



Meeting	Warwickshire Safeguarding Children Board (WSCB)
Date	Thursday 18 July 2019
Present	<p>Elaine Coleridge-Smith (<i>Independent Chair</i>) Andy Wade (<i>Warwickshire Probation NPS</i>) Becky Eias (<i>North Warwickshire Borough Council</i>) Beth Sharpe (<i>Princethorpe College</i>) Craig Dicken (<i>Nuneaton & Bedworth Borough Council</i>) Elizabeth Brettle (<i>South Warwickshire NHS Foundation Trust</i>) George Branch (<i>Warwickshire Probation CRC</i>) Jackie Channell (<i>Warwickshire North Clinical Commissioning Group</i>) Jacqui McBrearty (<i>Warwickshire Police</i>) Jo Davies (<i>Warwickshire County Council</i>) Jo Galloway (<i>Coventry & Rugby Clinical Commissioning Group and Warwickshire North Clinical Commissioning Group</i>) Kate Morrison (<i>Warwickshire Community & Voluntary Action</i>) Kate Sahota (<i>Warwickshire County Council</i>) Mandy Braimbridge (<i>Coventry & Warwickshire Partnership Trust</i>) Marianne Smith (<i>South Warwickshire Clinical Commissioning Group</i>) Moira Bishop (<i>South Warwickshire NHS Foundation Trust</i>) Nigel Minns (<i>Warwickshire County Council</i>) Tom Kittendorf (<i>Rugby Borough Council</i>) Vaishali Desai (<i>South Warwickshire NHS Foundation Trust</i>) Victoria Gould (<i>Warwickshire County Council</i>) Councillor Jeff Morgan (<i>Warwickshire County Council</i>)</p> <p><u>In attendance:</u> Amrita Sharma (<i>Warwickshire Safeguarding Boards</i>) Caroline McCluskey (<i>Warwickshire Safeguarding Boards</i>) Holly Reed (<i>Warwickshire Safeguarding Boards</i>) Jo Ferguson (<i>Minute taker, Warwickshire Safeguarding Boards</i>)</p>
Apologies	<p>Alison Walshe (<i>South Warwickshire Clinical Commissioning Group</i>) Councillor Chris Williams (<i>Warwickshire County Council</i>) Daljit Athwal (<i>George Eliot Hospital</i>) Deb Saunders (<i>Lay Member</i>) Fiona Burton (<i>South Warwickshire NHS Foundation Trust</i>) Helen King (<i>Warwickshire County Council</i>) Ian Budd (<i>Warwickshire County Council</i>) Jacqueline Barnes (<i>NHS England</i>) Jo Barker (<i>Stratford District Council</i>) Jo Howell (<i>The Polesworth School</i>) John Coleman (<i>Warwickshire County Council</i>) Katrina Symonds (<i>Lay Member</i>) Linda Cane (<i>CAFCASS</i>) Lisa Barker (<i>Warwick District Council</i>) Louise Mohacsi (<i>St Nicholas CE Primary School</i>) Martin Cowan (<i>Stratford District Council</i>) Minakshee Patel (<i>Rugby Borough Council</i>) Pete Hill (<i>Warwickshire Police</i>) Sally Nash (<i>Warwickshire County Council</i>) Simon Powell (<i>North Warwickshire Borough Council</i>)</p>



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1.	<p>Welcome, Introductions and Apologies</p> <p>The Chair welcomed members to the Board, including the two new members of the Safeguarding Warwickshire Business Team, Caroline McCluskey and Holly Reed. Apologies were noted as above.</p>		
2.	<p>Minutes</p> <p>Minutes from the previous meeting were agreed to be an accurate record.</p> <p>Matters Arising</p> <p>All actions from the previous meeting have been added to the Boards Forward Plan or will be covered in today's meeting, except for the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Page 4: Item 5 – new design framework changes are being made and will be shared with members once finalised. • Page 5: Item 6 – Action Plan for Early Help Strategy is yet to be completed. Marina Kitchen is to action accordingly, and share with members once finalised. 		
3.	<p>Presentation: Serious Case Review – 'Mason'</p> <p>Nikki Pettit, lead reviewer, gave a slideshow presentation on the Serious Case Review of 'Mason'.</p> <p>The Board were provided with a brief overview of the details from the case – explaining that 'Mason' was a 14-month-old-boy who sustained numerous serious and potentially life changing injuries whilst living with his mother and a male friend of hers. The friend had convictions for violence and had previously been accused of injuring a young child in another area. There were also some minor injuries reported at the nursery in previous months. Following these injuries there was around a two month delay before a child protection conference was held and care proceedings were considered. Mason was classed as a child in need at this</p>		



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	<p>time and contact with Mother was then supervised by maternal grandparents.</p> <p>Nikki went on to explain the process undergone for the review, which was to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Gain an understanding of what happened and why, using the pathways to harm/pathways to protection model to consider the case. • Consider key multi-agency documents • Ensure professionals involved are able to share their view of 'why' – attend reflective events • Engagement with parents • Avoid hindsight bias • Ensure good practice is highlighted <p>Lastly, the Board discussed the 5 recommendations that came out of the report, and asked that an additional sentence be added to the first recommendation, so it reads as follows: <i>“That the WSCB considers how the learning from this review can be shared to ensure that the wider system and Safeguarding the systems Nationally benefits from the single agency learning found in this case.”</i></p>	<p>Make amendment to recommendation 1.</p> <p>Share final copy of the report with Board members once above amendment has been made.</p>	<p>NP</p> <p>AS / JF</p>
<p>4.</p>	<p>Private Fostering Annual Report/Action Plan 2018-19</p> <p>Joyce Jones presented to the Board the Private Fostering Annual Report and Action Plan 2018-19. She explains to the Board that a private fostering arrangement is one made privately for the care of a child under the age of 16 (under 18, if disabled) by someone other than a parent or close relative with the intention that it should last for 28 days or more. Private foster carers may be from the extended family, such as a cousin or great aunt.</p> <p>A private foster carer may be a friend of the family, the parent of a friend of the child, or someone previously unknown to the child's family who is willing to privately foster a child. However, a person who is a relative as defined by the Children Act 1989, i.e. a grandparent, brother, sister, uncle or aunt (whether of the full or half blood or by</p>	<p>Victoria Gould to put together further information on what timescale would class a situation as 'private fostering', as there is some confusion onto whether it is 28 continuous days or not. Once this information is available, this is to be shared with the members of the Board for clarification.</p>	<p>VG</p>



