



Meeting	WSCP Executive Group		
Date	29 th January 2025		
Present	Lead Safeguarding Partners <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Philip Johns, Chief Executive, Coventry & Warwickshire Integrated Care Board (CHAIR) Alex Franklin-Smith, Chief Constable, Warwickshire Police Samantha Godfrey - Director of Safeguarding, Stowe Valley MAT in Warwick District (Education) Peter Hawkins - Assistant Head, St Paul's CofE Primary in Warwick District (Education) Delegated Safeguarding Partners <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Nigel Minns – Chair- Warwickshire County Council, Executive Director for CYP Jill Fowler - Warwickshire Police, Detective Superintendent Jackie Channell- Associate Chief Nurse for safeguarding - Warwickshire Johnny Kyriacou - WCC Education Services, Director of Education Derek Benson- Independent Scrutineer Ramandeep Sandhu- Business Manager (SWCP) In Attendance: Caroline Cooke (Warwickshire Safeguarding Children Partnership)	PJ AF-S SG PH NM JF JC JK DB RS CC	
Apologies	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Monica Fogarty, Chief Exec, Warwickshire County Council 		

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1.	Welcome and Introductions Short introductions from all members of the meeting.	-	-
2.	Terms of Reference - NM Education is now represented for this year and next. All agreed with the roles and responsibilities of the LSPs. Agreed to rotate the 'chair' annually. WCC is the member – remove CS and Ed. The 4 partners should be: WCC NHS Warwickshire Police Warwickshire Education ToRs approved by all.	Update ToRs with changes identified and circulate.	WSCP business team



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3.	<p>WSCP multi-agency arrangements updates – JF</p> <p>First multi-agency has been successful and well received.</p> <p>JF is really pleased with representation and buy in from education.</p> <p>Increase in costs have been approved. Nuneaton and Bedworth have agreed to contribute meaning input from all 5 districts this year.</p> <p>Information sharing document is currently under review but being finalised.</p>		
4.	<p>Analysis of themes arising from Child Safeguarding Practice Reviews, Local and National Picture – JC</p> <p>Safeguarding review group is working well. It is a combined group with children and adults, but the meetings are separated in two halves will some colleagues attending the full meeting which is useful for their input and personal overview.</p> <p>Positive practice is recognised as part of the reviews as well as key learning points.</p> <p>The actions are monitored by the partnership who have an overview of completed actions but also those that are missing and need chasing for completion.</p> <p>JC gave a summary of 2 reviews (Emily & Ryan/Fara) and summarised lessons learned with key learning identified. She recognised the significance of late bookings (pregnancy) and identified as an area to focus on.</p> <p>AF-S asked how assurance is sought that the learning is acted on and the review loop completed. He also wanted to know how cross agency learning is monitored.</p> <p>JC recognised that there are recurring themes and still work to be done but WSCP have an overview and monitor actions. It was agreed that DB (as scrutineer) would look at the feedback loop.</p> <p>There is also an audit toolkit which is a strong mechanism for evidence. JC noted how well Warwickshire works as a partnership to make change happen.</p>	<p>DB to do some work around the feedback loop/QA review. RS to facilitate.</p>	<p>DB & RS</p> <p>RS LSPs</p>



