



Meeting	Warwickshire Safeguarding Executive Board
Date	21 st September 2023
Present	<p>Elaine Coleridge-Smith (Warwickshire Safeguarding) Jackie Channell (Coventry and Warwickshire Integrated Care Board) Nigel Minns (Warwickshire County Council) Pete Hill (Warwickshire Police) Tracy Pilcher (Coventry and Warwickshire Integrated Care Board)</p> <p><u>In Attendance:</u> Amrita Sharma (Warwickshire Safeguarding) Chelsea Jones (Warwickshire Safeguarding) Mark Dalton (Independent Lead Reviewer)</p>
Apologies	N/A

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1.	<p>Welcome, Introductions and Apologies</p> <p>The Chair welcomed everyone to the meeting.</p>		
2.	<p>Minutes of previous meeting</p> <p>The minutes of the previous meeting were agreed as an accurate record.</p>		
3.	<p>Ryan and Emily Child Safeguarding Practice Review</p> <p>The Lead Reviewer, Mark Dalton, provided an overview of the Child Safeguarding Practice Review undertaken for Emily and Ryan.</p> <p>Mark Dalton noted that the way that practitioners tried to engage Emily and Ryan was creditable.</p> <p>The WSEB were advised that Mark Dalton had tried to meet with Emily and Ryan; however, they did not wish to engage with the review process. As both Emily and Ryan are care leavers, there is support available to both of them from the Leaving Care Service until they are 25 years of age.</p> <p>Members of the WSEB acknowledged that this was a comprehensive report with reasonable recommendations and findings</p>		



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	<p>and agreed to endorse both the report and the Lessons Learned Briefing.</p> <p>Amrita Sharma advised that the report will be shared with the National Panel the w/c 25/09/23 and the report is due to be published on 01/12/23.</p>		
4.	<p>Safeguarding Guidance for Faith Communities</p> <p>Amrita Sharma informed the WSEB that the West Yorkshire and Birmingham regional consortium is proposing to oversee development of bespoke, up to date, on-line children's, and adult's safeguarding guidance, initially for the six main religious faiths in West Yorkshire and Birmingham:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) Islam 2) Christianity 3) Judaism 4) Buddhism 5) Sikhism 6) Hinduism <p>Warwickshire Safeguarding have been invited to join this initiative which the WSEB endorsed.</p>		
5.	<p>Options paper – future scrutineer role and SAB Chair</p> <p>Members of the WSEB previously discussed the proposals surrounding Working Together and the idea of the partnership having a rotating independent chair and a separate individual scrutineer.</p> <p>Nigel Minns advised that there is a paper due to be presented to council next week which sets out the council's proposals to reorganise the organisation. It is being proposed that the council will split the people directorate into two and revert to a directorate for Children and Young People and a directorate for Social Care and Health. If the proposals are accepted, Nigel Minns will become the Executive Director of Children's Services. The overall</p>		



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	<p>responsibility for Social Care and Health will sit with an Executive Director who is yet to be appointed.</p> <p>Therefore, it was agreed that the partnership will continue as it is until the responses from the DFE and WCC paper are released.</p> <p>Amrita Sharma confirmed that she has put together some structure charts to provide the WSEB with a diagram of some of their options. These charts are to be presented to the WSEB at the next meeting.</p>	Present the structure charts at the next WSEB meeting	AS
6.	<p>WS Multi-Agency training annual report 2022-23</p> <p>The WSEB were presented with the 2022-23 training annual report. Amrita Sharma advised the WSEB that to reinforce some of the key messages coming out of reviews and to place a spotlight on areas for improvement, the training programme has been aligned with the learning coming out of reviews. The training report provides an overview of the multi-agency training programme and the levels of engagement over the year.</p> <p>A total of 21 multi-agency training sessions have been delivered covering a range of topics:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Advocacy for Children and Young People • An Introduction to Trauma • Building Relationships • Engaging with Children who have Experienced Child Sexual Abuse • Mind your Language • Professional Curiosity • Psychology of Victim Blaming, and Self-Blame of Women and Girls Subjected to Sexual Violence • Safeguarding through a Trauma Informed Lens • Social Prescribing and its use in Trauma Informed Practice • The Role of the LADO 		



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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Using the Mental Capacity Act in the Context of Safeguarding and Self-Neglect Vicarious and Organisational Trauma Victim Blaming and Language Working with Advocates (adults) <p>Amrita Sharma advised the WSEB that she is due to reach out to those agencies who have a low level of attendance to see how we can make the training programme more engaging for them.</p> <p>The WSEB agreed that the partnership should continue to focus on online training to support maximum reach.</p> <p>In addition, it was agreed that the partnership should hold their annual safeguarding conference in Summer 2024. A working group is to be convened to organise the conference content.</p> <p>Amrita Sharma also confirmed planning was also underway for next years' Safeguarding Week' scheduled to be held 26th February to 1st March 2024.</p>	<p>Arrange a working group for the WS 2024 annual conference</p>	AS
7.	<p>Safeguarding Reviews – Action Monitoring Overview</p> <p>Jackie Channell provided an update on the Safeguarding Reviews Action Monitoring:</p> <p>Number of safeguarding reviews subject to regular action monitoring:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Adult: 7 Children: 12 <p>Number of recommendations arising from safeguarding reviews:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Adult: 16 Children: 49 <p>Number of actions arising from the recommendations from safeguarding reviews:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Adult: 17 Children: 81 		



