

Northumberland, Tyne and Wear NHS Foundation Trust

Board of Directors Meeting

Meeting Date: 26th July 2017

Title and Author of Paper: Local Safeguarding Children's Board Update Report
Jan Grey, Head of Safeguarding and Public Protection

Executive Lead: Gary O'Hare, Executive Director of Nursing and Chief Operating Officer

Paper for Debate, Decision or Information:

Key Points to Note:

Regular update report for information.

Risks Highlighted to Board : None

Does this affect any Board Assurance Framework/Corporate Risks? NO

Please state Yes or No

If Yes please outline

Equal Opportunities, Legal and Other Implications:

Outcome Required: The Board of Directors are asked to note the content of this report.

Link to Policies and Strategies:

Working Together to Safeguard Children 2015

Children's Act 2004

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: Vida Morris Group Nurse Director, Trust Representative

The Northumberland Safeguarding Children's Board met on the 29th March 2017. The meeting in the main focussed on the presentation of the M Serious Case Review.

M SCR

The Independent Author gave a presentation of the completed M SCR, including a brief introduction of the case and picked out the key pieces of information from the report (NSCB Serious Case Review using the SILP Process).

Board members asked questions regarding the report and lessons learned. The emerging themes from the report are, failure to consider CSA, lack of strategy meetings, communication between police forces, professional curiosity, risk assessment regarding sexual offering history and significance of wider family.

Board members signed off the report and associated recommendations.

Future of Safeguarding Children Board

Members agreed the need to consider the future of the LSCB in line with government requirements and look to set up a small T&F group around this.

Threshold Document

The Service Director for LA Children's Services presented the revised threshold document for LA Children's Social Care. Members agreed to the document being signed off once minor adjustments discussed in the meeting was made.

Newcastle: Dr Jonathon Richardson, Group Medical Director, Trust Representative

The Newcastle Safeguarding Children's Board met on the 15th February 2017.

Deliberate and Unintentional Injuries

Members were provided a deep dive report in relation to hospital admissions data for Deliberate and Unintentional Injuries and noted whilst it is positive that the data has reduced, it is still classified as worse than the statistical average.

Public Health England supplied some of the data that allowed them to gather a local analysis and identify additional areas for further investigation:

- Unrecorded/unknown injuries
- Increase in self-harm for females aged 0-14 years
- Increase in injuries caused by sharp objects

A number of the areas of PH data highlighted in the Scorecard link to the work being carried out by the 0-19 service including specific training for parents around risk.

Health Funding Gap

Director of Nursing CCG referred to the funding gap and noted there is a £641m projected gap across health by 2021 which they plan to address via the 3 transformation areas:

- Scaling up prevention, health and well-being to improve the physical and mental health of our population and reduce inequity
- Out of hospital collaboration to develop alternative service models, reduce variation and raise quality of care in community settings
- Optimal use of the acute sector to improve experience of care, achieve better outcomes and create a sustainable model

Joint Serious Case Review Contribution (JSCR) - Sexual Exploitation

The Chair reported that the letter had been circulated to partners detailing the need for an additional non-recurrent contribution from services towards the cost of the JSCR given the predicted spend has increased to £150,000. The Chair noted that there is a view from health services that the contribution is the responsibility of the CCG however there has been no confirmation of whether this view is correct. It was pointed out that it was a partnership agreement to progress to a SCR and noted once the review is complete, the learning for services will be invaluable.

North Tyneside: Dr Jane Carlisle, Group Medical Director, Trust Representative

The Safeguarding Children's Board met on the 30th January 2017.

LSCB Posters

Several posters were shared highlighting learning from serious case reviews, from an information campaign produced by Haringey LSCB. The Business Sub-Group had discussed the need for a similar raising awareness in North Tyneside and approached Haringey for permission to use their materials, where appropriate. Permission has been agreed.

Priority themes have been identified including messages from local learning and work is underway to develop posters and additional information for the web site. Members will be asked to promote and display the posters which will also be sent electronically to all partners.

Financial Report

The Business Manager presented the report on the current financial position at this stage in the financial year which shows an underspend going forward. Proposed expenditure up to March 2017 was agreed including the development of a new NTSCB Website.

Partner agencies have been contacted to formally confirm their financial contribution for 2017-18.

A proposed 2017/18 budget will be presented at the next meeting.

