

Designated Safeguarding Leads (DSL) Secondary Network Minutes

Thursday 9th January, 1600 to 1730

Upton Court Grammar School

<p>Attended: Jatinder Matharu- Education Safeguarding Officer and Chair Penny Earle – Upton Court Grammar School Simon Cook - Langley Grammar School Catherine Goodyear – Slough & Eaton (CofE) Business & Enterprise College Mike Gaffin – Beechwood School Alison Oxley – Herschel Grammar Nick Lee - Long Close School Kam Nijjar- Long Close School Theresa Richardson - Lynch Hill Enterprise Academy Patricia Turner - Lynch Hill Enterprise Academy Karl Fenn - Ditton Park Academy</p>	<p>Apologies: Trevor O’Neil – Langley Academy Tom Shephard – Wexham School D. Seagrove – St Bernards Catholic Grammar School</p> <p>Absent: Eden Girls School Haybrook College The Grove Academy Westgate School</p> <p>Guests: Susan Dyer, Schools Health & Wellbeing Officer, Slough Borough Council Janine Edwards, Slough Safeguarding Partnership Michael Jarrett, Service Lead, Slough Borough Council Shepherd Kombo – Consultant Social Worker (Front Door), Slough Children’s Services Trust Nova Nunes, Reviewing Manager, Slough Children’s Services Trust</p>
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1.	<p><u>Welcome, introductions and minutes of last meeting 26.09.2019</u></p> <p>Minutes of last meeting Accuracy of the minutes was recorded.</p> <p>Actions from last meeting:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> List of school nurses sent out with last minutes. Alter Ego production last term was very successful. The parent/carer performance was not as well as attended as was hoped but lessons regarding publicising to parents will be taken forward for future events. 	

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Action to follow up regarding changes to report requirements at CP Case Conferences – further update circulated. Presentation today will give further information. Feedback requested regarding SCST meetings and communications etc. <p>Action: Jatinder will collate feedback/requests and forward to the appropriate person at SCST:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ More notice needed for Strat. Meetings ➤ Phone calls requested NOT emails, for notification of Strat meetings. ➤ Egress is not appropriate for urgent communications as access often has to be granted. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Egress problems are being followed up by Jatinder. Please get in touch if there are any further issues. 	All JM
2.	<p><u>Risk Indicator Tool – Janine Edwards, Slough Safeguarding Partnership</u></p> <p><u>Presentation attached</u>, also available via The Link.</p> <p>Discussion following presentation:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> This tool can be used for pupils who turn 18 so can no longer receive services from children’s services but who don’t meet the threshold or criteria for safeguarding adults. There is a referral telephone number on the adults section of the Slough Safeguarding Partnership. In circumstances where an 18 year old is living in a family where younger siblings are involved with children’s services, this support will form part of the multi-agency involvement with the family. 	
3.	<p><u>Mental Health Schools Teams (MHST) and Early Intervention Teams (EIT) – Michael Jarrett, Service Lead, Slough BC</u></p> <p><u>Key points from presentation</u> (copy attached, also available via The Link):</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Mental Health Practitioners, Support Workers etc have been recruited and are currently in training at Reading University. They are employed by Berkshire NHS Trust and hosted by Slough Borough Council. The services will be available from September 2020 and are targeted at children and young people with mild to moderate mental health issues. Higher level needs will continue to be referred to CAMHS. Interventions will be evidence based programmes. Schools not involved in the Mental Health Support Teams will have access to similar support from the Early Intervention - Getting Help Service. Referral will be via the Front Door using the MARF which will be refreshed 	JM

