



Meeting	Warwickshire Safeguarding Executive Board
Date	Thursday 12 th October 2023
Present	<p>Elaine Coleridge-Smith (<i>Warwickshire Safeguarding</i>) Jackie Channell (<i>Coventry and Warwickshire Integrated Care Board</i>) John Coleman (<i>Warwickshire County Council</i>) Nigel Minns (<i>Warwickshire County Council</i>) Pete Hill (<i>Warwickshire Police</i>) Tracy Pilcher (<i>Coventry and Warwickshire Integrated Care Board</i>)</p> <p><u>In Attendance:</u> Amrita Sharma (<i>Warwickshire Safeguarding</i>) Chelsea Jones (<i>Warwickshire Safeguarding</i>)</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 from the previous meeting were agreed as an accurate record.</p> <p><u>Actions from previous meeting</u> <i>Liaise with Daniel Atkins and Ian Redfern to discuss the annual report</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Nigel Minns and John Coleman are to submit their annual report return. 	Submit annual report return	NM/JC
3.	<p>Families First for Children's Pathfinder</p> <p>John Coleman advised the WSEB that, last Friday, the DFE published a summary design specification for the families first for children pathfinder. This is an opportunity for areas to bid for funding to aid in implementing the findings from the care review and stable homes built on love.</p> <p>There are four key reform strands to the pathfinder that selected areas will design and test as a whole system transformation:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Overarching system-level reform, including multi-agency safeguarding arrangements (MASA) Family help Child protection 		



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	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Family networks <p>The application is due to be submitted by 06/11/23; therefore, Children's Services are in the process of putting the application together.</p> <p>As the funding allocation is based on the number of children in need during 2022, Warwickshire are eligible to apply for the maximum funding of 5 million pounds. This is a one-year programme and, therefore, any funding will need to be spent by the end of 2024.</p> <p>The application will need to be presented to the WSEB as there is a requirement for it to be signed off by the key partners.</p> <p>Local Authorities will be notified in January 2024 if they have been successful. However, prior to this, arrangements need to be made on how the money would be spent.</p>		
4.	<p>WS Vulnerable Adult Risk Management (VARM) Framework and Policy</p> <p>Jackie Channell advised the WSEB that the purpose of the VARM is to help people with complex needs who live in vulnerable situations that pose a risk to their life. The VARM will share the risks posed to the individual across numerous agencies to establish what agencies can do to reduce these risks. These individuals will often be people who need help but refuse to engage with services.</p> <p>The VARM working group have drawn in learning from other areas who already have VARM's/MARAM's in place. The VARM is still in the consultation phase and is due to be presented to the wider partnership in November 2023.</p> <p>It was noted that, individuals who are involved in the VARM process have to be informed that a VARM is taking place and</p>		



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	<p>advised that they may attend the initial meeting themselves or, alternatively, send an advocate to attend on their behalf. Ideally, the meetings take place with the consent of the individual; however, they do not necessarily need too.</p> <p>Some bitesize training information videos are to be produced to share the learning with practitioners. In addition, leaflets have been produced to provide individuals with an overview of the VARM process and the help that they could benefit from.</p> <p>The outcomes of the VARM's will be presented to the WSEB to ensure that the WSEB have oversight of what is happening.</p> <p>It is hoped that the VARM will be fully rolled out in the new year.</p>		
5.	<p>Fara CSPR Final Report</p> <p>The WSEB were advised that the criminal proceedings in Fara's case have now concluded, and the following recommendations have been amended:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Amended recommendation 8. It is now recommendation 9.• Added paragraph 6.2.4.• Amended paragraph 6.4.10. and added the link to the HV report.• Added the additional recommendation (recommendation 8).• Name changed to Fara. <p>The WSEB endorsed Fara's report.</p> <p>Amrita Sharma is to submit the report to the National Panel.</p> <p>It is anticipated that Fara's report will be published in November 2023.</p>	<p>Submit Fara's report to the National Panel</p>	AS



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6.	<p>Rapid Review decision</p> <p>Members were informed that recent reviews have highlighted a lack of information sharing practices.</p> <p>A recent Rapid Review indicated that sexual abuse allegations are not being acted upon and shared in the way that they would have done had the abuse been physical.</p> <p>In a couple of recent reviews undertaken, the abuse has ended with the young person committing suicide.</p> <p>It is felt that recent CSPR's and Rapid Reviews undertaken are highlighting that staff are not equipped with the skills to respond to sexual abuse disclosures in the same way that they were years ago.</p> <p>It was noted that Barnardo's offer training on 'responding to sexual abuse disclosures'. Therefore, it was agreed that the Business Team are to approach Barnardo's to include this training within the Warwickshire Safeguarding Multi-Agency training programme.</p> <p>In addition, it was agreed that Tracy Pilcher will liaise with Coventry University to discuss their curriculum.</p>	<p>Approach Barnardo's to discuss their training offer</p> <p>Liaise with Coventry University</p>	<p>AS</p> <p>TP</p>
7.	<p>New Partnership Governance – options</p> <p>It was agreed that this agenda item would be deferred until the outcome of the consultations have been published.</p>	<p>Include agenda item on a future WSEB agenda</p>	<p>AS</p>
8.	<p>WSP Agenda</p> <p>The WSEB agreed on the following agenda items for the November 2023 WSP meeting:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Right Care, Right Person (Police response to Mental Health) • VARM • Lessons learned from the new social care inspection framework 		



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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Families First for Children's Pathfinder Case reviews update Fara, Simon and Anna reports Working Together <p>This is to be an in person meeting on 23rd November 2023, 10:00-12:30pm.</p>		
9.	<p>Any Other Business</p> <p><u>DFE</u> Amrita Sharma advised the WSEB that the DFE are looking for information on DSL's in Warwickshire. Nigel Minns suggested that Amrita Sharma liaise with Carl Lewis to obtain further information.</p> <p><u>Date of next WSEB meeting</u> The next WSEB meeting is to be rescheduled for Wednesday 9th December 2023, 10:00-12:30pm.</p>	Liaise with Carl Lewis	AS
Date of next meeting: Wednesday 9 th December 2023 9:30-12:00pm			