Children's Services Transformation Agenda

A Transformation Project Board is now established to progress the agenda which has representation from partner agencies. The agenda includes the following areas of work:

- Multi Agency Safeguarding Hub/Front Door
- Keeping young people safe at home
- Models of practice – supporting the workforce and partners e.g. Signs of Safety
- Keeping children safe in school
- Corporate parenting
- Public Health 0-19 agenda

Each area of work has a task group chaired by a member of Children's Services Senior Management Team and a work plan has been developed. The Project Board will develop a Risk Log to be reported to the LSCB alongside progress updates.

Child Death Overview Panel CDOP

The CDOP Q3 report from November 2016 was presented. There were no North Tyneside cases reviewed in quarter 3 and 1 reported death.

Issues of note were brought to the attention of the board which are:

- Proposal to develop a regional data sharing process resulting in a better understanding of the causes of child deaths. This would involve all the regional CDOPs sharing their annual data. The panel recommended that a written proposal should be produced and taken to each LSCB for discussion and a view.

- The RVI to review its processes following non-notification to the Coordinator of the death of a North Tyneside child in February 2016. The information has been entered retrospectively and the case it to be reviewed in early 2017.

Assurance has been sought that the revised process will ensure this does not happen in the future. The Chair felt board members should formally note the content of the report and welcome the continued focus in the reports on review of deaths in North Tyneside as well as how we as a Board can respond to learning and emerging issues/concerns as well as those previously identified.

South Tyneside: Jackie Jollands Group Nurse Director, Trust Representative

The Safeguarding Board met on the 23rd February 2017.

Multi-Agency Learning Event (facilitated by Head of SAPP NTW)

A successful multi-agency learning event was held in December in relation to a 7 month old baby with multiple bruises and signs of neglect. The learning event took place over one day. Prior to the event practitioners were given specific agency related questions as well as generic ones in order to focus and reflect on both the decision making process, risk management and practice within this case. Key areas of learning were identified. The Learning and Improvement sub group have developed and will monitor a multi-agency action plan based on the key areas of learning identified. Evaluations from the event strongly suggested that multi-agency partners enjoyed and gained a lot from the opportunity to reflect and learn within a safe and supportive environment.

North East Regional collaborative working

Following a meeting of the North East Business Managers it was agreed that each would share any key events that were taking place in their area with a view of working more collaboratively. The North East LGBT event is taking place in Newcastle in July 2017. It has been agreed by each area to support this event by promoting what each does to support and safeguard their local LGBT community and to promote the local available services. More details to follow.

Each area agreed to share resources of a generic safeguarding interest. South Tyneside has agreed to share the CSE literature for young people and Northumberland have agreed to share a powerful and emotive new film produced by Northumberland Domestic Abuse Services (NDAS) and Raw Productions, a London based media organisation. The film focuses on young people's struggles with coercive and controlling relationships. These behaviours are not currently as widely understood or discussed in the public sphere as physically violent relationships.

Child Sexual Exploitation, Missing and Trafficked events

The local managers from the fast food chain McDonalds have recently participated in a CSE Awareness raising event following intelligence that some children reported missing / absent are often located at a McDonalds. The rationale the young people give for this

is that there is free Wi-Fi access and areas to charge phones. Staff are aware of how to raise concerns and have agreed to display the CSE literature and posters in appropriate areas

Sub regional Safeguarding Policies and Procedures

A sub-regional approach was taken by South Tyneside, Sunderland and Gateshead LSCB's to produce a combined consortium of safeguarding procedures for children. This is to strengthen a more consistent approach to safeguarding across the sub region as well as to promote a more efficient and succinct approach in terms of the procedures.

Gateshead: Dr Steve Moorhead, Group Medical Director, Trust Representative

The Gateshead Safeguarding Children Board met on the 26th April 2017.

LSCB REVIEW

Paul Ennals presented his report, noting that this was an opportunity to start discussions rather than make formal decisions. Most areas are looking at a more streamlined model from autumn 2017, with a view to further development of sub-regional collaboration in due course. Board members endorsed the proposal to move from a Business Planning Group to an Executive. The paper proposed strengthening the membership and role of the new Executive, to act as the body carrying board responsibility on behalf of the three statutory partners. The current Board would then become a reference group, with membership, frequency of meeting and precise functions to be discussed. The board emphasised the importance of a transparent and accountable process for determining issues such as the membership of the future board and reference group.

