



<b>Meeting</b>	Warwickshire Safeguarding Executive Board (WSEB)
<b>Date</b>	Thursday 29 <sup>th</sup> April 2021
<b>Present</b>	<p><b>Elaine Coleridge-Smith (<i>Independent Chair, Warwickshire Safeguarding</i>)</b>            Jo Galloway (<i>Coventry &amp; Warwickshire Clinical Commissioning group</i>)            Nigel Minns (<i>Warwickshire County Council</i>)            Pete Hill (<i>Warwickshire Police</i>)</p> <p><b><u>In attendance:</u></b>            Amrita Sharma (<i>Business Manager, Warwickshire Safeguarding</i>)            Jackie Channell (<i>Coventry &amp; Warwickshire Clinical Commissioning Group</i>)            Jo Ferguson (<i>Minute taker, Warwickshire Safeguarding</i>)            Sally Nash (<i>Item 2 only, Warwickshire County Council</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 no apologies to note.</p>		
2.	<p><b>Minutes</b></p> <p>Due to the late arrival of the minutes it was agreed members would review these out of the meeting and report any amendments via email.</p> <p><b>Matters Arising</b></p> <p><u>MASH Review Update</u>            Nigel is yet to receive the final copy of the MASH review report, therefore will chase this and update members accordingly.</p> <p><u>Sexual Harmful Behaviour Approach</u>            Sally Nash, Service Manager for Youth Justice, joined the meeting to discuss the Sexual Harmful Behaviour Approach report shared at the last meeting. Sally sought members approval to adopt this model for use by the wider partnership. It was clarified that endorsement by WSEB would enable wider engagement with the safeguarding partners and Sally would be looking to work closely with the CCGs to advocate the use of this new model by its providers. Members agreed to support the introduction of this approach within Children &amp; Families Services, WCC in the first stage, as a 'pilot',</p>	<p>Review minutes from previous meeting (Feb)            send any comments directly            Jo Ferguson.</p> <p>Chase final copy of MASH review report.</p> <p>To meet to discuss the impact on Health partners and how to disseminate training etc.</p>	<p>All</p> <p>NM</p> <p>JC &amp; SN</p>



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	<p>before considering it as a multiagency approach.</p> <p>It was also agreed that Sally and Jackie Channell, Head of Safeguarding for C&amp;WCCG meet to discuss the wider implications of this model for Health partners, and the possibility of disseminating training.</p>		
3.	<p><b>COVID-19 Updates</b></p> <p><b>Health</b></p> <p>Jo Galloway confirmed that with effect from the 1<sup>st</sup> April, the CCGs would no longer be known as 3 separate CCGs, but as one. Will now be referred to as Coventry and Warwickshire CCG. Jo Galloway is now the Interim Chief Nursing Officer for the new CCG.</p> <p>In terms of COVID, Health Services across Warwickshire are in a significantly better position compared to the last time WSEB met, with only 20 people in hospital across Coventry and Warwickshire who have tested positive for COVID. Their focus now is on restoration of services now the Country is coming out of lockdown.</p> <p>Reported that they have also had the NHS National Priorities of Operation Standards, so are in the process of planning in relation to this, such as planning for any future waves we may have, COVID vaccination programme etc.</p> <p>Jackie Channell provided an update on some of the initiatives that have been progressed because of the impact of the lockdown:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Regular meetings with the 4 main providers, as well as the Coventry and Warwickshire MASH leads to review any current challenges and discuss the position statements across the different organisations.</li> <li>• Completion of all initial health assessments: in relation to LAC which were delayed due to COVID restrictions.</li> <li>• Commissioning of a piece of work from the Positive Youth Foundation, to look at Looked After older adolescents placed in Coventry in independent dwellings at risk</li> </ul>		



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	<p>of loneliness and isolation. This has worked well and there have been several referrals since.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Reviewing effectiveness of communications with GPs when a referral is received from the MASH.</li> <li>• Planned large-scale Mental Capacity Act Best Interests conference, to look at how organisations work in relation to adopting the Best Interests Model, Advanced Care Planning and Advance Decision Making.</li> <li>• Coordinating the development of a MARAM in Warwickshire, which is a Multi-Agency Risk Assessment Meeting to look at those adults who are particularly vulnerable but do not meet the criteria/threshold for services.</li> </ul> <p><b><u>Local Authority</u></b> Nigel Minns reported that most services that had to move to virtual visits/services during lockdown have now resumed face to face services. Since the reopening of schools in March, there has been 95% attendance at schools, which is a lot higher even before COVID. Since COVID, performance indicators have suffered, such as timeliness of plans and assessments. Therefore, the Council have made this a focus to improve as the organisation starts to move out of lockdown.</p> <p><b><u>Police</u></b> Pete Hill reported that since the easing of lockdown restrictions, particularly in the last four weeks, serious crime in Warwickshire has gone up by 18%. Domestic abuse figures have remained unchanged. Teams within the Police are in process of preparing for European championships, which in the past has increased crime figures across the County. Staff sickness levels continue to remain low.</p>		
4.	<p><b>Peer on Peer Abuse – Local Response</b></p> <p>The Chair led the discussion on the paper and reiterated the recommendations of the report.</p>		



