

NORTHUMBERLAND, TYNE AND WEAR NHS FOUNDATION TRUST

BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING

Meeting Date: 28 January 2015

Title and Author of Paper: Local Safeguarding Children's Board Update Report
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Presented by: Gary O'Hare, Executive Director of Nursing and Operations

Paper for Debate, Decision or Information: Information

Key Points to Note:
Regular update report for information.

Outcome required:
The Board is asked to note the content of this report.

Introduction

This paper provides a brief update on issues raised at each of the Local Safeguarding Children Boards in the area covered by the Trust.

NORTHUMBERLAND CHILDREN: ANNE MOORE GROUP NURSE DIRECTOR, TRUST REPRESENTATIVE

Northumberland Safeguarding Children's Board met on 26 September 2014

NSCB Annual Report for 2013/14 was discussed, Members agreed that the publication of the NSCB Annual Report for 2013/14 should take place by Friday, 10 October 2014. Members were thanked for their helpful contribution to the annual report and that is reflected in the level of partnership working described.

Section 11 Audit report and evaluation was presented. The future planning around expanding section 11 out to partners within Safeguarding Adult Services was discussed. This is required in relation to the adult services who provide care to vulnerable young people aged 18-25.

Child Protection Standards Document was discussed and challenged by Board Members in respect of requirements that appear out-with Working Together 2013. All agencies were asked to determine the relevant professional(s) who (a) must attend and submit a report to an Initial Child Protection Conference, and (b) who must attend but won't necessarily provide a report to either an Initial Child Protection Conference and Review Child Protection Conference in order to discuss at next meeting and sign off once agreed

Members were updated on the Rotherham Report: the Local Authority are reviewing this report internally and a Task & Finish Group has been convened to review the issues relating to CSE across the Council, and upon completion of this exercise, a response to the report will be shared with the LSCB.

NEWCASTLE: DR RAJESH NADKARNI, GROUP MEDICAL DIRECTOR, TRUST REPRESENTATIVE

Newcastle Safeguarding Children's Board met on 17 September 2014

Independent Inquiry into CSE

The Board received an overview of the Rotherham Inquiry. As a consequence of several reviews, reports and inspections over the last two years, Newcastle Council, its partners and the Safeguarding Board are already in receipt of many recommendations

for improvement in their approach to CSE. The Safeguarding Board has brought these together into a single document. It includes the recommendations from the CSE Diagnostic Report, the Barnardo's CSE Practice Review, the HMIC South Yorkshire Police Response to CSE, and the report of the Office of the Children's Commissioner. From this the Board have identified 15 areas that they consider a priority for the next 12 months

Training Strategy 2014 - 2016

The Training Strategy was presented, it is intended to add value, rather than replace workforce strategies in a wide range of partner organisations. It focuses particularly on actions to deliver key expectations, e.g. an integrated workforce; it recognises that the children's workforce is diverse and rarely will one approach fit all, but that there are many things which are best achieved in partnership.

NORTH TYNESIDE: DR DAMIAN ROBINSON, GROUP MEDICAL DIRECTOR, TRUST REPRESENTATIVE – LEESA STEPHENSON Deputised for Dr Robinson

North Tyneside Safeguarding Children's Board met on 29 September 2014

Children Young People's plan presentation to members; the plan which was accepted by Cabinet and Council in September 2014.

Three of the four large Council themes are included within the plan.

- Ready for school
- Ready for work and life
- Cared for, safeguarded and healthy

The CYPL Executive Board met on 1 October 2014 to look at the priorities and indicators within the plan. The NTSCB will be provided with updates on a six monthly basis in relation to the indicators and priorities.

The Draft Annual Report from NTSCB was circulated and discussed within the meeting. The report is being re-edited and should be available for publication within the next two weeks. The report is hinged around 14 key questions. The report is light on including examples of the difference the NTSCB has made during 2013/2014. It is dependent on the report being accessible by various links within the document.

CDOP Annual Report 2013 /14 was circulated and discussed. 45 cases North of Tyne of Child Deaths were reviewed over the year, 8 of which were North Tyneside. A robust and improving CDOP process undertaken on a North of Tyne basis provided the opportunity to have a "whole system view" as well as following up on local learning and modifiable factors

Revision to Internal Governance was shared with the Board the possible shape and form of next steps regarding internal governance following on from discussions/readiness for inspection and the Annual Report. The proposal to:

- develop new terms of reference for SMG into a “business” group.
- develop a constitution for the Board.

