



Lancashire Safeguarding Children Board 10th July 2015 Summary

Public Health Transformation

Sakthi Karunanithi, LCC Director of Public Health, presented the proposal for the transformation of Public Health Services. It was agreed the LSCB would be consulted and kept up to date regularly on progress. Key areas of interest for the LSCB are around the commissioning of Health Visiting, School Nursing, Substance Misuse and CAMHS and the challenge of reducing resources not impacting on safeguarding arrangements.

Young Advisors – Esafety Project

Graham Lowe, Esafety Group Chair provided a presentation summarising the key achievements and learning from this recent project commissioned by the LSCB Exec. Very positive feedback from children and teachers was evident. Key points:

1. Key concerns from children were: Bullying, Hackers, Scary Content and Adverts
2. Engagement with parents is a challenge for schools requiring different ways of communicating
3. The eSafety group will consider feedback in more detail and ensure the action plan is refreshed to account for key themes and issues
4. The presentation will be available on the website

Useful eSafety links and resources can be viewed here:

<http://www.lancshiresafeguarding.org.uk/resources/esafety-esafeguarding.aspx>

Sub-group Updates:

Key points to note:

Quality assurance/Performance management

MASH Diagnostic – this exercise will review the current state of play and identify any outstanding issues that may be hampering progress. The initial planning meeting has been held and the review will proceed over the summer.

Children's Partnership Boards

A useful summary covering all 5 CPBs was provided. A discussion followed which concluded:

- The groups are progressing but still some challenges with regard to specialist safeguarding representation and embedding safeguarding into activity and plans, though this is improving
- CSE awareness raising in schools to be discussed with LASSH and PHIL to assist with ensuring a consistent approach and messages
- It was noted that 5 CPBs, (rather than the original plan for 3), presents challenges for some agencies with regard to attendance / engagement

LSCB staff Survey

RM presented an analysis report drawing attention to the key themes and trends. As follows:

- Good response rate, particularly from Health providers
- Respondents generally felt their agencies had good safeguarding arrangements and knew how to respond to common issues
- Most questions received a less positive response than previously, particularly around sufficiency of resources and staff support
- Awareness of the role of the LSCB was quite low

All agencies to reflect on the findings and consider any action that maybe required.

The full analysis report can be accessed at: <http://www-lancshiresafeguarding-org-uk-liveadmin/1179.aspx>

Corporate Parenting Board – Annual Report / Presentation

A Young Person from POWAR presented this item which summarised current views and feedback from children

looked after in Lancashire and current performance measures around process and outcomes for CLA.



CPB Presentation

Key points as follows:

- **Corporate** Parent consent delays for issues that are important to young people, such as: social media use, school trips and community activities are a common issue raised
- Ensuring young people are involved in decision making is a key theme and should always be a priority
- A report is being prepared to look in more detail at issues around poor educational attainment for CLA. This will come to the November Board for discussion

Preston Multi Agency Safeguarding Practice Inspection

The final report was presented in relation to this activity. Generally the findings were positive with a lot of evidence of good practice and committed practitioners. A number of areas of improvement were identified particularly around the CART and referral process, MASH, caseloads and GP involvement. The report has been presented to the Preston CPB who will be responsible for developing an action plan and ensuring the actions are delivered to bring about improvements where required.

Performance Report

The current position with the regional framework, was discussed. There are still a significant number of gaps where information has not been provided despite the best efforts of the LSCB Coordinator and Manager. Further discussions will take place as to how this will be managed / coordinated in future, in light of the new team structure.

Serious Case Reviews

The 2 recently published SCRs and briefings for Child L and N can be viewed at the following link:
<http://www.lancshiresafeguarding-org-uk-liveadmin/resources/serious-case-reviews.aspx>

CSE Awareness Week

A week of awareness raising and related activity is currently being planned for week commencing the 9th November 2015 and all agencies are asked to consider how they can contribute. Fuller details will be circulated in due course.