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	<p>RS explained about the multi-agency training offer.</p> <p>Assurance and Review Group will be reviewing the QA framework. She asked for LSPs to let the business team know if there are particular areas they want the team to focus on.</p> <p>PJ noted that the areas of learning has been consistent over the years which indicates it is yet to be embedded. He acknowledged that this hard and we are trying.</p> <p>The 7-minute briefings are helpful as they are quick and easy to read but summarise the key learning. SG asked is there is a way to track who is accessing the briefings and whether this number is increasing. RS explained that the website is hosted externally but work is being done in this area (26,000 hits on the site at the last check).</p> <p>There was a discussion around different ways of reaching a wider audience e.g. use of short videos & new training work. This is currently an agenda we are looking at.</p> <p>JC summarised the key learning and areas to focus on:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Professional curiosity, challenge and over-optimism • Escalation • Sexual abuse • Stop/start approach • Information sharing <p>There was a discussion around timely interventions that have been missed, consent being a barrier and the area of neglect.</p> <p>The national panel findings on CSA highlighted that neglect is often a big factor in cases. The report can be found here.</p> <p>There were no further questions.</p>	LSPs to contact RS with any additional areas of focus.	
5.	<p>Presentation of proposed vision, priorities, and business plan – NM</p> <p>All agreed on the Vision statement.</p> <p>A child friendly version is in the process of approval and being taken to the young people panel on 6.2.25.</p> <p>All agreed on the Values. AF-S commented how positive it was to see an outcome focussed vision and plan. NM shared the priorities and business plan. Neglect is a key focus plus impactful arrangements moving forwards, embedding a focus on impact and training.</p>		



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	<p>There is also a focus on children being out of sight from professionals e.g. elective home education, missing from care. We want to ensure wherever possible that children are visible to services and professionals. The home education register will be an asset.</p> <p>SG asked if professional curiosity would an explicit focus in the priorities. NM explained it as key thread across all areas. Escalation is another key theme that runs through all priorities. However, he reflected that perhaps professional curiosity and escalation need to be named within the priorities, so they don't get lost.</p> <p>All documentation needs to be signed off.</p> <p>AF-S commented on the wording of the third priority; 'Develop a joint approach to ensure children are safe within the community from risk of harm outside their home and are visible to services.'</p> <p>He was concerned it might be interpreted that we are spending 2 years developing the joint approach. Changes suggested included - develop & deliver, develop & implement, continually develop, improve, enhance.</p> <p>JK wanted clarity around how we know the group has been a success and the impact it is having. NM would hope to see a reduction in the number of referrals linked to neglect although he acknowledged that they are likely to rise initially as we upskill the workforce. JC agreed and added that the escalation process is still an area for focus as it works exceptionally well when used correctly. We are hoping for a confident workforce who know how to use the correct procedures.</p> <p>RS shared that DB has drafted a plan around which data elements to look at and work has been started around the escalation process. DB stated that the current escalation document is fine but it's how real it is for staff on the ground. They are doing it but not recording it in the formal way. Work has started with Dan Atkins (Children's Services) around a multi-agency QA framework.</p>	<p>Agree changes to wording of the priorities and then circulate – 4-week timescale.</p>	NM & RS



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	<p>DB also commented that challenges within the group are a healthy indication it's working and that the approach Warwickshire has taken involving education is 'innovative'.</p> <p>SG suggested that once the escalation process has been improved and agreed, we could take a thematic approach and role it out at the same time across the agencies so they can measure the impact it is having in all areas. All agreed.</p>		
6.	<p>Multi-agency arrangements documents sign off -NM</p> <p>These will be circulated for sign off once the changes have been made.</p>	Change these to reflect changes above.	NM & RS
7.	<p>AOB</p> <p>JC thanked everyone for a positive meeting. The challenge is great and changes thinking.</p> <p>PJ asked the meeting had the right pitch and focus.</p> <p>DB commented on the fact that there were very senior members in attendance who were all interested, engaged, willing to challenge and committed to outcomes.</p> <p>AF-S stressed the importance of continuity of attendance, so members continue the journey with a shared focus.</p> <p>JF suggested that at the next meeting it is an opportunity to update and reassure LSPs on current reviews.</p> <p>There was then a discussion about whether the Independent Office for Police conduct could have access to safeguarding reviews. All expressed concern with this and AF-S didn't feel it appropriate.</p> <p>RS explained that the partnership doesn't own the information so they would sign post back to the individual agencies.</p> <p>JK raised a concern around permissions of sharing of CCTV images (education). AF-S explained that there is legislation in place and the police would use that to obtain the materials even if the school refused.</p>	Distribute this information to schools.	JK



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8.	The next meeting will be in person: Wednesday 10th September 2025, 10:00 - 12:00 pm, Committee Room 4, Shire Hall, Warwick		