



Meeting	Warwickshire Safeguarding Executive Board
Date	Monday 10 th July 2023
Present	<p>Elaine Coleridge-Smith (<i>Warwickshire Safeguarding</i>) Jackie Channell (<i>Coventry and Warwickshire Integrated Care Board</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</i>) Jenn Coxley (<i>Warwickshire Safeguarding</i>)</p>
Apologies	Tracy Pilcher (<i>Coventry and Warwickshire Integrated Care Board</i>) Chelsea Jones (<i>Warwickshire Safeguarding</i>)

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1.	<p>Welcome, Introductions and Apologies</p> <p>The Chair welcomed everyone to the meeting and acknowledged the apologies.</p>		
2.	<p>Minutes of the previous meeting</p> <p>The minutes of the previous meeting were agreed as an accurate record.</p> <p>Actions were marked as complete with the exception of “Seek out an update on why Rapid Review 1 is not being notified to Ofsted” on page 6</p>	AS to resend information to NM for follow up with Children’s Services	AS/NM
3.	<p>WS Conference 2023 – next steps</p> <p>AS feedback to the members that:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 67 evaluations were returned from 111 delegates • Positive feedback highlighting the opportunity to come together to network and the stall holders • Requests received for a similar event that is adult focused <p>AS thanked the ICB for covering venue and refreshment costs and agencies for releasing professionals to attend.</p> <p>NM and PH both agreed that it was a great event and complemented the venue.</p>		



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	<p>ECS highlighted that delegates commented that they enjoyed meeting the Exec board.</p> <p>Members discussed the cost of holding a similar event annually. It was suggested considering a small charge to cover costs at future events. Members discussed pros and cons of this.</p> <p>AS requested that safeguarding week 2023 be deferred to Feb 2024, giving the Business Team opportunity to plan and focus on key areas. Members agreed to defer.</p> <p>PH commented that this would also give opportunity for feedback to the partnership on future changes that are being implemented i.e. working together document</p>		
4.	<p>‘Most Appropriate agency/Right service right time’</p> <p>PH provided member with a brief history that police have been drawn into mental health crisis episodes for the last 10 – 15 years.</p> <p>PH advised that a Mental Health Triage team sits within policing however if service provisions were in place nationally, this should not have to be.</p> <p>PH commented that following Humberside’s approach, other police forces within the UK are considering their position on attending non-life-threatening mental health crisis episodes, including Warwickshire.</p> <p>PH commented that it is often non medically trained front line police officers attending, which members agreed is unfair. PH advised that people with acute mental health needs are often brought back to the station and can be unlawfully kept whilst waiting for a hospital bed to become available. PH commented that this has been escalated to ICB on these occasions.</p>		



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	<p>PH advised that national guidance is being written for assurances. PH advised that Warwickshire Police are awaiting this guidance and will be implementing early next year following consultation.</p> <p>NM raised the risk to front line practitioners and whether would be police support should they need assistance to keep safe. PH assured NM that this was for discussion and that there is a need to include within the protocols.</p> <p>JC advised PH that consultation should include West Midlands Ambulance Service due to potential increased demand on their service following the police stepping back.</p>		
5.	<p>CQC adult social care inspection readiness – Update on practice</p> <p>IR advised members:</p> <p><u>Overview</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • CQC will look at data and liaise with ASC staff and partners • There will be a small number of case tracking for customers who: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Have needs for care and support ○ Look at themes following conversations / data ○ CQC will home in on 6 specific cases ○ Focus on care and support rather than safeguarding • CQC will be looking at responses and 'why we are like we are' • A small number of case file audits • IR is confident that that the quality of decision making was good • There are some challenges about the low level conversion of concerns into enquires and the impact on individuals perceived to require advocacy support. • A piece of work to compare the national picture in terms of advocacy support relating to safeguarding enquires across the country is currently underway. 		



