



<b>Meeting</b>	Warwickshire Safeguarding Executive Board
<b>Date</b>	Wednesday 27 <sup>th</sup> May 2020
<b>Present</b>	<p><b>Elaine Coleridge-Smith</b> (<i>Independent Chair, Warwickshire Safeguarding</i>)            Jo Galloway (<i>Warwickshire Clinical Commissioning Groups</i>)            Pete Hill (<i>Warwickshire Police</i>)            Nigel Minns (<i>Warwickshire County Council</i>)</p> <p><b><u>In attendance:</u></b>            Amrita Sharma (<i>Warwickshire Safeguarding</i>)            Jackie Channell (<i>Item 11 only, Warwickshire North Clinical Commissioning Group</i>)            Jo Ferguson (<i>Minute taker, Warwickshire Safeguarding</i>)</p>
<b>Apologies</b>	None.

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1.	<p><b>Welcome, Introductions and Apologies</b></p> <p>The Independent Chair of Warwickshire Safeguarding welcomed members to the meeting, with there being no apologies to note.</p>		
2.	<p><b>Minutes</b></p> <p>Minutes from the previous meeting were deemed as an accurate record, with the only amendment required for further detail to be added to Alison Walshe's circumstances.</p> <p><b>Matters Arising</b></p> <p>The Action from Item 3 of April's meeting to create Risk register is yet to be completed. Therefore, members asked if this action could be prioritised for the next meeting in June.</p>	<p>Add further detail regarding Alison Walshe's current circumstances as to why she can no longer attend the Executive Board.</p> <p>Create a risk register using the information provided in Item 3 of April's meeting from members.</p>	<p>AS</p> <p>AS</p>
3.	<p><b>Management of wider safeguarding partnership group meetings</b></p> <p>Partners agreed that the upcoming Warwickshire Safeguarding Adult Partnership Group meeting be cancelled, with the possibility of being re-arranged for mid-July.</p> <p>Members concluded that home-working is going to be the 'norm' for the foreseeable future, so are anxious to avoid further delay in the Partnership Groups getting together. Therefore, an email will be sent out to</p>	<p>Meeting cancellation be sent to members, alongside an email enquiring about their access to online meeting tools i.e Teams/Skype and agenda items for discussion</p>	<p>AS</p>



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	<p>members to ascertain what they feel would be the best way to virtually meet – whether it be via Microsoft Teams or an alternative forum.</p>		
<p>4.</p>	<p><b>S/P Learning Review</b></p> <p>Members of the Executive Board reviewed the S/P Learning Review and supporting documents and gave their approval in light of the agreement that a date of reviewing the action plan is added to the report.</p> <p>In reference to publication of the report, due to the sensitive nature of the full report, this will not be made public and will not be shared more widely, as agreed in previous meetings. However, the Business Manager is in the process of liaising with the Legal Advisor to the partnership on whether the “Children’s Summary Story”, which is due to be shared with the involved children, can be shared more widely alongside the Lessons Learned Briefings and 7-Minute Briefings. This is still in the discussion stages, and members will be informed once a decision has been made by the Legal Team.</p> <p>This review highlighted areas of individual poor practice that needed consideration by the agency involved. This raised concerns around confidentiality and GDPR for WS who have taken appropriate legal advice. This was fully discussed with the exec and actions endorsed.</p>	<p>Once confirmation of approval has been received by the Legal Advisor, ensure the Children’s Summary Report is shared on the website (if approved) alongside the Briefings.</p> <p>Seek clarification from WCC Legal Team on whether the Safeguarding Partnership have an obligation to report these concerns.</p>	<p>AS / JF</p> <p>ECS</p>
<p>5.</p>	<p><b>Section 11 audits for voluntary and community organisations working with schools</b></p> <p>Members were informed of concerns raised by John Coleman of Children and Families at Warwickshire County Council regarding a particular community organisation based in Warwickshire. It has come to the attention of the Partnership, that this organisation has now allegedly moved into dealing with children, as well as adults, albeit they are not commissioned to provide this service. It is being reported that they have worked with over 300 children in Warwickshire.</p>		