It was agreed that this would strengthen the role of the Board and its members.

SOUTH TYNESIDE: ANTHONY DEERY, GROUP NURSE DIRECTOR, TRUST REPRESENTATIVE

The Safeguarding Board met on 11 December 2014

Update on the delivery of the LSCB Training programme was provided. This was to advise members of the LSCB as to progress in relation to current delivery of the multi-agency LSCB Training Programme across South Tyneside’s partnership and present options to increase capacity to ensure effective delivery of the programme. Members were asked to consider increasing financial resource to support multi-agency trainers.

CDOP Annual Report 2013 /14 was circulated and discussed. 46 cases South of Tyne of Child Deaths were reviewed over the year, 7 of which were South Tyneside. Learning points identified were

- The Risks of co-sleeping
- The need for staff to be aware of who is providing care for children with complex needs
- Difficulties for professionals when adoptive parents do not want birth family to be made aware of the death.

The Private Fostering Report 2013/14 was presented. The report was being provided under the requirements laid down in the National Minimum standards for Private Fostering which came into force on 18th July 2005. This requires the local authority to provide an annual report for consideration by the Director of Children’s Services which includes an evaluation of the outcomes of its work in relation to privately fostered children within its area. The local authority is also required to report to the chair of the Local Safeguarding Children’s Board on how it satisfies itself that the welfare of privately fostered children in the area are satisfactorily safeguarded and how it cooperates with other agencies to promote the welfare of privately fostered children. Specific targeted work to be completed with colleagues including the new electronic recording system, awareness raising with agencies of the procedures and notification process and inclusion into the LSCB Training plan.

GATESHEAD: ANNE MOORE, GROUP NURSE DIRECTOR, TRUST REPRESENTATIVE

Gateshead Safeguarding Children Board met on 24 September 2014

Health Updates:

CCG – Designated Nurse, Maggie Lilburn advised that the merger of both Newcastle and Gateshead CCG's will commence on 1 April 2015. Guy Pilkington has been confirmed as the chair of the new CCG from April.

NHS England – It was advised that the organisation is undertaking a 'realignment' and it is expected that there will be a 15% reduction in manpower costs, therefore some functions will transfer to CCGs. A consultation process will commence on 1 October and a report will be submitted to the LSCB to outline the implications.

Update on sexual exploitation including Operation Sanctuary:

There have been recent concerns around an establishment in Gateshead where men were reported to be taking girls to the hotel. Both the men and the girls were identified. The men were served notice and the Neighbourhood Police are currently working with the Licensing Department. There are disruption exercises ongoing. None of the girls have made any disclosures.

Children's Services Update – Ofsted undertook a themed inspection last week on the quality of assessment within children's social care and the organisational factors which affect assessment quality. 12 cases were tracked and the outcome was positive. A number of strengths were identified, including

- general quality of assessments is good,
 - assessments are information rich,
 - there is a culture of supportive challenge,
 - direct work with children and engagement with families is good,
 - good engagement with fathers and male partners
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- Several development areas were suggested, including
 - plans could be smarter
 - assessments could be shared in an age appropriate way with children and young people.

The outcome report will be published next spring and will include information regarding all 10 authorities that will have been inspected during this year.

SUNDERLAND: GARY O'HARE, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF NURSING AND OPERATIONS, TRUST REPRESENTATIVE, Jan Grey, Deputising for Gary O'Hare

The Sunderland Safeguarding Children Board met on 22 October 2014

Children's Service Improvement Plan

Members were given an overview of the Improvement Board and the first meeting that had taken place in August and the minutes were shared with the Board. The Improvement Plan had been produced and would be signed off at the next Improvement Board in October. Members were advised that a significant amount of work had been going on with partners. A request was made by the Independent Chair that regular briefings are required for partners to enable front-line staff to be aware of the developments.

CSE Update and Rotherham

The Board was given assurance of the accelerated activity SSCB development and progress around CSE in Sunderland. Key changes included establishment of a CSE Sub Committee which is meeting on a monthly basis. The Problem Profile is also being reviewed.

SSCB Delivery Plan

The Delivery Plan was discussed. All actions were on target. The major focus had been around SSCB Governance and infra structure, a review of sub committee structures including joint SSCB/SSAB sub committees

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