



Meeting	Warwickshire Safeguarding Executive Board
Date	Tuesday 23 rd February 2021
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>In attendance: Amrita Sharma (<i>Warwickshire Safeguarding</i>) Jackie Channell (<i>Item.11 only, Warwickshire Clinical Commissioning Groups</i>) Jo Ferguson (<i>Warwickshire Safeguarding</i>) Jonathon Toy (<i>Item.9 only, Warwickshire County Council</i>) Marina Kitchen (<i>Item.5 only, Warwickshire County Council</i>) Sally Nash (<i>Item.4 only, Warwickshire County Council</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, with no apologies to note.</p>		
2.	<p>Minutes</p> <p>Minutes from the meeting held on 26 January 2021 were deemed as an accurate record with only the following amendments required: In Item 3</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Under Health, remove the term “volunteers” and replace with “people”. Under Health, remove the term “small” when referencing the COVID outbreaks. <p>Matters Arising</p> <p>Item 6:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Meeting was had with Jo Gifford and further discussion meeting has been scheduled with John Coleman to determine how to progress this piece of work. <p>Item 9:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Final version of the CDOP Annual Report had been received. Will be sent to members via email. 	<p>Make amendments to previous minutes as requested.</p> <p>Feedback discussions from meeting with John Coleman to the Exec.</p> <p>Forward final CDOP Annual Report to members via email.</p>	<p>JF</p> <p>AS</p> <p>AS</p>



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	Item 10: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> MASH Review Report was sent to Amrita, who will forward to the Chair for further reading. 	Forward MASH Review Report to Chair.	AS
3.	<p>COVID-19 Updates</p> <p>Health There had been a reduction in the number of people in hospital for COVID-19 and those in ITU beds, though it is noted the reduction had been very slow. Vaccination programme rollout is continuing and working well. There had been a rise in pressure on the back of increased safeguarding concerns and Looked After Children (LAC). In regards to LAC, the initial health assessments had been undertaken virtually, with the second assessment to be followed up by person. Due to the staffing issues, CWPT have looked in to putting in additional resources to address this. With the increase of LAC this has put pressure on:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> CAHMS services, Out of area health assessments and The oversight of asylum seekers that are placed in Birmingham by Warwickshire. <p>Due to this, Head of safeguarding and the designated doctors were in the process of liaising with commissioning leads and local authority leads to discuss the increased capacity requirements. A new Information Sharing Agreement between the MASH and GPs has been produced. There is currently some training being provided for Primary Care GP Practices which incorporates the Mental Capacity Act, Virtual Consultations, and raising awareness about FGM. From the 1st April 2021 the Warwickshire CCGs will merge and become known as the Coventry and Warwickshire CCG. Lastly, Alison Walshe, previous WSEB representative, is retiring at the end of April.</p> <p>Local authority</p>		



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	<p>Infection rates were coming down faster than hospital rates. Which in turn showed a reduced number of outbreaks in care homes.</p> <p>16,000 provider staff had been invited to receive a vaccination.</p> <p>Care home occupancy is now below 80%, which is of concern. Though this figure was common across the West Midlands.</p> <p>In Children Services, pressures were still great due to the high number in the system, despite reduced referrals.</p> <p>Like Health's comments, the number of LAC was the highest on record.</p> <p>In the process of rolling out 'COOTH', which is an app to support mental health & wellbeing for ages 11 to 25, aiming to be Live by the beginning of March. Within the app it will include over 300 hours of free counselling.</p> <p>Lastly, WCC had a virtual visit from the Chief Social Worker to discuss the County Council's work on the Baby Box Project for Care Leavers. She was particularly impressed with the project and how it was developed by one of WCC's Care Leavers, but also the particular influence from young people and the impact the apprentices have had on WCC's services (having 8 care leaver apprentices currently).</p> <p>Police</p> <p>Total recorded crime down by 13% during this 12-month period. However, this was unable to free capacity as this had been replaced with COVID related calls from members of the public. More than 50 incidences a day of people breaching Government regulations.</p> <p>Domestic Abuse remained a constant challenge, with demand increased by 2%.</p> <p>Picked up more cases around neglect, with a significant surge in demand expected to occur once the schools reopen on 8th March.</p>	<p>Share details of the new app with WSEB for wider circulation and sharing amongst staff.</p>	<p>NM</p>
<p>4.</p>	<p>Presentation: Sexual Harmful Behaviour Approach</p> <p>Sally Nash, Service Manager Youth Justice, Child Exploitation and Domestic Abuse,</p>	<p>Add to the forward plan for meeting in March.</p>	<p>JF</p>