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	<p>The concerns are that there is no policing of this interaction with Warwickshire children, with no sharing of information to the Children's Services teams in the County Council by way of making any safeguarding referrals.</p> <p>It was agreed that Pete Hill would investigate how this service was being funded and for what purpose, as this may be through the PCC, but would seek clarification and feedback before the next Executive Board meeting.</p> <p>Nigel also agreed to confirm if Warwickshire County Council are commissioning this specific service and share this information with Exec Board members.</p> <p>Once this information has been received, the Independent Chair would like to put forward the task of conducting a targeted Section 11 audit for voluntary and community organisations working with schools. This will hopefully shed some further light on the issues raised.</p>	<p>Investigate the funding of this organisation and feedback before the next WSEB meeting in June.</p> <p>Seek confirmation on whether this organisation is commissioned by WCC.</p> <p>Add to the forward plan for next month's meeting.</p>	<p>PH</p> <p>NM</p> <p>AS</p>
6.	<p><b>Update on management of DA cases during COVID-19</b></p> <p>Pete Hill gave a brief overview of the report provided to members. Highlights of which were:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Nationally the last 4 weeks ending 10th May 2020 compared with the equivalent 4-week period in 2019 show the following changes: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ DA +4%</li> <li>○ Missing person related -37%</li> <li>○ Mental health -8%</li> </ul> </li> <li>• Nationally there has been a reduction in assaults (including both grievous bodily harm and actual bodily harm) and robbery committed against individuals.</li> <li>• Nationally calls for service are down compared with the same period last year: 999 calls by 23% and 101 calls by 25%.</li> <li>• In Warwickshire 'all crime' shows that recorded levels of crime for the previous</li> </ul>		



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	<p>28 days is 16% lower than equivalent 28 days last year. Overall there has been a -20% decrease in recorded crime this year.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>In Warwickshire Domestic Abuse remains at similar levels to pre-COVID (approximately 31 DA related incidents per day)</li> </ul>		
7.	<p><b>Care Act – Level 3 Easement</b></p> <p>Nigel advised members there were only six local authorities that used the easements Nationally, four of which were from the West Midlands region.</p> <p>The decision for Warwickshire to utilise the Care Act easements was not due to the Social Workers concerns, but concerns raised by the Partners who felt they would not be able to reach demand during the start of the pandemic.</p> <p>Using the easements, Warwickshire shortened the assessment form, and shortened the care plan. Which caused adults to receive care a lot quicker than they would have done normally.</p> <p>Warwickshire felt there have been no particular negatives using the Care Act easements but are reviewed every two weeks. Nigel Minns informs the members that the most recent review (last Friday) resulted in the decision that Warwickshire will no longer require the easements.</p>		
8.	<p><b>Understanding under-reporting of safeguarding concerns</b></p> <p>Concerns have been raised by Children's Services regarding the under-reporting of safeguarding concerns. As typically, Children Services can expect up to 650 safeguarding referrals per month, but currently they are only receiving approx. 250.</p> <p>Nigel informed members that Warwickshire County Council have produced a media campaign to help encourage safeguarding referrals from children and young people, and those that care for them. So are unsure what else can be done to encourage</p>		



