her in the near future to discuss this work – an outline scoping document will be completed in time for the October 2015 Board meeting.</p>			
<i>Agreement/ Outcome</i>	Updates noted.			
Log Ref	Mtg Date	Action Required	Person Responsible	Due Date
65/09/1516	17.09.15	Complete scoping document for the Managing parents / carers challenging behaviours / culture of optimism & Involvement of all adults living in the household thematic work for consideration at the Board meeting in October 2015.	<b>CH</b>	02.10.15

Ref No. 9	<b>Partners Operational Safeguarding Issues</b>			
<i>Discussion</i>	<p><u>Local Authority</u>  The new Children's Services structure was implemented on the 1<sup>st</sup> September 2015 – <b>MW</b> was the Interim Head of Early Help, Partnership &amp; Planning until Martin Gray takes up the post in November 2015.</p> <p>The Senior Management structure had been recently reviewed – the proposals, including the deletion of the Corporate Director of CESC post and the creation of two separate Children and Adult Director roles (from the 1<sup>st</sup> April 2016), were confirmed at a full Council meeting yesterday.</p>			

	<p>Early Help Peer Review initial feedback will take place tomorrow. Regarding the Multi-Agency Children's Hub (MACH), a business case will come to the Board later this month – funding issues have been raised with the CCG and Police as there is currently a potential significant funding gap.</p> <p><b>AM</b> noted her continued support of the joint venture with Spark of Genius, highlighting the positive work around children's mental health following the ongoing high rates of self-harm.</p>
Agreement/ Outcome	Updates noted.

<b>Ref No. 10</b>	<b>Diagnostic Peer Review undertaken of the Housing Options Service</b>
Discussion	<p><b>JN</b> referred to her circulated report regarding the Housing Options Diagnostic Peer Review – Gold Standard Challenge (August 2015). This report had previously been presented to SBC Corporate Management Team.</p> <p>The Housing Options Service attained an average overall score of 71% which is very good. The minimum score required to progress towards the Gold Standard is 60% which was surpassed in all 3 areas of the review. This means we are now able to apply for any 3 or more of the 10 Local Gold Standard Challenges.</p> <p>The review confirmed that SBC has a very effective and efficient Housing Options Service that is achieving good outcomes for customers, partners and stakeholders. The findings and recommendations from the review will form the basis of a continuous improvement plan that Housing will develop and deliver towards meeting the 10 Local Challenges of the Gold Standard Award. Work is continuing with the National Practitioner Support Service (NPSS) to identify the first 3 challenges which Housing aims to meet this financial year.</p> <p><b>JN</b> advised that an Action Plan had been created following this review, and updates would be provided to the Board in approximately six months (March 2016).</p>
Agreement/ Outcome	Housing Options Diagnostic Peer Review noted, and achievements commended by the Board.

<b>Ref No. 11</b>	<b>20.08.15 Board Minutes for Accuracy</b>
Discussion	<p>Minutes of the Board meeting held on the 20<sup>th</sup> August 2015 were agreed as a true record, subject to the following minor amendment:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Ref No. 6 (Service User Social Care Exit Survey) – amend <i>Agreement/Outcome</i> section to 'Exit survey report noted, with the issue of Social Worker contact to be addressed at the Children's Social Work Board shortly.'</li> </ul> <p>49/08/1516: 'Reflect suggestion of expansion on the checks and balances undertaken in relation to seeing children in the secure estate to Miriam Sigsworth for inclusion in the YOT annual assurance report 2014-2015' (<b>SWh</b>) – the revised report had now been received from YOT.</p> <p>54/08/1516: 'Raise the issue of the decreasing availability of se-cure estate beds via the National Association of LSCB Chairs – letter to be produced' (<b>CM/PB</b>) – <b>CM</b> is chairing a group regarding this issue, though there were initial problems with the information made available for discussion (EDT representative was not in attendance). Next meeting scheduled for October 2015, but concern over the direction of the group if data is not submitted.</p> <p>57/08/1516: 'Forward any final comments on the SLSCB Annual Report 2014-2015 to <b>PB</b>' (<b>ALL</b>) – Annual Report has been sent to those bodies the Board have to submit to from a statutory perspective. The report will also be included on the next SLSCB email bulletin to</p>

	<p>Board members, and will go to the SBC Health &amp; Wellbeing Board and the Children &amp; Young People Select Committee.</p> <p>Ref No. 13: <i>Staff Drop-Ins</i> – dates have now been agreed for the Staff Drop-In sessions, although two of the dates still require venues – <b>RM</b> would check for appropriate NTHFT rooms. The sessions would be directed at non-Social Care staff, and would cover Early Help, the Children &amp; Young People’s Plan and Ofsted preparation:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ 5<sup>th</sup> November 2015 (9.00am – 10.00am) – venue required</li> <li>○ 9<sup>th</sup> November 2015 (12.00pm – 1.00pm) – Stockton Sixth Form College</li> <li>○ 16<sup>th</sup> November 2015 (5.00pm – 6.00pm) – Stockton Sixth Form College</li> <li>○ 19<sup>th</sup> November 2015 (4.00pm – 5.00pm) – venue required</li> </ul>
<i>Agreement/ Outcome</i>	The minutes of the Board meeting held on the 20 <sup>th</sup> August 2015 be recorded as ratified, subject to the identified minor amendment.

