



Meeting	Warwickshire Safeguarding Executive Board
Date	Wednesday 22 April 2020
Present	<p>Elaine Coleridge-Smith (<i>Independent Chair, Warwickshire Safeguarding</i>) Jo Galloway (<i>Warwickshire Clinical Commissioning Groups</i>) Nigel Minns (<i>Warwickshire County Council</i>) Pete Hill (<i>Warwickshire Police</i>)</p> <p><u>In attendance:</u> Amrita Sharma (<i>Warwickshire Safeguarding Business Manager</i>) Jackie Channell (<i>Item 8 only, North Warwickshire Clinical Commissioning Group</i>) Jo Ferguson (<i>Minute Taker, Warwickshire Safeguarding</i>)</p>
Apologies	None.

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1.	<p>Welcome, Introductions and Apologies</p> <p>The Independent Chair of Warwickshire Safeguarding welcomed members to the meeting and thanked their willingness to conduct the meeting virtually due to the current COVID-19 pandemic. There are no apologies to note.</p>		
2.	<p>Minutes</p> <p>The minutes from the previous meeting were deemed as an accurate record with only the following amendment to be made;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Jo Galloway now represents all 3 Warwickshire CCG's, following the decision of the three CCGs in Coventry and Warwickshire to apply to merge from April 2021. Alison Walshe has been asked to work with Adrian Stokes to take this project forward, resulting in the need to release some of her other duties hence, it has been agreed with Jo Galloway that she will pick up the remit of safeguarding on behalf of all three CCGs whilst the work on the merger is underway. <p>Matters Arising</p> <p>Agreed that any matters arising that will not be covered in today's meeting will be dealt with once things have returned to normal and the pandemic has ended.</p>	<p>Make amendment in previous minutes.</p>	JF
3.	<p>COVID-19 Position Statement</p>		



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	<p>Members provided an update on each their respective organisations management of the COVID-19 pandemic.</p> <p>Health:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ricoh arena has recently become a testing centre for COVID-19, which is available for care & support workers. Currently has the capacity to test up to 100 people per day but hoping to increase this to up to 400 a day next week. • The Nightingale Hospital in Birmingham was opened approx. 10 days ago and is a 'pop-up hospital', situated at the NEC, is there as contingency for a worst-case scenario. But currently has not yet been used by Trusts across the region. • There are approx. 50 to 60 beds available across Coventry & Warwickshire hospitals. • The biggest challenges facing the NHS is PPE and testing for the virus. • There has been one death of an NHS nurse • Approx. 50 to 60 deaths of residents in care home settings. <p>Local Authority:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A lot of the services supported or ran by the local authority can provide the community with online support. • The anticipated "peak" has not yet occurred, so have not had to implement emergency procedures. • Very low level of sickness from staff within Social Care. • WCC have an 0800 number for vulnerable people who are not able to get their own shopping or prescriptions, to access a delivery service. • Children's services in the past two weeks have achieved contact with 99% of families. • The social media campaign WCC have introduced to encourage safeguarding referrals from children and young people has been successful, with the number of referrals from children and young people increased. 	<p>Create a risk register using the information provided from members.</p>	<p>AS</p>



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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Several care homes across the County have closed due to outbreaks of the virus, however there have also been several who have had outbreaks but are not yet closed. 25% of nursing homes have had outbreaks Just under 20% of care homes have had outbreaks <p>Police:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Police experienced staffing issues at the start of the pandemic, with approx. 25% staff off absent, this has since significantly improved with numbers being as low as 6%. Overall numbers of regular crime have decreased; however, cybercrime of vulnerable people being scammed has increased significantly. Any awareness campaigns regarding this issue is to be shared with the Warwickshire Safeguarding Business team to share it with partners and on the website. There are weekly conference calls between Warwickshire Police and Children's Services. Number of 999 calls has dropped, and there has been an increase in 101 calls, which is positive. Staff in the Harms Assessment Unit are still working within the offices in MASH, due to not being able to work remotely due to lack of appropriate IT equipment and services. 		
4.	<p>Management of DA cases during COVID-19</p> <p>Pete Hill presented the "Impact of COVID-19 Pandemic on Domestic Abuse Reporting" document providing an update on the impact of the restrictions placed by Government to help slow the spread of COVID-19, in relation to the reporting of domestic abuse in Warwickshire.</p> <p>The report highlights that from a policing perspective demand initially dropped off when the restrictions came into force but</p>		



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	<p>quickly returned to normal levels. Before the restrictions came into force Warwickshire the incidence of domestic abuse offences recorded over Easter did show an increase in reporting, but this is not uncommon and is in keeping with increases experienced in previous years.</p> <p>There remains concern amongst professionals that the true levels of domestic abuse could be higher than recorded due to it being more challenging for a victim of domestic abuse to report. There does appear to have been a slight increase in the number of high-risk cases of domestic abuse being reported but there is insufficient data available to conclude whether this is directly related to restrictions that have been put in place.</p> <p>In conclusion, members agreed it is too early to say with certainty what impact the current coronavirus pandemic has had on the levels of domestic abuse being reported, but are satisfied that the partnership response has, and continues to be, effective and joined-up. Members recommend that a further report be provided to the Executive Board in 4 weeks' time when more data will be available.</p>	<p>Provide a further report with updated figures at the next Executive Board meeting.</p>	<p>PH</p>
<p>5.</p>	<p>TCE Draft Project Learning Report</p> <p>Pete Hill presented the report produced by the TCE Programme Team to assist Warwickshire Safeguarding in creating it's all age whole system approach to Exploitation.</p> <p>Members welcomed the findings of the report and agreed the findings of this report be considered alongside those identified within the Strategic Thematic Review on Exploitation. This should form part of the Exploitation Subgroups workplan.</p> <p>Members agreed that the principle of establishing a secure communication forum on the Safeguarding Warwickshire website be explored to provide peer-on-peer support and group discussions/training on common safeguarding themes. It was agreed that a</p>	<p>Set-up Task and Finish Group and discuss next steps</p>	<p>AS / PH</p>