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	<p>referrals from this demographic. He is confident, however, that the children that are known to WCC are receiving the appropriate support, with visits being conducted in a safe socially-distant manner.</p> <p>Members felt it would be helpful for Jo Galloway to look into the reduction in ED attendances for children and provide assurance regarding the change in position since COVID-19. Jo will also provide a short assurance/exception report to the next meeting. To help with the content of this briefing, MASH data would be provided regarding numbers of referrals and referral source etc.</p>	<p>Provide a short assurance/exception report to the next WSEB meeting.</p> <p>Share MASH data in reference to numbers of referrals and their source with Jo Galloway.</p>	<p>JG</p> <p>NM</p>
<p><b>9.</b></p>	<p><b>Oversight of Care Provision during Covid-19</b></p> <p>Jo Galloway provided further information on the oversight of care provision during COVID-19, explaining that there is a 7-day Infection Prevention Control offer for all care homes if any concerns of outbreaks are to occur. They are also rolling out the National Training for those Care Homes, which is to be delivered by this Friday.</p> <p>The Safeguarding Escalation Panel (SEP) continue to maintain oversight of care home performance through monthly meetings, with CQC attending, providing really good data sharing and communication between colleagues regarding these Care Homes. The CCG's are also maintaining a bed tracker which records all elements of bed availability across Coventry and Warwickshire, which enables patients to be placed in step down beds, before being repatriated back into their care homes.</p>		
<p><b>10.</b></p>	<p><b>Early Help</b></p> <p>Elaine recently met with the newly appointed Early Help Service Manager in Children's and Families Services to discuss their new Early Help strategy.</p> <p>This prompted thoughts to get the Prevention &amp; Early Intervention Subgroup up and running as soon as possible.</p> <p>Members agreed that due to COVID-19, that</p>		



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	<p>Elaine will Chair the meeting until a more suitable subgroup chair can be arranged.</p> <p>Agreed that Elaine and Amrita will meet separately to begin planning and make arrangements for this subgroup.</p>	<p>Meet to make arrangements for the Prevention &amp; Early Intervention subgroup.</p>	<p>ECS &amp; AS</p>
<p><b>11.</b></p>	<p><b>Update from the Safeguarding Review subgroup</b></p> <p>As agreed in the last WSEB meeting, a written summary update on each case had been sent to members prior to this meeting. Jackie Channell (Safeguarding Review Subgroup Chair) joined the meeting to give a verbal presentation of the document, and to provide further details and clarification, as and where required.</p>		
<p><b>12.</b></p>	<p><b>Suicides and Attempted Suicides</b></p> <p>It was reported there had been a number of suicide related deaths since the COVID-19 lockdown occurred in Warwickshire, two of which were under the age of 18. This raised the question of whether COVID has impacted on the accessibility of services supporting people with mental health and learning disabilities. Particularly children who do not have the usual support through the school environment.</p> <p>Members agreed to review the Suicide prevention strategy at the next WSEB meeting and requested that a member of Public Health present a report on the effectiveness the strategy and the impact of COVID on suicide levels across Warwickshire and how individuals and their families are being supported.</p>	<p>Invite representative of Public Health to present an update on the Suicide Prevention Strategy to the next Exec Board meeting.</p>	<p>AS</p>
<p><b>13.</b></p>	<p><b>Any Other Business</b></p> <p><u>New Escalation Protocol</u> A reminder on the Escalation Protocol, which is just awaiting approval from Nigel Minns. Once this is confirmed, it will be published on the website accordingly.</p> <p><u>LGA Guide on COVID-19</u> The Business Manager shared a document recently published by the Local Government</p>	<p>Once approval has been received from Nigel, to publish the report on the website &amp; share accordingly.</p> <p>Share the LGA FAQs document with the wider partnership.</p>	<p>AS / JF</p> <p>AS</p>



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	<p>Association called, "COVID-19 and safeguarding adults: Frequently Asked Questions". It was agreed this be shared with the wider safeguarding partnership via publication on the website.</p> <p><u>Local Vulnerability Profile</u> Jo Galloway informed members of a document recently shared with her called the "Local Vulnerability Profile". It was agreed that Jo would share this with the Business Manager, for inclusion on the agenda for the next WSEB meeting.</p>	<p>Share the Local Vulnerability Profile document with Amrita for consideration for next month's meeting.</p>	<p>JG</p>
<p><b>Date of next meeting:</b> <i>Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> June 2020 at 2:30pm</i></p>			