

Designated Safeguarding Leads (DSL) Secondary Forum Minutes

Thursday 15th July 2020, 10:00 to 11:30

Remote meeting held via Blue Jeans

Attended:	Absent:
Beth Bullen – Grove Academy	Mike Tomlinson – St Bernard’s School
Ian Johnson – Haybrook College	Maschil De Guzman – Eden Girls’ School
Vicky Dagleish – Grove Academy	Simon Cook - LGS
Mike Gaffin – Beechwood School	
Penny Earle – Upton Court Grammar School	
Catherine Goodyear - Slough & Eaton (CofE) Business & Enterprise College	
Laura Taylor – Baylis Court School	
Trevor O’Neill - Langlely Academy	
Alison Oxley – Herschel Grammar School	
Theresa Richardson - LHEA	
Facilitator & Chair:	Guest attendees:
Jatinder Matharu - Education Safeguarding Officer and Chair	Donna Briggs – Early Help Hub Johanna Mullin – Parenting Coordinator Susan Dyer - Schools Health & Wellbeing Project Officer & minutes

Item	Subject	Owner
1.	<p><u>Welcome, introductions & minutes of last meeting 18.06.2020</u></p> <p><u>Actions from last meeting and matters arising:</u> Requests for information for assessments it is expected that the reason will be given to the school. Action: Fanny to ensure this is done. ACTION – ALL: Please feedback difficulties to Fanny Jacobs via Jatinder. A number of escalations this term which have had positive insight and Ass Director looking into blockages into the system; inc data breaches. Please continue to feedback these problems as it is not acceptable and action will be taken if they are known about. ACTION - JM: To send a copy of the presentation with minutes. Complete ACTION – JM: To circulate contact details for Andy Moore. Complete ACTION – ALL: To reply to email from Beth Wilks giving feedback and suggestions about gaps in services and needs regarding preventing children and young people from becoming involved in violence. Thank you - complete, a really good response. ACTION – JM: To send details of the EP Team Transition webinars. Complete</p>	JM
2.	<p><u>Parenting Offer - Reducing Parental Conflict</u> Presentation to be circulated with meeting notes. Some examples of the materials will also be sent out plus a copy of the Slough Parenting Strategy. ACTION – JM: To send copy of the presentation, sample materials and Slough</p>	DB & JM

	<p>Parenting Strategy with meeting notes.</p> <p>Main points:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Developed in partnership between SBC Early Help Team and Domestic Abuse lead. • Early Intervention Funding bid submitted and successful jointly with domestic abuse services as parental conflict is on the domestic abuse spectrum. • Strong evidence about the negative impact of parental conflict on children. • There are a growing number of evidence based interventions to reduce parental conflict. • Offer to practitioners working with parents and families: training with a combination of online modules and face to face contact; ongoing advice and support; links to other agencies including mediation services. • Spaces available if any one else would like to take part. It would be suitable for school based family support workers etc. • Positive parenting programmes can follow once families have been supported to resolve the parental conflict. <p>Request for feedback from schools: How could this offer be developed to better support children, young people and families?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Very useful for pastoral staff e.g. pastoral assistants and family support workers. 	
3.	<p><u>Reflections on last term</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The circumstances over the last few months have been unprecedented and the Government is proposing ‘business as usual’ from September. • Positives as a result = great support from Jatinder and SBC, more response from SCST, virtual meetings are more efficient. Negatives = as DSL have had no breaks and high level of responsibility. • Positives= last minute Strat Meetings attendance is now possible and much more efficient use of time. • Agreement from several other schools that virtual video meetings are very useful and efficient, more than dial in calls. • Some DSL staff changes and challenges for September especially Grove who are using several sites due to building work still in progress. • Not seeing the children has been very difficult especially if cases close or de-escalate but children haven’t been seen. • Feedback to Slough Safeguarding Partnership by SCST indicates that they have had a reduction in number of referrals but referrals received have been more complex and more targeted for social care intervention. 	ALL
4.	<p><u>House keeping and Updates</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • SCST will be moving to Observatory House – the same building as SBC. Discussions are currently taking place regarding the future of SCST. • DSL/Safeguarding contact over the summer is advisable. Suggest schools should have a central generic safeguarding email address (not a named email address) and a cover rota over the summer for checking this email and responding to anything as required. 	All

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Please set up a safeguarding@ email address for your school if not already done so. This is good practice and also allows for a rota for checking over the school holidays that does not rely on one named person and everyone can have a break... It can serve multi functional purposes including consistency of key contact in personnel changes when staff move on, partners have a consistent email address, all details linked in with Egress, and Safeguarding audit tool. It also ensures that important updates and emergency Strat Meetings etc. can be attended or contributed to and ensures that emails are received by the safeguarding team in your school/setting. • Engage Project (CSE) and Youth Services are now part of the Early Help Hub and can be accessed in the same way as Early Help. • MHST and Getting Help Service will be up and running in September. Getting Help Team can be accessed via the Early Help Hub. MHST are within allocated schools. • Children Missing Education children who do not fit the 20 consecutive days absence (CME) criteria but are going missing for several days at a time repeatedly are being missed. A review is under way to look at attendance and CME within the LA. 	
5.	<p><u>CPD Offer – KCSIE</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • You Tube KCSIE update and summary will be available by the third week in August. • New to role DSL to be available remotely. • Hopefully training will be back to face-to-face sometime later next term. • Experienced DSL update can also be made available remotely. 	JM
6.	<p><u>Questions/contributions</u></p> <p>Thresholds – feedback from schools:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Varies from case to case – seems to be a lack of consistency. Possibly depends on capacity. • Often referrals will result in a lower level than expected. • Screening tools are useful for giving additional information when submitting a MARF: CE, Risk Indicators • Neglect screening tools are being reviewed. • If referrals are rejected and concerns are high the justification should be explored. • Are CE referrals meeting the threshold? • Sometime better responses from other local authorities especially if they have a lot of experience in the area e.g. Brent. • Perhaps need to look at the issue of children travelling cross borders to attend school in Slough and this possibly presents risks for them. An issue specific to Slough because many pupils travel into grammar schools in Slough sometimes quite long distances. 	JM
7.	<p><u>One Communications Group for Slough</u></p>	JM

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> A new knife crime campaign will be launched in the autumn term lead by Aik Saath. 	
8.	<p>AOB</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Feedback from Cyber Crime workshop – summer activities and challenges available. Links to be sent out by Jatinder and will also be sent to PSHE Leads. ACTION (JM): Send out Cyber Safety Summer Challenge links. https://cyber-school.joincyberdiscovery.com/ https://serocu.police.uk/cyber-choices/ Secondary representative required to join the Education Safeguarding Group – if interested please contact Jatinder. ACTION (ALL): Contact Jatinder if interested. <p><u>Agenda items for next meeting</u> Domestic Abuse</p>	All
9.	<p><u>Date of next Secondary DSL Forum</u> 24th September, 3.30- 5.00pm requested if possible. Virtual meetings preferred.</p>	