Discussion included the following issues:

- Input from the National Probation Service and the Community Rehabilitation Company requires further discussion; whilst a smaller future board might legitimately have just one member from the two agencies, it will be necessary to agree arrangements for ensuring that all probation-related interests are represented.
- Schools and education are central to safeguarding issues, and further discussion will also be needed as to how these interests can be best represented on a smaller Board.
- There is a need to respond to what is required without losing the spirit of good partnership working already in place in Gateshead. Some areas have rushed into changes and have now had to revise plans. It was agreed that any changes must not impact on frontline working and operational multi-agency work.

- Some Board members suggested that a South of Tyne arrangement would be beneficial and were keen to explore this further however it is clear that there also needs to be a local focus. Board members also noted that some partners were members of LSCBs North of Tyne and also there is a flow of service users to the north.
- There is scope for further alignment with the work of the Safeguarding Adult Board, and with the Community Safety Partnership; discussion involving all partnerships would be beneficial.

In conclusion, amongst Board members there is a willingness to change and an enthusiasm to streamline following proper engagement with partners. There is some anxiety about moving too quickly to a regional approach and a need to ensure that new arrangements meet Gateshead's needs. It was agreed that we cannot be too rigid with any thinking and review and there is a need to ensure that frontline interagency working is not affected. Discussions will continue at the next LSCB Executive.

The Board members agreed the new Terms of Reference for the current full Board and Executive.

Public Health Update (including Child Health Profile and report on System Led Improvement)

LSCB members noted the relevance to safeguarding as research shows links between health indicators and the cases that we worry about. It was noted that this raises the issue of targeted support and making every contact count and reiterates the importance of the Board's oversight of the Early Help strategy.

The data is due to be refreshed in March and a further update will be brought in due course, providing stronger links between the profile and policy options.

Board members noted that:

- child poverty is significantly worse in Gateshead
- obesity levels at age 10/11 are similar to national levels
- immunisation levels are better than national levels
- health and wellbeing of children in Gateshead is generally worse than the national picture
- there has been a decrease in self harm but rates are still worse than national data

Gateshead is part of a System-Led Improvement pilot on behalf of the region, reviewing provision for young children from conception to aged 2. Data is to be collected over

seven priority areas which will be processed, analysed and then peer reviewed. Ultimately information will be available on improvements and outcomes.

Child Death Review Sub Group update

There have been four further neonatal deaths since the report was written.

The Chair has been approached by the Sunderland LSCB Independent Chair with a view to discussing options for streamlining CDOP processes. This has been discussed at CDOP where it had been agreed that arrangements would continue as they are until the outcome of the Wood Review for CDOPs is clearer. The designated doctors have met to join up the learning from cases across North and South of Tyne. Two regional workshops have been held however not all actions have been achieved.

Sunderland: Anne Moore, Group Nurse Director, Trust Representative

The Sunderland Safeguarding Children Board met on the 16th January 2017.

SSCB Strategic Plan 2017 – 2019 and Business Plan 2017 – 2018

The SSCB Strategic Plan 2017 – 2019 has been built around the development day. The current board subcommittees to consider what the Business Plan 2017 – 2018 should look like. The vision, value, behaviours and principle were discussed and members agreed to consider additions for next board. The Workforce section around organisations and the evidence of good work being done.

Together for Children (TFC)– Sunderland Improvement Plan Update

Members were presented with an update report of the Improvement Plan. It was recognised that most priorities were either done or already done with eight ambers remaining. The review of the contact service has now taken place. There is still a focus around consistency and quality of case recording that is being closely monitored. TFC are moving to the new electronic recording system is proving challenging due to the need to manually update every record. Retaining and recruiting a skilled workforce is a priority for TFC. Members were advised that the next monitoring visit by Ofsted will take place 2nd – 3rd February 2017.

South of Tyne Child Death Review Annual Report

The South of Tyne Child Death Overview Panel Annual Report 2015 – 2016 was presented. Key points discussed:

- The numbers of deaths are small within Sunderland
- The profile of sleep arrangements/prematurity/smoking/alcohol needs to be raised
- Discussions have commenced about the North of Tyne having their own CDOP

CSE Position Statement

The purpose of the report was to give Board members an overview of the activity in respect of the multi-agency response to CSE across Sunderland.

Key points of discussion:

- Awareness raising of CSE is vital
- The Partnership should continue to develop an understanding of the services required to protect Children and Young People from CSE
- Early help and therapeutic offer is limited in terms of CSE and intervention should begin at an early age
- The consideration of sexual health and the young person's engagement with sexual health services
- Shropshire LSCB have lots of tools suitable for young people that could be adapted for Sunderland.

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