












**STOCKTON-ON-TEES LOCAL SAFEGUARDING CHILDREN BOARD (SLSCB)**

**1. Attendance, Apologies & Governance**

<b>SLSCB Members</b>	<b>Title</b>	<b>Representing</b>	<b>Other Interests:</b> Stockton-on-Tees or Tees Valley Partnerships, Boards, Group etc. (Ch. denotes Chair, VCh Vice-Chair)	<b>✓</b> <b>✗</b> <b>Apols</b>
Dave Pickard (DP)	LSCB Independent Chair	SLSCB	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>LSCB Chair Hartlepool</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>	✓
Leanne Bain (LB)	Lay Member			✓
Lesley Cooke (LC)	Lay Member		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Eastern Ravens Trust</li> <li>Catalyst</li> </ul>	✓
Deborah Wray (DW)	Lay Member		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Governor Bowesfield Primary School</li> </ul>	✓
Jane Humphreys (JH)	Director of Children's Services	Local Authority	<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>SMB – Public Protection</li> <li>Safer Stockton Partnership</li> </ul>	✓
Peter Kelly (PK)	Director of Adults and 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>	✓
Martin Gray (MG)	Assistant Director - Early Help, Partnership and Planning / Chair SLSCB Performance Sub-Group		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>HWB Children's Partnership</li> <li>Children &amp; Young People Health and Wellbeing Commissioning Group</li> <li>MALAP (Multi Agency Looked After Partnership)</li> <li>Stockton YOS Management Board</li> </ul>	✓
Diane McConnell (DM)	Assistant Director - Schools and SEN		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>CAF Board</li> <li>Convener of the Safeguarding Forum for Education Settings</li> <li>Tees LSCBs Strategic VEMT Group</li> </ul>	✓
Shaun McLurg (SM)	Assistant Director - Safeguarding and Looked After Children / Chair Tees LSCB's Procedures Group / Chair SLSCB VEMT Sub-Group		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Children &amp; Young People Health and Wellbeing Commissioning Group</li> <li>Spark of Genius Children's Homes</li> </ul>	Apols
Jane Edmends (JE)	Strategic Housing Manager		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Stockton Early Help Partnership Group</li> <li>Housing and Neighbourhood Partnership (Thematic Group)</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 Valleys NHS Foundation Trust (TEWV)</li> </ul>	Apols
Neil Schneider (NS)	Chief Executive (Participating Observer)			Apols
Margaret Harvey (MH)	Service Manager	CAFCASS		Apols

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Alastair Simpson (AS)	Detective Superintendent / Chair SLSCB 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 Mason (CM)	Deputy Principal Secondary Schools			
Kerry Coe (KC)	Head Teacher Primary Schools		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>High Needs Panel</li> <li>Primary Heads Group</li> <li>ARP Cluster</li> </ul>	
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>	
Jean Golightly (JG)	Executive Nurse	Hartlepool & Stockton-on-Tees 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>	Apols
Trina Holcroft (TH)	Designated Nurse, Safeguarding Children & LAC		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Hartlepool SCB (full board, exec and LIPSG)</li> <li>CDOP</li> <li>Tees LSCBs Procedures Group</li> <li>Multi-Agency Looked After Partnership (MALAP Stockton)</li> <li>Stockton Performance Management</li> <li>Stockton LIPSG</li> <li>Hartlepool Performance and Quality Group</li> <li>Joint Training Group</li> <li>MACH SMB and Implementation Group</li> <li>Teeswide Designated Professionals Group</li> <li>NTHFT Steering Group</li> </ul>	
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>	
David Charlesworth (DC)	Quality and Patient Safety Manager	NHS England (Cumbria & North East)		
Lindsey Robertson (LR)	Deputy Director of Nursing	North Tees & Hartlepool NHS Foundation Trust (NTHFT)		
Elizabeth Moody (EM)	Executive Director of Nursing and Governance	Tees, Esk & Wear Valleys NHS Foundation Trust (TEWV)	<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> <li>• MAPPA Representative</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>	✓