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	Task and Finish Group be set-up of the following people to scope this work further: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ian Redfern • Sally Nash • Jackie Channell • An education representative tbc • A police representative tbc 	Confirm education representative. Confirm police representative.	NM PH
6.	<p>Strategic Thematic Review ‘Exploitation’ – Draft Report for publication</p> <p>Members thanked the Business Team for their work in delivering the new Quality Assurance Framework and the quality of the report produced detailing the learning from the strategic thematic review on Exploitation.</p> <p>Members agreed that the Exploitation Subgroup will be responsible for the delivery of the multi-agency action plan and report back on performance to WSEB.</p> <p>Nigel Minns also agreed to liaise with John Coleman to ensure a focus on adults is included within the workstream being led by Children’s Services to raise awareness and understanding of Exploitation.</p> <p>It was agreed that the final report will be shared with the Regional Chairs network as well as members of the wider safeguarding partnership. An Executive Summary is also in the works, and this will be to assist with the dissemination of learning.</p> <p>Lastly, members of the Executive Board agreed that the next round of Strategic Thematic Reviews on the topic of Core Safeguarding Practice be pushed back to September 2020 to allow frontline services to focus on the demands of Covid-19. A communication will be sent out to partners to this affect.</p>	<p>Exploitation Subgroup to manage delivery of the multi-agency action plan</p> <p>Adult exploitation to be included within the scope of John Coleman’s workstream on Exploitation</p> <p>Share a copy of the report with the Regional Chairs Network and wider safeguarding partnership</p> <p>Send out a communication to partners informing them of the decision to defer the next round of strategic thematic reviews to September.</p>	<p>PH</p> <p>NM</p> <p>ECS/AS</p> <p>AS</p>
7.	<p>Briefing paper on JTAI report – multi-agency response to child sexual abuse in the family environment</p> <p>Elaine presented a brief overview of the JTAI report, which describes the findings from six JTAs carried out between September 2018</p>		



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	<p>and May 2019. This included a deep dive into the experiences of children and young people who are at risk of, or subject to, child sexual abuse in the family environment.</p> <p>The findings in the report considered the extent to which, in the local authorities inspected, children’s social care, health professionals, youth offending services, the police and probation officers were effective in safeguarding these children. The inspectors reviewed the practices of the individual agencies, as well as the effectiveness of multi-agency working arrangements.</p> <p>Members commented that the report was quite hard-hitting, and “sobering” to read. It was agreed that a 7-minute briefing will be created to highlight the different referral pathways for Practitioners and Families.</p>	<p>Create and share a 7-minute Briefing on referral pathways.</p>	<p>AS</p>
<p>8.</p>	<p>Safeguarding Reviews - update</p> <p>Amrita Sharma outlined to members arrangements put in place with Adults Social Care and Children’s Services to manage new incoming safeguarding referrals during the COVID-19 lockdown period. This will enable some quick checks to be undertaken to establish the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • If the individual(s) are known to either service area and known to have care and support needs (adults) • If any immediate safeguarding risk(s) have been managed • If the incident is to be reported to Ofsted (children) <p>This will enable the Safeguarding Reviews Subgroup to determine next steps and suitable timeframes.</p> <p>Jackie Channell, Chair of the Safeguarding Review Subgroup, joined the meeting at this point and updated Members on all safeguarding reviews involving children and adults.</p> <p>All reviews work has currently been paused to allow frontline services to respond to the immediate demands of Covid-19.</p>		



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	<p>Some of the reviews are pending updates on criminal proceedings which have an impact on the progression of their commencement/completion.</p> <p>Amrita Sharma reported that the National Review Panel have questioned the decision of Warwickshire Safeguarding to withhold publication of a couple of reports. Impact statements are being prepared by Children's Services to support this decision making.</p> <p>It was agreed that the Business Manager should write to all frontline services to enquire about their capacity to support the re-phasing of safeguarding reviews work. Feedback from partner agencies should be considered by the Safeguarding Reviews Subgroup to determine programming of this work moving forward.</p>	<p>Update WS Business Team on all criminal proceedings accordingly.</p> <p>Email partner agencies to determine their capacity for assisting with reviews during the lockdown.</p>	<p>PH</p> <p>AS</p>
<p>9.</p>	<p>Any Other Business</p> <p>Members were reminded that the process of pulling together information for this year's Annual Report will begin soon. Nigel Minns confirmed that, all data on Child Safeguarding can be gained quickly from Anita Lekhi, along with a copy of their self-assessment and Ian Redfern could be approached for a copy of the self-evaluation prepared by Adult Social Care for the now cancelled Peer Challenge.</p> <p>Members also approved the decision to stand down the Safeguarding Children's Partnership Group meeting in May due to the current Covid-19 lockdown situation.</p>	<p>Contact Anita regarding Children Safeguarding data and copy of CSC self-assessment and Ian Redfern for ASC's self-evaluation from the Peer Challenge documents.</p> <p>Send out meeting cancellation communication to the Safeguarding Children's Partnership Group</p>	<p>AS</p> <p>AS</p>
<p>Date of next meeting: <i>Wednesday 27 May 2020 at 2:30pm</i></p>			