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	<p>marriage) or a step-parent (i.e. by marriage to a parent) will not be a private foster carer.</p> <p>The report shows there has been almost double increase in private fostering placements. This is due to the increase of children from China and Russia, who come to learn English and become part of a Guardianship family.</p> <p>Although numbers have increased, they do not feel it is an accurate number of how many children are in private fostering.</p> <p>The Board agreed that targeted communication would be helpful to share with partner agencies to spread awareness of Private Fostering in Warwickshire.</p>		
5.	<p>Warwickshire Safeguarding – Next Steps</p> <p>The Independent Chair of the Board introduced members to the new Partnership Arrangements for Safeguarding children and adults via a slideshow presentation.</p> <p>The Board were informed that the publication announcement of Warwickshire’s new partnership arrangements was shared on 28 June 2019 with the Department of Education, with the arrangements coming into effect from 29 September 2019.</p> <p>The Chair then updated members of the agreed Strategic Priorities for 2019-20, which are:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Effective Safeguarding 2. Prevention & Early Intervention 3. Exploitation <p>Lastly, members were informed that they could access and share the full document via the website: www.safeguardingwarwickshire.co.uk</p>		
6.	<p>WSCB Sub-committee updates</p> <p><u>Special Cases</u> The Chair of the sub-committee gave a brief update on the current work being undertaken by the Special Cases sub-committee, informing the Board that there</p>		



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	<p>are currently 11 cases at various stages of review.</p> <p>A Task & Finish Group for Child E was set up after recommendation from the Board meeting in April. The first meeting was held in June and was very productive, and members were able to identify a variety of areas which could be changed or improved. Some of the recommendations / actions from this meeting included:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Look at the Board procedures for safer recruitment • Create a brief questionnaire to go to all Board members regarding safer recruitment of DBS checks • Do a briefing paper on “what is supervision” <p>A Practitioner’s Event also took place in June for the another Serious Case Review underway; this was found to be a very productive session by all attendees. Another session will follow in September 2019.</p> <p>Board members agreed that due to the number of ongoing reviews the Special Cases are undertaking that the presentation of these cases to the Board needs to be reviewed – as can be quite time consuming. Jackie Channell will discuss with the Business Manager a better, more concise way of sharing this information with members in the future.</p> <p><u>Child Exploitation</u> No update available.</p> <p><u>School’s Learning & Education</u> Adrian Over kindly provided a written update on the sub-committee, which was shared by the Business Manager to the Board on his behalf. It was note:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Education sub-committee continues to meet quarterly and will be one of the new Sub Groups under the new Partnership Arrangements. • Attendance is good and work has been undertaken to strengthen representation from the secondary sector by linking with 	<p>Agree on an alternative way of presenting the current cases to the Board for future meetings.</p>	<p>JC & AS</p>



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	<p>the area behaviour partnerships, all of which are now represented on the sub-committee. The primary sector also has good representation and strong links with the local schools consortia arrangements.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A key area of activity has been the annual WSCB schools safeguarding audit. Response levels are very high - there were 273 submissions in 2018 c/f 265 in 2017 and 255 in 2016. • The 2019 audit has been launched recently with a submission date of 25/10/19. New themes include child criminal exploitation and recording, reporting and management of self-harm incidents. In the light of a recent local case review, schools have also been asked to comment on their arrangements for supervision of staff whose pre-employment checks have not yet been completed. • Analysis of the 2018 audit is almost complete and a report will be available for the Education sub-committee and full board in the early autumn meetings. <p><u>Joint Procedures</u> Previously, Warwickshire has been in partnership with Coventry in regards to linking its Safeguarding Procedures, Solihull have now also joined. The Business Managers of each are currently arranging a programme of work for the next 12 months.</p> <p><u>Child Death Overview Panel (CDOP)</u> The new Governance arrangements mean that the CDOP will be reporting more to Public Health – rather than the Children Board.</p>		
7.	<p>Any Other Business</p> <p>Changes in Probation Services: Wade, Head of NPS Coventry, Solihull & Warwickshire, informed the Board that the National Probation Service (NPS) and Community Rehabilitation Company (CRC) will be merging once more, with an</p>		



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	<p>estimated merging date of Spring 2021. A lot of work is to be done between now and when the merger is to take place, but the Board will be kept informed of the progress.</p> <p>Annual Report: The Business Manager informed the Board that the draft of the Annual Report is due to be reviewed by the Executive Board at their meeting in August, once this is signed off it will then go to the Health and Wellbeing Board at the end of September.</p> <p>Thank you: The Chair thanked partners for their contribution to the work of WSCB and welcomed them to the new partnership arrangements under 'Warwickshire Safeguarding'. The business team will be in contact in due course with dates of future meetings under the new governance arrangements.</p>		