<b>Minute-Taker:</b>	Gary Woods - SLSCB Business Support Officer
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<b>Meeting Quorate:</b>	Yes
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<b>Declarations of Interest:</b>	None
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Ref No. 1	Ofsted
Discussion	<p><b>Purpose of Extraordinary SLSCB Meeting</b></p> <p><b>DP</b> welcomed Board members to this extraordinary SLSCB meeting, which had been scheduled to provide informal feedback on the recent Ofsted Single Inspection Framework of Stockton-on-Tees Borough Council (SBC) Children's Services (children in need of help and protection, children looked after and care leavers) and the effectiveness of the SLSCB.</p> <p>Although details of any formal grading following the inspection were currently prohibited, it was considered appropriate to give Board members a summary of the findings (positive and negative), and enable those who took part in the process to discuss their views and feelings on how the inspection went from their perspective.</p> <p><b>DP</b> outlined the timeline involved following completion of the inspection:</p>

- 15/07/2016 - draft report submitted to SBC (**NS/JH**) and SLSCB (**DP**).
- 04/08/2016 - pre-publication copy of final report submitted to SBC and SLSCB.
- 05/08/2016 - formal publication of final report.

#### Summary of Inspection Findings

**DP** gave an overview of the feedback from the inspection, which included the following:

##### *Positives*

- Inspector (Fiona Millns) impressed with the openness, honesty and engagement of professionals involved. **DP** thanked all Board members who took part in this process, and felt that partners should take pride in how they conducted themselves.
- Very good understanding of where we are as a Board and what needs improving.
- Good attendance at meetings.
- Clearly defined priorities.
- Strength of VEMT/CSE work across Tees.
- Board involved in shaping services (e.g. Children's Hub).
- Section 11 and Peer Reviews.
- Good structure of thematic reviews/assurance reports.
- Good governance and relationships with other Boards/partnerships.
- Good links with Child Death Overview Panel (CDOP).

##### *Negatives/Improvement*

- Too early to judge the impact of changes made.
- Timing issue - things in the pipeline given credit for potential, but not for what has been physically delivered.
- Training programme not being shaped by training needs analysis.
- Is the voice of the child embedded across all agencies?
- Concern over a lack of analysis in the SLSCB Annual Report.
- Concern over a lack of evidence regarding impact of work.
- Too little emphasis on the launch of the joint threshold with Hartlepool.
- Question over how SLSCB sub-groups work together - good data, but so what (how collated/analysed)?

Overall, the Inspector appeared to be impressed during the process, could see the potential of future plans, and was optimistic around the direction of travel. There was a positive narrative throughout the inspection period.

#### Board Member Feedback

**JH** began the discussion by stating that she was highly delighted with the anticipated outcome of the inspection. As noted in the summary of the findings, there was an honest and open approach from all agencies involved which was commented on by the inspectors on several occasions - this had also been reported back by Ofsted nationally. **JH** was interviewed four times during the inspection - from a SLSCB perspective, evidence of strong partnerships/multi-agency working were demonstrated, though the sharing of practice issues by the Local Authority to wider partners was always reciprocated (learning point). The inspection was focused not only on performance indicators, but quality of practice.

**SR** commended all those involved, and felt that, although all inspections find something that requires improvement, the issues raised in the summary of the findings are small in the overall context of the Board's work. **DP** added that the issues identified for improvement have already been recognised by the Board.

**TH** was interviewed twice (once involving a group discussion), and reflected positively on the opportunity to explain the impact of joint working. The collation of data between the Local Authority and Health regarding looked after children (LAC) was identified as an area for further work.

**MG** highlighted the efforts made during the early stages of the inspection process in order to crystallise the work of the SLSCB (which included an 'outcomes log'). There is a need for the Board to think about how it captures/reports its achievements, as this should be an ongoing process, not just something which is cultivated upon inspection. The inspector was keen to see evidence on how the Board evaluates itself - a draft 'self-assessment' document (which was going to be presented at the SLSCB Development Day in June 2016 until it was cancelled due to the inspection) was well received, but the general feeling was that the Board should be doing more on this issue.