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	<p>Pete Hill gave further background on what “Operation Hydrant” was, he explained this was initially set up to coordinate a response on non-recent sexual abuse, such as the Jimmy Saville cases where Police had missed opportunities to identify those people who appeared to be reoffending time and time again. On the back of “Everyone’s Invited”, Operation Hydrant decided to act as the coordinating body of the Police, working closely in Partnership with the Department of Education, to look at issues that have been raised.</p> <p>Pete then provided a highlighted summary.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• There are currently 15,900 testimonials on the Everyone’s Invited site</li> <li>• 4000 of those have now been assessed by Operation Hydrant</li> <li>• 10 of those have links to Warwickshire</li> </ul> <p>Members approved a letter being sent to all Independent schools across Warwickshire to include links to resources pulled together by the Department of Education and guide’s on when and how to refer matters to the Police.</p>	<p>Send letter out to Independent Schools as agreed.</p> <p>Clarify with Ian Budd/Kim Garcia whether Independent Schools have been included within the 2020-21 s175 audit</p>	<p>AS</p> <p>AS</p>
<p><b>5.</b></p>	<p><b>Suicide Incidents – Themes &amp; Issues</b></p> <p>The Chair introduced the paper to members and explained that the purpose of the report was to ensure that:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. WSEB were sighted on some of the key themes emerging from the recent spate of suicide/self-harm related cases considered by the Safeguarding Reviews Subgroup; and</li> <li>2. Highlight the need for consideration of the adequacy of mental health provision to help young people who may be struggling with their mental health.</li> </ol> <p>Jackie Channell further reinforced that this was a starting point to start discussing and considering what more needs to be done or change in the way that agencies support</p>	<p>Share analysis report once finalised with WSEB members and Emily van de Venter.</p>	<p>PH</p>



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	<p>vulnerable young people in particular to the following recurring themes which impact on children:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Lack of visibility of the child, voice not being heard/recorded</li> <li>• Complex home environments</li> <li>• Understanding the impact of Domestic Abuse</li> <li>• Indirect multi-agency involvement, over reliance of engaging with parents/carers</li> <li>• Impact of historical self-harm</li> <li>• Processing of Safeguarding Referrals, lateral checks, and consideration of historical chronology</li> <li>• Schools understanding and responding to young people's adverse childhood experiences</li> </ul> <p>Pete Hill further advised that the National Chief Police Council have also been doing a lot of work on suicide prevention, which includes providing monthly statistics to a central point of contact on suicides across the country. So far, a total of 60 people have committed suicide in Warwickshire, 46 of those were male, 14 were female. Pete has requested his analysts to pull together some additional statistics on suicides in Warwickshire going back as far as 1<sup>st</sup> January 2019 to 31<sup>st</sup> March 2021. He will endeavour to bring this detail to the next WSEB meeting. It was also agreed that Pete would share this information with Public Health lead for Suicide Prevention Nigel informed the group of the Suicide Cluster Response Group which came about after the most recent cluster of suicides in young people. Emily from Public Health Chairs this meeting. Commissioners, MASH, RISE, CAHMS, Coventry City Council, Education Psychologist Service, and District &amp; Borough Council representatives all attend these meetings. Nigel has already requested that the key members of this group contact Amrita Sharma, WS Business Manager, to ensure there is clear triangulation of all the different data and sources pulled together on the Suicides and Suicide Prevention work both meetings are</p>		



