



Meeting	Warwickshire Safeguarding Executive Board
Date	Thursday 22 nd September 2022
Present	<p>Elaine Coleridge-Smith (<i>Independent Chair</i>) Jackie Channell (<i>Coventry and Warwickshire Integrated Care Board</i>) Jo Davies (<i>Warwickshire County Council</i>) John Coleman (<i>Warwickshire County Council</i>) Julie Smith (<i>Warwickshire County Council</i>) Pete Hill (<i>Warwickshire Police</i>)</p> <p><u>In Attendance:</u> Amrita Sharma (<i>Warwickshire Safeguarding</i>) Chelsea Jones (<i>Warwickshire Safeguarding</i>)</p>
Apologies	Nigel Minns (<i>Warwickshire County Council</i>) Tracy Pilcher (<i>Coventry and Warwickshire Integrated Care Board</i>)

Item	Discussion	Action Required (if any)	Owner
1.	<p>Welcome, Introductions and Apologies</p> <p>The Independent Chair welcomed everyone to the meeting with apologies as noted above.</p>		
2.	<p>Minutes from the previous meeting</p> <p>The minutes from the previous meeting were agreed as an accurate record.</p> <p>Actions from the previous meeting: <i>'Arrange a meeting with Grace'</i> Amrita Sharma confirmed that Grace has been in contact with the Business Team, and she has advised that she does not wish to participate in the review.</p> <p><i>'Present CJ to the Corporate Parenting Board'</i> Amrita Sharma confirmed that, once the report has been published, the Lead Reviewer is to present the report to the Corporate Parenting Board.</p> <p>The WSEB were advised that the report for CJ has been shared with their family and the feedback received has been incorporated within the report. In addition, the partnership is due to meet with CJ's mother and, providing there are no factual errors highlighted, the report will be published afterwards.</p>		



Item	Discussion	Action Required (if any)	Owner
3.	<p>Presentation IRO Annual Report 2021-2022</p> <p>Julie Smith and Jo Davies provided the WSEB with an overview of the IRO Annual Report 2021-2022.</p> <p>Members were advised that IRO's are independent decision makers who have the authority to challenge managers within the Local Authority. Although IRO's are part of Warwickshire County Council, they are independent of the Local Authority.</p> <p>IRO's build relationships and trust with young people to enable them to feel like they can give their voice at meetings. If a young person feels unable to attend a meeting, they are provided with information for the Barnardo's Advocacy service.</p> <p>John Coleman advised that the Chair of the Independent Review of Children's Social Care, Josh McAlister, is of the opinion that IRO's should be removed, and that social workers line managers should oversee the quality assurance processes instead. The Government is due to publish their response to this review in December 2022.</p> <p>It was agreed that, in respect of health, the formal escalation process is to be utilised and all escalations should be directed to Jackie Channell. Furthermore, the Warwickshire Safeguarding Escalation Protocol should be implemented.</p> <p>Following feedback received from Child Safeguarding Practice Reviews, members felt that IRO's should make families aware of where the IRO service sits within children services. It was agreed that this would be structured into the IRO process.</p> <p>In addition, it was agreed that the LADO annual report should be shared with the WSEB on a yearly basis.</p>	<p>Item to be added to WS forward plan for next year's annual report</p>	<p>CJ</p>



Item	Discussion	Action Required (if any)	Owner
4.	<p>UASC and Unregulated Residential Placements</p> <p>John Coleman advised the WSEB that the Home Office has opened a hotel in Rugby to place up to 60 unaccompanied asylum-seeking children. At present, the hotel maintains around 50 children at any one time. Kent Receiving Centre has spaces for 120 children; however, when this is full, they are placed into other hotels. Most of the hotels are situated on the South Coast.</p> <p>The hotels have been widely criticised and are considered illegal; Warwickshire County Council are in the process of looking into all legal options available to them.</p> <p>The responsibility and management of the hotel lies with the Home Office; however, the partnership have decided to concentrate on providing safeguarding and support to children placed within the hotel.</p> <p>Children should not be placed within the hotel for more than 14 days. Therefore, processes are being installed for any child who has been staying in the hotel for four weeks or more whereby a strategy meeting will be held with the Local Authority, Police and Home Office.</p> <p>Due to concerns being raised surrounding trafficking and children going missing, protocols are being implemented to enable a daily meeting to take place to discuss any child of concern. Protocols are being reviewed for children who have been missing for a longer period.</p> <p>There are currently around 35,000 asylum seekers and refugees in hotels across the country. Each district council in Warwickshire has a set number of asylum seekers and refugees that they must rehouse within the next 12 months.</p>		