**JB** was interviewed within a group setting twice, and stated that the SLSCB briefing notes circulated at the start of the inspection process were hugely helpful. For those involved in the group discussions, there appeared a sense of wanting to tell the Board's story well, which was testament to how important those individuals take their Board work. The inspectors were open to listening, asked open questions, and were very receptive. **LR** added that the inspectors asked what their own agency had achieved too.

**PB** referred to an interview with Fiona Millns, who noted the challenges that came out of the last inspection of the SLSCB in January 2013. Back then, Board members often looked to **PB** for answers - not now. Fiona commented that a strong and involved Board is far more evident, and it is hoped that this is reflected in the report to show how the SLSCB has developed.

**JH** highlighted feedback in relation to the use of the Signs of Safety tool - improved position from a practice point of view, and clearer in terms of assessment/analysis/plans. The new Hartlepool and Stockton-on-Tees Children's Hub was received positively too.

**DP** thanked all those involved in the preparation of the briefing notes, and questioned whether anything could have been done better to support Board members during this process. **SR** considered that the line of questioning during the inspection was more about partners' culture and involvement, which depended on personal involvement and engagement on the Board. **AS**, interviewed three times (once in relation to the SLSCB), agreed that the material produced in advance of the inspection was useful, and supported the notion of reflecting on the Board's work/achievements as a matter of course, not just annually. As a relatively new member of the SLSCB, **DW** felt the briefing notes were helpful, the right length, and provided security in advance of an interview - **DW** was subsequently questioned on how the Board works, and whether what is discussed is actually happening. There was also a strong voice of the child focus. **KC** added that the briefing notes reminded Board members of the amount of work undertaken in the context of their busy roles within their own organisations.

#### Next Steps

With reference to the report publication date of the 5<sup>th</sup> August 2016, **DP** advised that the Board meeting in September 2016 will be replaced by the re-scheduled SLSCB Development Day (9.00am - 4.00pm) - SLSCB Business Unit to arrange and send out meeting invitations. The Development Day will be used to consider the contents of the report, as well as allowing Board members to give their own views, comments and thoughts. The report will be examined in detail, and an appropriate response prepared. **PB** reminded Board members that anyone who was preparing a report for the original Board meeting in September 2016 should still work to this deadline.

**DP** re-iterated his thanks to everyone involved in the inspection, both in terms of how they represented themselves and the Board, and for all the support they gave during this time - the SLSCB are on the right track, and are going in the right direction. At the next Board meeting later in July 2016, there may be an opportunity to share the report's recommendations regarding the SLSCB (these will be outlined in the draft report submitted on the 15<sup>th</sup> July 2016). From a Local Authority perspective, **JH** also thanked all Board members for their contributions.

<i>Agreement/ Outcome</i>	Feedback on the recent Ofsted inspection in Stockton noted, with Board members' experiences of the process highlighted and discussed. Timeline for publication of the report outlined, along with SLSCB plans to address the final findings.			
<i>Log Ref</i>	<i>Mtg Date</i>	<i>Action Required</i>	<i>Person Responsible</i>	<i>Due Date</i>
27/07/1617	04.07.16	Replace Board meeting in September 2016 with the re-scheduled SLSCB Development Day, and send meeting invitations to Board members.	<b>Business Unit</b>	15.07.16

<i>Ref No. 2</i>	<b>Wood Review</b>			
<i>Discussion</i>	DP drew attention to the current situation regarding the Wood Review, noting that, as yet, there was no defined way forward. Decisions will be made over the forthcoming year, but until this time, all LSCBs still have a job to do. Any developments in relation to this review will be reported to Board members when available.			
<i>Agreement/ Outcome</i>	Updates noted.			

<i>Ref No. 3</i>	<b>SAFER Referral Form</b>			
<i>Discussion</i>	Board members formally approved the SAFER Referral Form, with the 'I believe this child would benefit from early help' option (Section one: Situation) removed from the front page.			
<i>Agreement/ Outcome</i>	SAFER Referral Form without the 'Early Help' option box on the front page approved by all SLSCB members.			

<i>Ref No. 4</i>	<b>Any Other Business</b>			
<i>Discussion</i>	Nothing to report.			
<i>Agreement/ Outcome</i>	Noted.			