	<p>to ensure it includes appropriate assessment of mental health & wellbeing.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Front Door triage system will include mental health expertise from CAMHS to ensure onward referral is appropriate and expedited if mental health support is required. • The ambition is to reduce waiting times to 4 weeks. <p>Further updates will be included in the DSL newsletters and at future Network meetings.</p>	
<p>4.</p>	<p><u>Slough Children’s Services Trust Front Door – Shepherd Kombo – Team Manager (Front Door), SCST</u></p> <p>Key points from the presentation:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Recent events such as Sec 60 Stop and Search have impacted on the workload of the Front Door as well as Oct/Nov being the busiest months in the year for referrals. • Urgent Strat. meetings with short notice are sometimes unavoidable. • Conference calls will be used more often for urgent/emergency Strat. Meetings where the timescale is short and a verbal update can be provided. <p>Discussion following presentation:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Shepherd clarified that usual practice is to notify DSLs about emergency Strat. meetings by telephone and agreed to ensure that the importance of this is stressed with the Front Door teams. • Request to ensure that when calling to notify about an emergency Strat. meeting that the language used makes it clear that the request is urgent i.e. specifically request the DSL and state that it is an urgent emergency safeguarding meeting. The term ‘Strat. meeting’ may not be recognised by some colleagues. <p><u>Action: JM to feedback to Sandra Davies to include in the schools guidance document. SK to take feedback to the front door and share regarding the language used and urgency with schools reception.</u></p>	
<p>5.</p>	<p><u>Case Conference Update – Nova Nunes, Reviewing Manager, SCST</u></p> <p>Key points from the presentation (copy attached, also available via The Link):</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • More work with families following a Strat. meeting but before the case is taken to an ICPC with the focus moving away from a deficit model. • Social Workers will be responsible for considering the concerns raised and 	

	<p>composing and owning a Danger Statement to clarify and summarise the concerns.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The style for conducting the CPCC will be more in the style of a Family Network meeting and incorporate elements of Signs of Safety. • Scaling to replace the professional statements at CPCC meetings. • Interventions will have a time attached, with the aim that they are sustainable once involvement has come to an end. • Paper copies of the new report template were circulated. <p>Discussion following presentation:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • To be in place within the first few weeks of 2020. • Training to be rolled out shortly. 	JM
6.	<p><u>School Health & Wellbeing Project Update – Susan Dyer, School Health & Wellbeing Project Officer, Slough BC</u></p> <p>See presentation attached.</p>	
7.	<p><u>Section 175 Audit – Jatinder Matharu, Education Safeguarding Lead, Slough BC</u></p> <p>The audit has closed and is been analysed. The full report will be available in Feb 2020 after ratification at the Safeguarding Education Sub Group on 20.01.2020.</p>	
8.	<p><u>Serious Youth Violence Update</u></p> <p>A Slough-wide task group has been set up.</p> <p>A research project is being conducted by University College London, they would like schools to take part. If interested, please contact Jatinder.</p> <p>Some schools have been contacted by the Britwell Project who are offering assemblies and other support. Jatinder to find out more.</p> <p>It was discussed and suggested that knife crime , violence and contextual safeguarding should be the focus of the next Secondary DSL Network meeting.</p>	
9.	<p><u>Communication Platforms – Awareness Days</u></p> <p>Young Carers Awareness Day - Thursday 30th January 2020</p> <p>Children’s Mental Health Week – 3rd to 9th February 2020 *</p> <p>Safer Internet Day – Tuesday 11th February 2020</p> <p>*A link to resources for Children’s Mental Health Week was sent to PSHE Leads in</p>	SD

	December and will be sent out again in the Health & Wellbeing Project weekly update bulletin w/c 13.1.20.	
10.	<p><u>Upcoming Training for Schools</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Experienced DSL, 23rd January 2020 • DSL: New to Role, 7th February 2020 • Safer Recruitment, 5th February 2020 • DSL Seminar, March 2020 (Contextual Safeguarding) • Neglect Tool seminars, two more available, details can be found on the Safeguarding Partnership website. 	All
11.	<p><u>Local updates</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 2 child deaths in the last term. • Serious case reviews (SCR) are now referred to as Safeguarding Practice Reviews (SPR) • A child death will automatically trigger a letter from Ofsted/ESFA to the school. <p><u>Action: Jatinder to prepare a briefing sheet for DSLs outlining the process and changes next term</u></p>	
12.	<p><u>Agenda items for next DSL Network</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Contextual Safeguarding and Serious Youth Violence (DSL Seminar) • Thames Valley Police Safeguarding Team 	
13.	<p><u>AOB</u> None</p>	
14.	<p><u>Date of next meeting</u></p> <p>Thursday 30th April 2020, 1600 – 1730 at Upton Court Grammar School, Lascelles Rd, Slough SL3 7PR</p>	