

NORTHUMBERLAND TYNE AND WEAR NHS FOUNDATION TRUST

BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING

Meeting Date: 28 October 2015

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

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: VIDA MORRIS GROUP NURSE DIRECTOR, TRUST REPRESENTATIVE

Northumberland Safeguarding Children's Board met on 21/7/2015

CHILDREN & YOUNG PEOPLE'S STRATEGIC STATEMENT

The Board approved FACT Board's draft Children and Young People's Strategic Statement 2015 - 2018. The current Children and Young People's Plan ceased at the end of April 2015. The FACT Board has endorsed a new approach for its successor, which is intended to be briefer and more accessible to children, young people, families, partners and Council employees.

Board Strategic Priorities for 2015-16

The Board received a presentation and approved the strategic priorities for the coming year.

1. Child Sexual Exploitation
2. Focusing on the child's journey
3. Improving access and take up of early help services
4. Vulnerable children who live in high need households
5. Vulnerable and high risk adolescents

Sexual exploitation strategy 2015-2018

The restructured CSE Strategy & Action Plan was provided to Board Members on the recent proposal to establish a separate CSE Sub-Committee of the Adult, Children's and Safer Northumberland Safeguarding Boards.

NEWCASTLE: DR JOHNATHON RICHARDSON, GROUP MEDICAL DIRECTOR, TRUST REPRESENTATIVE

Newcastle Safeguarding Children's Board met 16/9/2015

NSCB Annual report 2014/15

Members received a presentation of the annual report and approved same.

Missing, Sexually Exploited and Trafficked (MSET) Group

Members received an update from the MSET working group
Progress on objectives and actions

- Joint SE strategy and action plan approved
- M-SET terms of reference approved
- SE leads meeting
- Decision made to undertake a SCR to consider the circumstances of Police led investigation into Sexual Abuse
- Provisional November date agreed for 'taster' Chelsea's Choice drama production

Private Fostering Annual report

Members received an overview of activities in relation to privately fostered children in Newcastle from April 2014 to end of March 2015. The report details how Newcastle City Council has complied with its duties and functions in relation to Private Fostering and includes how the welfare of privately fostered children is satisfactorily safeguarded and promoted over the past 12 months. The report also outlines the activities which have been undertaken to promote awareness of the notification requirements regarding children who are living in Private Fostering arrangements.

NORTH TYNESIDE: RAJESH NADKARNI, GROUP MEDICAL DIRECTOR, TRUST REPRESENTATIVE

North Tyneside Safeguarding Children's Board met on 28/9/2015

Thresholds Document

Members approved the revised threshold document for safeguarding children. North Tyneside Safeguarding Children Board (NTSCB) recognises that most children and young people in North Tyneside do well, but that there are some who need support at different times in their life. All of the organisations involved in and responsible for the wellbeing and protection of children and young people are committed to acting to ensure children and young people are protected from harm and abuse whilst delivering joined up help and support to respond to the different levels of need of individual children, young people and their families.

The threshold document provides different levels to show how professionals and the organisations they work for should work together to offer the right kind of help and protection at the right time. This guidance also shows how and for what reasons children, young people and their families should be able to access more intensive support that matches the seriousness and urgency of their situation. It also shows how whenever possible and when appropriate children, young people and their families are enabled to move forwards without the need to rely on lots of help.

Multi Agency training Annual report

The annual report was presented to members.

The report presented an analysis of how those functions were met by The North Tyneside Safeguarding Children Board (NTSCB) in 2014 – 2015, by presenting an analysis of:

1. How training needs are identified and planned
2. The attendance at training
3. The quality, evaluation and impact of the training provided
4. The contribution made towards the programme by partner agencies
5. The progress and achievements of the North Tyneside Local Safeguarding Children Board (NTSCB) in relation to training
6. The training priorities and plans identified for 2015 – 2016

Attendance at training between April 2014 – March 2015

In total 1,680 learners accessed LSCB safeguarding children training, made up of;

1,355 learners at face-to-face multi-agency training

210 completers of e-learning

115 attendees at the Safeguarding Conference.

Female Genital Mutilation Procedure

Board members were provided an overview of FGM and the associated procedure for all agencies that has been developed.

FGM is child abuse and a form of violence against women and girls, a procedure for professionals who have responsibilities to safeguard children and protect and support adults from the abuse associated with female genital mutilation(FGM)

SOUTH TYNESIDE: ANN MARSHALL GROUP NURSE DIRECTOR

The Safeguarding Board met on 20/8/2015

Multi-agency Performance Framework Agreement

The sharing of multi-agency data is essential in enabling the Board to determine the level of local safeguarding arrangements. Partners endorsed the draft multi-agency Performance Framework Agreement in order that a robust and timely process can be progressed.