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	<p>AS enquired when it would be an appropriate time to request an annual performance report to add to the forward plan for Exec Scrutiny. IR advised he would follow up on this query</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> A workshop identified a gap in which relationships between ASC teams have been lost due to no longer sharing an office space in which conversations took place in a timely way. IR commented that work is currently underway to address this Structure in place for ops managers to discuss provider concerns. IR sits on a strategic escalation panel which includes ICB membership <p><u>Self-neglect</u></p> <p>IR advised members:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Partnership work has led to good processes Improved prompts within assessments to help practitioners move to enquiry stage Culture change in approach to self neglect cases has improved i.e. identifying significant risks to continue to support rather than closing a cases and building long term relationships <p><u>Business intelligence</u></p> <p>IR advised members that a live dashboard has been developed and will be in testing stage the shortly. The collected data will include making safeguarding personal questions and this data can be feed though to the board on a regular basis.</p> <p>ECS shared slides from the 'Learning from practice – hints and tips for CQC preparation' developed by West Midlands ADASS.</p> <p>ECS was assured that:</p>	<p>Provide AS with timescales for Voicability annual report</p>	<p>IR</p>



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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The right people are engaged and elective members of Healthwatch attend the Wider Partnership meetings Cooperative work and developing Board Manager relationships are taking place Executive members are sighted on the right areas of work – NM commented he had no concerns 		
6.	<p>DRAFT Working Together 2023 – consultation</p> <p>This document had been circulated to members prior to the meeting. Members discussed the implications of the changes proposed within the revised Working Together guidance and provided their response to the questions raised within the DFE's consultation.</p> <p>Members discussed the proposed changes to responsibilities and considered ways in which the recommended governance could be made to work between the Strategic Board (made up of Chief Officers from the three statutory partners) and the Delegate Board (existing membership of WSEB).</p> <p>Members discussed the proposed changes to the current LSP chairing arrangements and impact on the Safeguarding Adult Board chairing functions.</p> <p>Members discussed who would be most suitable as representative at board level from an education perspective. Members agreed this should be of DoE level due to not all educational institutions being mandated to local authority i.e. independents, academy, early years, college etc</p> <p>Members raised concerns around proposed changes to who completes early help assessments. NM advised that he felt it is sensible due to staffing capacity and that the contingent is management oversight - all</p>	Circulate summary to board members	AS



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	<p>plans and assessments will be signed off at a senior level.</p> <p>Members also considered the implications and current provisions for submitting notifications for the deaths of care leavers aged 18-25. Deaths related to those 18+yrs currently fall within SAB to allow learning to progress. There is currently no provision for Children's Services to make this type of referral due to age restrictions on the referral system.</p>		
7.	<p>DRAFT Information sharing advice 2023</p> <p>PH felt that there needed to be greater clarity around consent particularly in police matters.</p> <p>Members discussed challenges for GPs and the need for clear safeguarding reasons to access records. JC also noted here that citizens will soon be able to access their written records which adds complexity.</p> <p>AS advised that WCC legal services will have sight of the information sharing agreement to reflect on elements of the advice within the draft guidance document and the WS Information Sharing Agreement will be updated to reflect any changes accordingly.</p>		
8.	<p>AOB</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">Recording on Child Protection Meetings <p>AS advised members on the changes to minuting meetings and shared an advisory letter. AS advised that the meeting records will be available on request, where the need arises.</p> <p>Members questioned GDPR implications. NM advised that the recording will remain on the child's file forever.</p>		



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	<p>NM acknowledged the benefit of the changes and disadvantages have been considered, including:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">○ Costs○ Business support capacity○ Data protection improvement <p>JC commented that a summary of the meeting to GPs would be useful.</p> <p>Members asked MN if there has been learning from any other local authority areas that have adapted this method. NM advised that he is unaware of any negatives.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Local Contextual Safeguarding Group <p>An advance copy of the ToRs, written by George Shipman, was shared with members.</p> <p>PH commented that this formalises response and structure, as well as having sight of who the child and their family are prior to intervention.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Wider Partnership in person <p>Members agreed that it would be beneficial for this meeting to be an in-person.</p>	<p>Make arrangements for in-person Wider Partnership meeting in Sept</p>	<p>AS</p>
	<p><i>Date of next meeting:</i> <i>21st September 2023, 9:30-12:00pm</i></p>		