<i>Ref No. 12</i>	<b>Tees LSCBs VEMT Strategic Group</b>
<i>Discussion</i>	<p><b>AS</b> gave updates on work taking place at the Tees LSCBs Strategic VEMT Group:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Meeting to look at joint analysis/data-streams (CSE, missing from education).</li> <li>• E-Safety - Gary Watson (Chair of E-Safety Group) to be invited to Strategic VEMT.</li> <li>• <b>DM</b> added to the Strategic VEMT Group membership to strengthen links to education.</li> <li>• Police CSE Peer Review – document now available and will go to Strategic VEMT.</li> <li>• Missing from Home – discussions on whether VEMT is too heavily CSE-focused.</li> </ul>
<i>Agreement/ Outcome</i>	Updates noted.

<i>Ref No. 13</i>	<b>SLSCB VEMT Sub-Group</b>
<i>Discussion</i>	<p><b>SM</b> referred to his circulated Chairs Update Report for SLSCB: VEMT Sub-Group, documenting the continued good attendance and positive contributions of group members, current data on young people on the VEMT list, and the ongoing work of the group:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• CSE Task and Finish Review – consideration of report and recommendations.</li> <li>• VEMT Sub Group Terms of Reference – review completed.</li> <li>• VPG Terms of Reference – review underway.</li> <li>• Police input to VPG – review completed.</li> <li>• National Probation Service (NPS)/Community Rehabilitation Company (CRC) – review of role in VEMT process.</li> </ul> <p>Issues to be considered at future meetings included:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Update on Police Disruption Activity.</li> <li>• Police intelligence ‘roadshow’.</li> <li>• Families and Communities against CSE (FCASE) Evaluation Report – discussion and consideration of any implications for current structures and processes.</li> <li>• Ofsted Thematic Report Benchmarking Exercise - progress update.</li> <li>• Review of Missing/Return Interview arrangements.</li> </ul> <p>It was also noted that Rhona Bolland (SBC Service Manager - Assessment &amp; Fieldwork) was now the Chair of the VEMT Practitioners Group (VPG) in place of Jayne Parry.</p>
<i>Agreement/ Outcome</i>	Updates noted.

<b>Ref No. 14</b>	<b>Tees CDOP – No report received</b>			
<i>Discussion</i>	<p>No recent Tees CDOP meeting had taken place since the last meeting of SLSCB – update to be provided in October 2015.</p> <p><b>JH</b> raised the ongoing issue of Tees CDOP funding, and advised that, following her enquiries, she had established that CDOP functions across the region are funded in a variety of ways, with LSCBs usually covering the administrative arrangements. Due to the importance attached by Government to CDOP, this issue of funding needs addressing urgently – <b>JG</b> agreed to raise this at the next Redcar &amp; Cleveland LSCB meeting (as they are the current Tees CDOP lead).</p>			
<i>Agreement/ Outcome</i>	Tees CDOP funding issue acknowledged by Board members – to be raised at the next Redcar & Cleveland LSCB meeting as they are the current Tees CDOP lead.			
<i>Log Ref</i>	<i>Mtg Date</i>	<i>Action Required</i>	<i>Person Responsible</i>	<i>Due Date</i>
66/09/1516	17.09.15	Raise the issue of Tees CDOP funding at the next Redcar & Cleveland LSCB meeting.	<b>JG</b>	18.09.15

<b>Ref No. 15</b>	<b>SLSCB LIPSG</b>			
<i>Discussion</i>	<p>Reference was made to the circulated Chairs Update Report for SLSCB: LIPSG, documenting attendance, ongoing work (monitoring of the SCR Harry Action Plan), and including an attached Learning Lessons Report on Jasper for information. Similarities between the Jasper case and that of SCR Harry were noted in terms of neglect and missed appointments, with key points of learning identified as follows:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Communication between agencies is vital to obtain a full picture of the child.</li> <li>• Professional challenge/parental challenge needs to be embedded in practice and cases escalated where necessary.</li> <li>• Professionals need to be able to recognise and respond to indicators of Neglect.</li> </ul>			
<i>Agreement/ Outcome</i>	Updates noted.			

<b>Ref No. 16</b>	<b>Tees LSCBs Procedures Group (No Report)</b>			
<i>Discussion</i>	No report was available from the Tees LSCBs Procedures Group as the last scheduled meeting in August 2015 was cancelled. Next meeting scheduled for 25 <sup>th</sup> September 2015.			
<i>Agreement/ Outcome</i>	Noted.			

<b>Ref No. 17</b>	<b>Any Other Business</b>			
<i>Discussion</i>	<p><u>Ofsted</u> – the Ofsted report on Darlington is now available to view, and was included in the recent SLSCB email bulletin to Board members.</p> <p><u>Prevent/Channel</u> – Chair of Middlesbrough LSCB has recently viewed online learning around this issue as there is an opportunity to raise awareness in schools. <b>PB</b> to contact Mark to see if this online learning is provided by Virtual College (which SLSCB already utilise for other safeguarding training). Recent discussions on Prevent/ Channel at the Teeswide Safeguarding Adults Board were also noted.</p> <p><u>Tees Performance Framework Bid</u> – Hartlepool are leading on the tendering process, with Mike Batty commissioned externally. Mike is now meeting key people with a view to a Tees wide proposal being made by December 2015. <b>SW</b> to forward <b>PB</b> the original bid document.</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>
67/09/1516	17.09.15	Liaise with Chair of Middlesbrough LSCB re. Prevent/Channel online learning provider.	<b>PB</b>	15.10.15
68/09/1516	17.09.15	Forward original Tees Performance Framework Bid document to <b>PB</b> .	<b>SW</b>	30.09.15