Early Help Strategy 2014-16

As in 2014, an increasing recognition, supported by credible national and international research, that a focus on early help and in particular the application of evidence-based programmes can make a significant contribution to better outcomes for children and families. The Early Help Strategy 2014-16 has been revised in order to focus more attentively on prevention and early help. Partners approved the draft strategy.

STCB Annual report 2014-2015

Partners received a presentation of the annual report
STSCB identified 5 main priorities for 2014/15, these included:

1. Develop the influence and local Impact of the Local Safeguarding Children Board;
2. Develop a strong multi agency quality and performance framework;
3. Develop and influence the multi agency safeguarding arrangements across South Tyneside to ensure compliance with Working Together 2013;
4. Develop a greater understanding of the local safeguarding risk areas and to take appropriate action to reduce risk taking behaviours;
5. Enhance learning and improvement to positively influence multi agency safeguarding practice

Despite the range of changes and challenges at both a local and national level, there is a continued commitment by partners at both strategic and operational levels to maintain the safety and wellbeing of the children and young people in South Tyneside.

GATESHEAD: ANNE MOORE, GROUP NURSE DIRECTOR, TRUST REPRESENTATIVE:

Gateshead Safeguarding Children Board met on 2/9/2015

Overview of the Home Office Family Returns Process

Members received a presentation on the Family Returns Process (FRP)

The government announced its commitment to ending the detention of children for immigration purposes in December 2010. In parallel, the family unit at Yarl's Wood Immigration Removal Centre was closed for the detention of families with children. The new family returns process (FRP) was rolled out nationally on 1 March 2011 for returning families who had exhausted all rights to remain in the UK. The FRP is a four-stage process of improved decision-making, the offer of assisted return, a required return stage and as a last resort an ensured return stage which protects the welfare of children while ensuring the departure of families who have no right to be in the UK. Families are no longer held for indefinite periods of time, if at all, and they are supported well throughout the process.

The aim of the FRP is to engage more effectively with families from the outset and to encourage those whose claims are unsuccessful at the decision-making stage to take

responsibility for their own departure and to leave at either the assisted or required return stages, without the need for enforcement action. The main aims of the new FRP are as follows;

1. Manage the return of families who have no legal right to remain in the UK, without the need for detention. This is central to the FRP;
2. Increase family take up of voluntary return and Assisted Voluntary Return (AVR);
3. Ensure that enforcement action, when necessary, takes into account the welfare of the children and wider family needs as far as possible;
4. Prepare families better for return and give them the opportunity to take responsibility for their return;
5. Give families the opportunity to make further representations and seek judicial reviews before enforcement action commences

Savile

Members received update reports from all health representatives on the actions in response to Kate Lampard's report into Themes and lessons learnt from NHS investigations into matters relating to Jimmy Savile.

Neglect Guidance for Practitioners

Members endorsed the neglect guidance for practitioners. Central to the function of the LSCB is ensuring that anyone who comes into contact with children and young people is able to recognise, understand and to know how to respond to circumstances when a child or young person may be at risk of harm or abuse. To support this fundamental role the following guidance has been developed to provide;

- A partnership definition of neglect – how we understand and identify neglect in Gateshead
- What this means for all organisations working with children and families across the Borough – How the LSCB will make sure that neglect is consistently recognised and acted upon in an appropriate and timely way
- How through a common understanding of the contributory factors to neglect all organisations and staff can work together to improve the lives of children and young people and reduce the risk of harm through neglect.

SUNDERLAND: DAMIEN ROBINSON MEDICAL DIRECTOR, TRUST REPRESENTATIVE

The Sunderland Safeguarding Children Board met on 14/9/2015

SSCB Ofsted Action Plan

Members were provided with a progress update of the 7 recommendations made by OFSTED in May 2015. All 7 recommendations are on target to be completed within the deadline.

Sunderland Safeguarding Children Board SSCB Business Plan

The Board has developed a plan that covers a 3 year period in recognition of the need to develop, complement, embed and quality assure SSCB objectives achieve their intended outcomes to safeguard and promote the welfare of children and young people in Sunderland. The SSCB Vision outlines what all Board Members within both their respective agencies and through multi-agency working aim to achieve for children and young people in Sunderland. The high level priorities are Toxic Trio, Neglect and Risk Taking Behaviour.

Sunderland Safeguarding Children Board (SSCB) Risk and Assurance Plan

Board members received a presentation on the Risk and Assurance Plan. The purpose of this Plan is to identify the current risks to children and young people in Sunderland being robustly safeguarded. It also identifies what controls are currently in place and what more needs to be done to reduce the risk. A full review of the Risk and Assurance Plan as a result of the Ofsted Inspection recommended by SSCB Business Manager and agreed by SSCB Executive Group.

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