

Designated Safeguarding Leads (DSL) Primary Network Minutes

Wednesday 17th June 2020, 10:00 to 11:30

Remote meeting held via Blue Jeans

Attended:	Absent:
Angela Mumford – Littledown School	
Nick lee - Long Close School	
Melissa Whatley - St Mary's CofE Primary School	
Louise Nicholls - Pippins School	
Philip Gregory - Baylis Court Nursery	
Carol Barber – Priory School	
Helen Hadaway - Our Lady of Peace School	
Jess Costello - St Anthony's Catholic Primary School	
Kerry Slattery - St Ethelbert's	
Louise Clark - Colnbrook Church of England School	
Chloe O'Connor - Lynch Hill School Primary Acad.	
Manpreet Panesar - Claycots School	
Pav Dhillon - Iqra Primary School	
Ranvir Chahal – Wexham Primary School	
Facilitator & Chair:	Guest attendees:
Jatinder Matharu- Education Safeguarding Officer and Chair	Betty Lynch – Safeguarding Partnership Manager Beth Wilks – Community Safety Manager Fanny Jacob – Head of Front Door, SCST Andy Moore – Thames Valley Police Susan Dyer - Schools Health & Wellbeing Officer & minutes

Item	Subject	Owner
1.	Welcome, introductions & minutes of last meeting 21.05.2020 Actions from last meeting: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ACTION: JM Presentation and H&W remote offer guide is attached with minutes - completed ACTION: ALL If you are not receiving the minutes, plans or having multi agency meetings then please forward these cases to me via Egress to track. – completed and ongoing ACTION: JM to share concerns with Reviewing Service and feed back. - completed ACTION: List of updated HUB's - completed <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ACTION: ALL DSL's to check DSL details are correct to receive Op Encompass notifications. If DSL receive a notification for a child not in their school, please feed this back to Operation Encompass as the parent may be providing incorrect information. Disseminated to all DSL's 	Jm

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • ACTION: JM to raise siblings issue with SCST. – on agenda FJ • ACTION: JM – to circulate by email to allow some reflection time before providing feedback to the DA strategic group. – On agenda • ACTION: JM to include CE on the next agenda item for a wider discussion. – on agenda • ACTION: JM to develop and circulate a checklist. – completed and circulated 	
2.	<p>SCST Front Door <u>Update from Fanny Jacobs – Head of Front Door, SCST:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • All staff working office based (inc the MASH) and face to face visits resumed 1st June 2020 • Notification about closed cases should be received within 48 hours. Please let SCST know if not. • Expectation is that feedback about outcomes following a referral should be within 1-2 days depending on the level of concern. Please feedback if this is not happening. • Now have Blue Jeans app so conference calls for meetings should be taking place from Monday 22nd June. • Recruitment of social workers is challenging at the moment so some changes of social worker have been difficult. • Front Door referrals from schools unable to contact families. When picked up by SCST, it has turned out that the family has not answered a call from school because the number has appeared as unknown or withheld. Advice to schools to leave a message that they will call back and make families aware that number will be unknown or withheld. • Expectation is that where parents have given consent, information will be shared with schools. Requests for information for assessments it is expected that the reason will be given to the school. Fanny to ensure this is done. <p>Comments/Questions/Concerns/Feedback from schools:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Not receiving multi-agency plans and reports before meetings. <p><u>Response from Fanny Jacobs</u> All should be sent beforehand, please feedback if not receiving via Jatinder FAO Fanny Jacobs.</p> <p>ACTION – ALL: Please feedback difficulties to Fanny Jacobs via Jatinder.</p>	FJ
3.	<p>Child Exploitation <u>Presentation from Beth Wilks– Community Safety Manager, SBC</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Presentation to be sent with minutes. • Slough Violence Task Force set up – a multiagency approach to address the issue of violence in Slough includes 3 work streams: Data & Insight; Violence Reduction Interventions; Communications. • Mapping gaps, feedback requested from schools – what sort of services and support are needed to address this issue? Beth to compose an email and send to Jatinder for distribution to DSLs. <p>Comments/Questions/Concerns/Feedback from schools:</p>	BW & BL