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	<p>gave a brief verbal report on the produced Sexual Harmful Behaviour Approach. However, due to an admin error, members did not have sight of the report prior to the meeting. Therefore, it was agreed to be discussed in greater detail at the next meeting on 23rd March.</p>		
5.	<p>NEW WS Threshold for Services (draft)</p> <p>Marina Kitchen, Service Manager (Initial Response & Early Support), gave a brief verbal report on the newly produced “Spectrum of Support – Child Friendly Warwickshire” document. Which is a Guidance for all practitioners in working together with children and families to provide early help and specialist support.</p> <p>Marina informed members that the guidance provided a framework for professionals who work with children, young people and families and aims to help identify circumstances when children may need additional support to achieve their potential. The Spectrum of Support provides information on the levels of children’s needs and gives examples of some of the factors that may indicate when a child or young person needs additional support or protection.</p> <p>Members were overall very positive of the piece of work and congratulated Marina and her team in the development of the Guidance alongside the Warwickshire Safeguarding Business team.</p> <p>It was agreed that Marina would send Pete the informative video aimed at Police and Fire & Rescue staff, to ensure content is relevant.</p> <p>Lastly, amendments were highlighted in the use of “Warwickshire Safeguarding Boards”, as this is an outdated term due to our Partnership arrangements coming in to play in 2019. Therefore, Marina will proof read the document to ensure the correct terminology is used throughout.</p>	<p>Email informative video to Pete for review.</p> <p>Email deadline for amendments to Marina.</p> <p>Make necessary amendments and send to Amrita within the given deadline.</p>	<p>MK</p> <p>AS</p> <p>MK</p>



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6.	<p>WS Funding 2021-22</p> <p>It was agreed that due to the financial report only being sent to Amrita Sharma that morning, that this will be added to the forward plan for discussions at the next meeting in March.</p> <p>Amrita did inform members that there was a noted shortfall of approximately £26k due to the amount of Safeguarding Reviews undertaken this year. Therefore, the Chair requested that members meet separately to discuss the financial report and decide on their contributions ahead of the meeting in March.</p>	<p>Share financial report with WSEB via email.</p> <p>Arrange independent meeting to discuss shortfall arrangements.</p> <p>Add to forward plan for discussion at next meeting in March.</p>	<p>AS</p> <p>JG, NM & PH</p> <p>JF</p>
7.	<p>WS Risk Register</p> <p>Members agreed that the WS Risk Register can remain the same, and that it would be best to review once the schools reopen in March. Therefore, Amrita will liaise with members individual safeguarding leads for their input on the Risk Register and bring to the next meeting in March.</p>	<p>Liaise with Safeguarding Leads for their input on the WS Risk Register.</p> <p>Add to the forward plan for discussion at next meeting in March.</p>	<p>AS</p> <p>JF</p>
8.	<p>MASH review – Update on changes</p> <p>Nigel Minns informed members that though the MASH review report had been finalised, the content of the report is extremely detailed and not appropriate for wider sharing at the WSEB. His team are currently working on a scaled down version to be shared more widely and will bring this to the WSEB once completed.</p>	<p>Once condensed version of the MASH Review Report is finalised, share with WSEB for discussion.</p>	<p>NM</p>
9.	<p>Violence Reduction Unit</p> <p>Jonathon Toy, Service Manager (Trading Standards & Community Safety), presented the newly published Education Toolkit from the West Midlands Violence Reduction Unit. The toolkit is one of the first working documents by the West Midlands Violence Reduction Unit, which is being shared in order to support their work with the education sector.</p> <p>The toolkit is a collection of promising practice with the aim to help schools support vulnerable children and to facilitate a trauma-informed</p>		