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	<p>Total multi-agency actions arising from report recommendations:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Complete: 59 • In progress: 24 • Outstanding: 15 <p>Total single agency actions arising from report recommendations:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Complete: 221 • In progress: 16 • Outstanding: 10 <p>Members were advised that, as Warwickshire have fewer SAR's than CSPR's, there is quite a significant difference in the number of actions.</p> <p>The WSEB conveyed they found the presentation of this information really useful and informative.</p> <p>Amrita Sharma confirmed that, at present, the actions are all being undertaken and there is no requirement for WSEB intervention.</p>		
8.	<p>JTAI – Multi-Agency response to serious youth violence</p> <p>Jackie Chanell advised members that the new JTAI programme is looking at serious youth violence and the multi-agency approach to this. This is being carried out in conjunction with the CQC, HMICFRS and HMIP.</p> <p>It was noted that the Community Safety Partnership have developed the serious violence strategy and have oversight of this. Therefore, the WSEB questioned how confident the partnership is that this is picked up from a safeguarding perspective. To strengthen the link and align the work programmes, it was agreed that Jackie Channell would discuss this at the next Community Safety Partnership meeting.</p>	Liaise with the Community Safety Partnership	JC



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9.	<p>Rapid Review decisions</p> <p><u>Rapid Review 1:</u></p> <p>Rapid Review 1 was held on 12/07/23. The key learning points that came out of this review were:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • An intense focus on working with the parents to improve but no evidence reflecting any impact or change to quality of life for child 1 • The interpretation of language and terminology between agencies • Missed opportunities to work together to escalate • Supervision and oversight of professional decision making • Impact of covid <p>Members were advised that the impact of covid is something that is still considered at all rapid reviews undertaken.</p> <p>The Rapid Review panel agreed that this case met the criteria for a Local Child Safeguarding Practice Review. The partnership has looked at the existing learning that has been drawn from other similar reviews and feel that the learning identified could be incorporated into another CSPR that is being undertaken. Therefore, this review will be undertaken under a long-term chronic neglect theme.</p> <p>This recommendation has been endorsed by the National Panel and the Terms of Reference are with the Safeguarding Reviews Subgroup for consideration. If the ToR are endorsed by the SRS, IMR's will be sent out to partner agencies.</p> <p>The partnership will soon be reaching out to the child involved and their family members.</p>		
10.	<p>Updated WS Children Missing from Home & Care Protocol</p>		



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	<p>The WSEB were advised that the WS Children Missing from Home & Care Protocol has been refreshed to include the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • An emphasis that children will exhibit normal adolescent behaviour in testing boundaries, and it is not helpful to consider every incident of lateness or absence as significant concern requiring a missing report • General updating of terminology and the changes to service provision in Warwickshire • Greater emphasis on the responsibility of all agencies to support identification of children going missing when not reported, and the importance of supporting the Police investigation to locate and safely recover a missing child at the earliest opportunity through sharing information and making proportionate enquiries • Devolved responsibility for the following functions: Chairing of meetings at the first stage Strategy Meeting or Missing Intervention Meeting by a Team Leader or in some circumstances a Lead Practitioner, escalating to Operations Manager at the second stage in-line with current thresholds. + Authorisation of publicity/media release now by a WCC Operations Manager and Police Inspector. • Increased oversight of missing children • Change to the Missing Intervention Meeting (MIM) thresholds to provide clarity and a more proportionate system that retains a necessary focus on responding effectively to escalating risk. • A new Escalation & Conflict Resolution section to guide practitioners on the process to be 		



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	<p>followed where there is disagreement on the level of risk posed to a missing child, or concern about lack of action.</p> <p>It was agreed that the refreshed protocol is to be shared with the wider partnership.</p>	Share the protocol with the partnership	AS
11.	<p>Any other business</p> <p><u>VARM</u> The VARM panel met on 20/09/23 to sign off the VARM documents. These documents will now be presented to the Safeguarding Reviews Subgroup for feedback. Following endorsement by the Safeguarding Reviews Subgroup, they will then be presented to the Partnership Group for consideration. It is anticipated that the documents will be presented to the WSEB in December 2023 for final sign off and the VARM will then commence in January 2024.</p> <p><u>Annual Report</u> Elaine Coleridge-Smith requested for Nigel Minns to complete his annual report return. Nigel Minns is to liaise with Ian Redfern and Daniel Atkins. The Draft Annual Report is to be presented to the WSEB on 12/10/23.</p> <p><u>RAAC</u> The WSEB were advised that there are three schools in Warwickshire that have been affected by the RAAC issue. The DFE have committed to pay all the associated costs.</p> <p>Portacabins provided by the DFE are likely to take three months, rather than the specified two weeks.</p> <p>Myton Academy have an online learning offer in place. However, Aylesford Academy's online offer is not yet in place. There is a concern that there a number of children missing out on education.</p> <p><u>Refresh of exploitation strategy</u></p>	<p>Liaise with Ian Redfern and Daniel Atkins to discuss the annual report</p> <p>Include the annual report on the next WSEB agenda</p>	<p>NM</p> <p>AS</p>



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	<p>The WSEB were advised that the Business Team will be sending out a Warwickshire wide survey to draw in feedback and an understanding of the perceived exploitation concerns across Warwickshire. This is to be sent out to agencies during the w/c 02/10/23.</p> <p><u>Next WSEB meeting</u> The WSEB meeting scheduled to take place on 06/11/23 is to be stood down.</p>	<p>Stand down the meeting on 06/11/23</p>	AS
	Date of next meeting: <i>Thursday 12th October 2023, 09:30-12:00pm</i>		