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	<p>producing. There is also a report being prepared to share with WCC's Corporate Board. This is being led by Children's Services and Public Health.</p> <p>It was agreed that Jackie and Amrita will meet with the representatives from Children's Services and Public Health to ensure the report to Corporate Board provides a comprehensive overview, including learning from the reviews work.</p>	<p>Amrita &amp; Jackie to meet with Public Health lead to progress the development of the Corporate Board report</p>	<p>AS &amp; JC</p>
<p><b>6.</b></p>	<p><b>Draft CSPR Report – CB/DRB &amp; HB</b></p> <p>Members of WSEB were introduced to the draft CSPR Report for CB/DRB &amp; HB, which is in its final stages. Amrita advised that the partnership is currently not able to add the voice of the child within the report due to ongoing CPS proceedings and hence, it remains incomplete and not ready for publication.</p> <p>However, learning gathered thus far through the agencies' involvement has identified several actions and recommendations which the Safeguarding Reviews Subgroup would like permission to progress, prior to publication, to ensure any changes/improvements in safeguarding practice are implemented without delay. Members agreed that the actions and recommendations were too important to delay any further and agreed for these to be progressed accordingly, ahead of publication of the report.</p>	<p>Share actions and recommendations from the report accordingly.</p>	<p>AS</p>
<p><b>7.</b></p>	<p><b>7MB – Street Harassment</b></p> <p>Amrita presented the 7-Minute Briefing to member, explaining that this has been developed in response to issues highlighted by young people as part of their contribution to last year's Strategic Thematic Review focusing on exploitation. Members agreed it was a good piece of work and approved its publication.</p>		
<p><b>8.</b></p>	<p><b>Exploitation Week – Learning events programme</b></p>	<p>Begin promotion of the Safeguarding Week learning events across the</p>	<p>JF</p>



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	Members approved the learning events programme for the forthcoming Safeguarding Week focusing on Exploitation	Partnership to maximise uptake.	
9.	<p><b>Safeguarding Reviews Update</b></p> <p>Jackie Channell, Chair of the Safeguarding Review Subgroup provided Members with an update on all safeguarding reviews involving children and adults. Jackie also took the opportunity to acknowledge the amount of hard work that has been done by the partners and the Business Team in conducting these safeguarding reviews.</p>		
10.	<p><b>Business Team Staffing</b></p> <p>Amrita informed members that two members of the Business Team were due to go on maternity leave in July and November respectively. These posts provide the administrative support to all the reviews work and subgroup meetings. passed on their congratulations and agreed to Amrita progressing with the recruitment campaign to backfill the two positions from within the 2020-21 slippage.</p>	Liaise with HR and begin recruitment process for BDOs maternity covers.	AS
11.	<p><b>Regional Pool of Reviewers</b></p> <p>Amrita informed members of a Regional Pool of Independent Reviewers for Safeguarding Reviews being operated by the regional partnerships in the North East of the country. Independent Reviewers are invited to join the pool and are subject to scrutiny of the quality of their reports and negotiated rates of pay and details of any specialist areas Members agreed to Warwickshire Safeguarding joining the North East Pool of Independent Reviewers to help facilitate and manage our Safeguarding Reviews processes.</p>	To begin the process of joining the North East Regional Pool of Independent Reviewers on behalf of Warwickshire Safeguarding.	AS
12.	<p><b>Exploitation Subgroup update</b></p> <p>Pete Hill informed members that the Philomena Missing protocol had been successfully piloted and was now being rolled out as part of Warwickshire Safeguarding's standard procedures. Work is also underway to look at 'Missing' data.</p>		





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13.	<p><b>Any Other Business</b></p> <p><b><u>Spectrum of Support</u></b> An updated final copy of the new Spectrum of Support document (replacement for the existing Thresholds for Services document) was shared with WSEB, this has now been handed over to the design team for it to be produced in mass. The final copy will then be available to use as part of its planned launch. WCC Communications Team are currently developing corresponding comms plan which will be shared with WSEB at the next meeting. Members requested a copy of the Spectrum of support flow chart on Section 4 page 5 should be made available in either an A4 or A3 poster format to enable copies to be placed in office spaces or carried by persons for easy reference.</p> <p><b><u>Baby Audit – Vicky Ford letter</u></b> Amrita confirmed she had had an initial conversation with Jo Gifford to understand Coventry’s approach to the audit and selection of cases to include. A further meeting is planned with the Business Manager at Coventry Partnership to draw out this detail to then share with John Coleman to explore the feasibility of undertaking a similar audit in Warwickshire.</p> <p><b><u>Action Log</u></b> Jo Galloway requested that an action log be created to keep track of all the actions that come out of the WSEB meeting. Members agreed this would be a useful tool, and that the Business Team will create this ready for the next meeting.</p> <p><b><u>2020-2021 Annual Report</u></b> Amrita reminded members that she would be writing out to partners for their contributions to this year’s annual report. It was agreed that the report provide an executive overview of safeguarding work undertaken during the pandemic period, and</p>	<p>Request production of flow chart on page 5 in poster format also</p> <p>Create Action Log for all future WSEB meetings.</p> <p>Email members for their contributions to the Annual Report.</p>	<p>AS</p> <p>JF</p> <p>AS</p>





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	where possible, draw out any relevant learning about the impact of COVID on safeguarding.		
<b>Date of next meeting:</b> <i>Thursday 27<sup>th</sup> May 2021 at 1:00pm</i>			