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	<p>approach to education. The VRU hope it will provide a conversation starter and a foundation for the work to be undertaken by their education intervention advisers this academic year.</p>		
<p>10.</p>	<p>The Modern Slavery Act 2015 statutory defence: A call for evidence</p> <p>Members agreed to take this work to the Exploitation Subgroup to liaise with the different agencies to ensure we are compliant with the work detailed in the letter, and to make an action plan to rectify if not. Pete Hill will then feedback the discussions and decisions made at the next WSEB.</p>	<p>Feedback discussions from the Exploitation Subgroup at the next WSEB.</p>	<p>PH</p>
<p>11.</p>	<p>Safeguarding Reviews Update</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>12.</p>	<p>Over-view of Performance Activity in Children & Families</p> <p>Members were informed that this Activity was collated in response to the Briefing that was sent out to schools, following the learning from the 'ST' CSPR (which is not yet published). It was felt that the learning be disseminated across schools immediately due to the ongoing pandemic.</p> <p>The information shared with Partners was pulled together for the purpose of reviewing the numbers and trends that have occurred in schools. Within the Performance Activity, a clear picture was given on the number of children in schools who were registered as 'vulnerable' and the different categories of what this looked like across Warwickshire.</p> <p>Members found the analysis helpful and confirmed that they would be interested to see an update on the Performance Activity once schools return in March, as it is predicted to be large surge in figures.</p>		
<p>13.</p>	<p>Wood Review</p>		



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	<p>The Independent Chair gave a brief summary of the seminar she attended the previous evening, which was hosted by Alan Wood who gave his feedback on the first year review of the new ways of working and the effectiveness of the new leadership set up.</p> <p>There were four areas that Alan Wood looked at, which included:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. The Statutory Safeguarding Partner 2. The Voice of the Child / Young Person in Safeguarding 3. Different approaches and the role of scrutiny and inspection 4. RAs – Schools and Education <p>It was confirmed to members that Alan Wood will publish his completed findings within the next few weeks, once received by the Chair, this will be shared with members for further discussion at the next meeting, where members will look more in depth on the ways we work.</p>	<p>Once finalised Wood report has been received, add this to the forward plan and share with members for a more in-depth discussion and analysis.</p>	<p>Chair / AS</p>
<p>14.</p>	<p>Any Other Business</p> <p>Unregulated placements* for Looked After Children (LAC) was in the press last week, therefore members felt it would be good to find out what the position of this was in Warwickshire. How assured are we, are there any issues that we need to be made aware of as a Partnership?</p> <p>In response to the above questions, Nigel confirmed that Warwickshire use a range of unregulated placements for 16 – 18 year olds, as all supported living placements are deemed to be ‘unregulated’. It is very rare that unregulated placements be used for younger children under the age of 16, and this is only done when there is no other choice and is highly unusual circumstances. For example, CQC registered placements are considered to be unregulated by Ofsted.</p> <p>*Placements that are outside Ofsted’s regulation powers.</p> <p>Members were asked for their agreement on the Agenda Items for the upcoming</p>		



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	<p>Partnership Group meeting, and if there were any items they felt were missing. It was agreed that the following items be considered for the agenda:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sexual Harmful Behaviour Approach • Wood Review – analysis of Warwickshire Safeguarding Partnership working <p>Members requested that a front sheet be made available for all supporting agenda documents from now on, including for the WSEB and Partnership Group meetings. The aim of the front sheet is to highlight to members what is new, what the potential risks are and how it links with the Partnership Work Plan.</p> <p>Lastly, members were reminded that the first addition of the WS News Bulletin was published yesterday, which has so far received positive reviews from across the Partnership. With members encouraged to share the Bulletin through their internal channels.</p>	<p>Add suggested items to the next Partnership Group meeting agenda.</p> <p>Create a front sheet template to be used for all future WSEB & Partnership Group meetings.</p> <p>Share the first edition of the WS News Bulletin through as many communication channels as possible.</p>	<p>AS</p> <p>AS</p> <p>All</p>
<p>Date of next meeting: <i>Tuesday 23rd March 2021 at 2:00pm</i></p>			