Item	Discussion	Action Required (if any)	Owner
5.	<p>Strategic Thematic Review – Children & Adults Core Safeguarding Practice</p> <p>On behalf of the WSEB the Independent Chair for Warwickshire Safeguarding, Elaine Coleridge-Smith, wished to express her gratitude towards the business team for the work that they have put into completing the Strategic Thematic Review.</p> <p>The thematic review delved into seven key areas:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Leadership and Accountability • Policies, Procedures and Protocols • Recruitment and Selection • Staff Training and Development • Complaints, Allegations and Whistleblowing • Information Sharing, Communication and Confidentiality • The Voice of the Child, Young People and Adults <p>It was agreed that the recommendations would be discussed with the wider partnership to request their feedback on how things can be done differently. Further, the three main partners (health, police, and local authority) are to pull together a bespoke action plan detailing their response to the findings. These will be reviewed and monitored by WSEB at a future meeting.</p> <p>An executive summary is to be embedded into the report to highlight the key findings and recommendations.</p>	<p>WSEB members (Police, LA and Health) to develop individual action plans to correspond to the findings of the core thematic review and present overview of progress to future WSEB meeting.</p> <p>Item to be added to WSEB forward plan for 2023-2024</p> <p>Report to be updated to include executive summary</p>	<p>PH, NM & TP/JC</p> <p>CJ</p> <p>AS</p>
6.	<p>MASH/Front Door Audit – agree dates and templates</p> <p>Following both the Arthur/STAR review and JTAI, there has been a push across the country for MASH systems to be reviewed; therefore, an audit involving the strategic partners is to be carried out of the front door arrangements.</p> <p>Templates have been designed and tailored to fit the themes coming out of reviews. The templates include questions aimed to seek</p>		



Item	Discussion	Action Required (if any)	Owner
	<p>assurances that the MASH and Front Door services are running effectively.</p> <p>It was noted that, although the review is to focus on children, there is an adult's social worker within the MASH and, from a 'think family' perspective, this needs to be reflected within the audit.</p> <p>The WSEB have agreed that a working group consisting of key representatives from WSEB and the front door be convened to coordinate the planning for this activity and to agree a suitable date for the assurance visit to take place.</p>	Working group to be set-up, to include representatives from Police, LA & Health and front door service manager	JCol/AS
7.	<p>Draft 7MB's</p> <p><u>Modern Slavery Human Trafficking (Children and Adults)</u></p> <p>Feedback has been received in respect of amendments that need to be made to the briefings; therefore, these are to be temporarily placed on hold. Holly Reed is to liaise with Dave Andrews to discuss further.</p>	Contact Dave Andrews	AS/HR
8.	<p>National Review – Children with disabilities and complex health needs place in residential settings</p> <p>Members were advised that children's services are in the process of putting together a detailed response to the review.</p> <p>The response will be presented to the WSEB at the next meeting.</p>	Include the National Review on the agenda at the next WSEB meeting	CJ
9.	<p>Police Inspection Report – verbal update</p> <p>Pete Hill provided an overview of the recommendations highlighted during the Warwickshire Police Inspection that took place in February 2022 (published August 2022).</p> <p>The report highlighted eight key recommendations consisting of a range of the following topics:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Responses to incidents where children are involved; inspectors felt that there 		



Item	Discussion	Action Required (if any)	Owner
	<p>was insufficient focus when a child had been involved in an incident. OCC management staff are looking to refresh processes.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Warwickshire Police are to make sure children's views and concerns are recorded. Pete Hill advised that risk assessment processes have now been refreshed to ensure that the voice of the child is captured.• Warwickshire Police to improve its child protection and exploitation investigations.• Managing the risk to children in respect of sex offenders.• Assessments and help where there have been a drift and delay in missing persons investigations. Pete Hill advised that processes have now been amended and concerns about missing children are shared with partners accordingly.• Use of police protection powers. Staff have been advised to take children to family centres overnight, but there are occasions where children are taken to the police station.• Warwickshire Police to carry out a review of how it manages the detention of children. <p>It was noted that, overall, the report is positive and highlighted a lot of good practice within Warwickshire Police.</p> <p>Within six months, Pete Hill is to provide an update to the WSEB on the progress of the recommendations.</p> <p>John Coleman asked if it would be beneficial to have children's services staff situated within the MASH on a weekend and Pete Hill responded to confirm that it would be of benefit. However, it was noted that it would not be possible to get the appropriate health staff into the MASH on the weekend.</p>	<p>Item to be added to WSEB forward plan for April 2023 meeting</p>	<p>CJ</p>



Item	Discussion	Action Required (if any)	Owner
10.	Update on formation of new Health and Wellbeing Subgroup for children and young people John Coleman advised the group that the Health and Wellbeing Subgroup has now been established and a meeting has been arranged to discuss the Terms of Reference.	Forward meeting invitations to Elaine Coleridge-Smith	JCol
11.	Agenda items for WSP meeting – 4th October 2022 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Strategic Thematic Review • Learning from Grace CSPR • Overview of the new ICB structure • Police Inspection Report 	Contact Tracy Pilcher to discuss presenting the ICB structure to the WSP	AS
12.	Any other business <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • John Coleman advised that, in October, all households in Warwickshire will receive a multi-agency communication providing them with a list of services available for those struggling with the cost-of-living crisis. • A working group is to be set up to discuss the Safeguarding Partnership holding an annual conference. • The spring/summer 2023 partnership groups meeting is to be held face to face. • All WSEB meetings are to be held face to face. 	Establish working group membership to progress planning for annual conference	AS
	Date of next meeting: <i>Tuesday 8th November 2022, 09:30-12:00pm</i>		