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Year 5/6 and transition is a key time for prevention – youth service start working with children from age 12 which is too late. Is there any possibility of relaxing this? <u>Comment from Susan Dyer</u> The Choices Programme is already in Slough schools and is aimed at years 5 & 6 covering transition and making choices when faced with situations that may lead the young person towards criminal activity. • A gap in services to work with children experiencing domestic abuse. <u>Response from Beth Wilks</u> Area and services being looked at with the possibility of some funding from the Community Safety Partnership. <p><u>Update from Andy Moore– Thames Valley Police</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 1st May 2020 TV Police have commissioned a Violence Reduction Unit. Secondment for 1 year to work on better access/understanding of the police for schools. • Each school will have a single point of contact e.g. Community Support Officer to work with schools including daily – weekly contact to check things are ok. • Also looking at ways for schools to contact the police for advice/guidance/support to avoid official reporting. • KS1 and KS2 work to encourage children to see the police as a friendly face. • Also looking at initiatives e.g. Mini Police. Further details will be shared as this is developed. <p><u>Update from Betty Lynch - Safeguarding Partnership Manager</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Strategic Safeguarding Leadership (SGL) Group is a multiagency group responsible for safeguarding in Slough. Provides leadership and accountability to safeguarding in Slough. • Recent quarterly workshop focused on Child Exploitation. • An Exploitation Strategy is in the latter stages of being written. It describes 2 aims: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. doing everything we can to prevent children from being exploited and providing response when risk identified; 2. to disrupt perpetrators. • Strategy includes transition to adulthood, adults, child criminal exploitation (CCE) violence reduction, modern slavery, and knife crime. • The SGL looks at different partnerships and their work on different elements of this strategy. • Safeguarding Children from Exploitation group due to be set up soon to look at prevention and appropriate response – will look at all the work of other groups. This group will have representatives from Slough schools – secondary and special school reps. These reps have already been identified. Expressions of interest from primary schools to be sent to Jatinder. <p>ACTION - JM: To send a copy of the presentation with minutes.</p>	
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4.	<p>Safeguarding Practice Review (SPR) update</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • JM working with primary and secondary schools to ensure school information is presented to the Safeguarding Practice Reviews. • A number have taken place following violent crime/knife crime incidents. • An SPR automatically triggers a letter from central government. • Reviews take some time to publish especially if criminal proceedings are involved. • Lessons about practice and multiagency working are highlighted. • Briefing sheets will be produced to share learning from reviews. • SPR members from primary and secondary phase are currently being recruited. 	BL
5.	<p>Transitions</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • JM to send an email with a spreadsheet of information from secondary schools detailing what each will be doing regarding transition. • Educational psychology Team webinars about transition – details to be sent with minutes. • The Virtual School are compiling a list of all pupils with a social worker to link in with the new school’s transition arrangements. • Safeguarding information can be shared from now onwards but safeguarding files should not be transferred until 15 days before the start of the new term this is in case there are incidents over the summer or the child changes destination school over the summer. <p>Comments/Questions/Concerns/Feedback from schools:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Some primary schools are already receiving requests for transfer of safeguarding files already – request to JM to clarify this with secondary DSLs. <p><u>Response from Jatinder Matharu</u> This will be highlighted at the secondary DSL Network meeting on 18th June.</p> <p>ACTION –JM: To send spreadsheet of transition arrangements for each of the Slough secondary schools.</p> <p>ACTION – JM: To send details of the EP Team Transition webinars. Complete</p>	JM
6.	<p>COVID Agency Updates</p> <p><u>Virtual School</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Lap tops and other devices for children with a social worker have now been distributed. 	JM

	<p><u>CP Plans, ICPCCs, RCPCCs</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Disagreements with decisions to de-escalate a child should be sent in writing to the Reviewing Service. <p>Comments/Questions/Concerns/Feedback from schools:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> This is difficult to do without seeing or hearing the reports and information from other services. Some conferences attended without any other reports including the social worker report. <p><u>Response from Jatinder Matharu</u> Agency reports cannot be shared but social worker report should include an analysis of the other agency reports.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Several schools fed back that they are not receiving the social worker's report or any other information until after submitting their report. The information from other agencies is important for making decisions. <p><u>Response from Jatinder Matharu</u> The advice is, to contact Front Door if SW report not received in advance.</p>	
7.	<p>Sec 175 Audit</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Still taking place as usual and last year's audit will roll over. Coming out in the first week of July, to be completed by October half term. Will include questions relevant to the Covid-19 addendum etc. 	JM
8.	<p>DA strategic group feedback</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> To be a main agenda item at the next meeting. 	JM
9.	<p>One communications group</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> On-going, newsletters still being produced fortnightly. 	JM
10.	<p><u>AOB</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Next meeting proposed for 15th July, agreed to go ahead with this. <p><u>Agenda items for next meeting</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> DA strategic group feedback. 	All
11.	<p><u>Date of next Primary DSL Forum</u> Wednesday 15th July 10:00 – 11:30</p>	