

Designated Safeguarding Leads (DSL) Secondary Network Minutes

Thursday 24th September 2020, 16:00 to 17:30


Remote meeting held via Blue Jeans



Attendance					
School	Attendance	Present	School	Attendance	Present
Arbour Vale School		N	Lynch Hill Enterprise Academy	Theresa Richardson	Y
Beechwood School	Mike Gaffin	Y	Littledown School		N
Baylis Court School	Laura Taylor	Y	Long Close School	Nick Lee	Y
Ditton Park Academy	Mundeep Purewal	Y	Slough & Eton CoE Business & enterprise College	Catherine Goodyear	Y
Eden Girls School	Maschil De Guzman	Y	The Langley Academy	Trevor O'Neil	Y
Grove Academy	Vicky Dalgleish	Y	The Westgate School		
Haybrook College	Ian Johnson	Y	St Bernards Catholic School	Mike Tomlinson	Y
Herschel Grammar School	Alison Oxley	Y	Upton Park Grammar School	Penny Earle	Y
Langley Grammar School	Zarine Burns & John Constable	Y	Wexham Secondary School		N
Chair	Jatinder Matharu Education Safeguarding Officer, SBC	Y	Guest	Rob Deeks, CEO Aik Saath	Y
Minutes	Susan Dyer, H&W Officer SBC	Y	Guest	Brent Lumley, Assistant Director SCST	Y

Item	Subject	Owner
1.	<p>Welcome, introductions & minutes of last meeting 15.07.2020</p> <p><u>Housekeeping:</u> Please keep on mute during the meeting. If you would like to speak, please raise your hand or use chat function.</p> <p>Actions from last meeting and matters arising:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Parental conflict training presentation sent out. • Disconnect between SCST and Early Help Team has been fed back by JM. • Poor practice using Egress to share information and data breaches have been fed back by JM and can be discussed with Brent today. JM and Brent will be undertaking some training with SCST over the next few weeks. • Domestic Abuse agenda item scheduled for this meeting has been postponed to the next meeting due to another agenda item today. Rachel Axtell the DA Lead at SBC is working on some support for children and young people including a drop-in. Thank you for all the feedback 	JM

	<p>received.</p> <p>A roadshow is being planned to provide more information about DA services and support available locally.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Final plea for a secondary representative for the education sub-group of the Slough Safeguarding Partnership Board. Meetings are quarterly, please contact Jatinder if interested. 	
<p>2.</p>	<p>Reflections on the new term</p> <p>Trends, concerns, observations.</p> <p>Feedback from schools:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Points below reflected in schools, in particular more DA cases including some unexpected or new cases. Schools notified through other agencies such as police not Op Encompass. • School reported a change of social worker which they were not informed about and difficulties contacting the relevant hub to obtain the updated information. (Feedback from BL: please pass difficulties to JM to pass on to BL for addressing with SCST.) ACTION: School requested to pass details to BL via JM so it can be followed up. • School reported increased vulnerabilities and complexity of cases. Families withheld issues through lockdown even when contact was made. Post lockdown more families coming forward to report difficulties and share information which is good but somewhat overwhelming. • Cases opened during lockdown – schools have not had any feedback or updates and a lot of time has been spent chasing up. JM raised the importance for schools receiving the outcomes so they can be recorded on school records which are also scrutinised. (Feedback from BL: please pass details of these cases to JM to pass on to BL for addressing with SCST.) ACTION: School requested to pass details to BL via JM so it can be followed up. • Schools try very hard to attend all Core Groups but there are frequently situations where the dates change several times and/or at very short notice. (Feedback from BL: Strategy Group meetings are usually called at short notice but it is important that school are enabled to share their information even if unable to attend. BL to feed back problems regarding Core Groups.) ACTION: School requested to pass details to BL via JM so it can be followed up.) <p>Feedback from Jatinder Matharu:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • JM reported that the threshold document is currently being revised to make it more child focussed, incorporate contextual safeguarding and base it on the UN Convention on the Rights of the Child. • Feedback from Core Groups – schools are not attending if they do not have any changes to share. It is good practice to attend anyway 1) to receive updated information; 2) to ensure the Core Group is quorate and therefore can go ahead. • The Neglect Screening Tool is also being reviewed at to address cyp 	<p>All Brent Lumley</p>

	<p>consent. A revision for a more practical neglect tool which practitioners can use with families and YP will be circulated for consultation shortly.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Wellbeing for Education Return programme is currently being rolled out nationally. More details below. See, Hear, Respond service from Barnardo's is for children who are of concern but do not meet the thresholds for referral to Early Help or SCST: SEE, HEAR, RESPOND (BARNARDOS): Rapid support for children and young people affected by the coronavirus crisis <p><u>Feedback from Brent Lumley, Assistant Director, SCST</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Significant drop off in the number of referrals during lockdown but the number of referral converted to involvement increased. The numbers are now back to pre-Covid rates. The complexity of cases has increased, going to strat and onto C&F assessments. There has been a sharp rise in cases involving: DA 400%, mental health 275% and drug& alcohol misuse. Close to the highest level of demand since the SCST was set up. No decrease in these trends predicted. 	
3.	<p><u>Housekeeping updates – Terms of reference</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Updated TOR have been circulated. ACTION (ALL): Please send any suggestions or amendments to JM by Friday 2nd October. If no responses they will be recorded as a final version. TheLink Safeguarding and Health & Wellbeing Project webpages have all been refreshed and updated. A reviewed and updated document about attendance and action regarding children missing from education (CME) is also now available on TheLink website. It will be referenced in the updated Thresholds document. Mental Health Support Team and Getting Help Service are now up and running. Egress requests back to JM by Friday 9th October 2020.. Private tutoring leaflet, please send out to all parents/carers through your usual channels please. CPD training offer is now all online. Please let Jatinder know if you have a specific training need. 	JM
4.	<p><u>Learning from Safeguarding Practice Reviews (SPR)</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> SPR was completed in July 2020. Recommended to read the 2 page briefing sent out with the agenda. Neglect and unexplained injuries were key features. Specific learning points: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ If you are seeing similar features to the learning points in a SPR, this can be used in your referral or escalation. ➤ It has been recognised that escalation policies are under-used. It is vital that escalation is used to protect the safety of the child(ren). If any DSL would like a workshop on making referrals and writing an 	Brent Lumley

	<p>effective referral BL is willing to facilitate this.</p> <p>Presentation slides to be circulated with the meeting notes.</p> <p>ACTION: JM to look into organising a seminar on ensuring quality referrals.</p>  <p>Escalation Process 2020 DSL FINAL.pdf</p>	
5.	<p><u>Exploitation Projects: Slough one Communications Group</u></p> <p><u>A pilot project to support parents of cyp involved in child exploitation</u></p> <p>ACTION: If schools have any parents in this situation please let JM know so they can be offered the opportunity to be involved with the pilot.</p> <p><u>Aik Saath Knife Crime project</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 10 month local knife crime project involving a high profile social media campaign. • Young people are very involved in steering the project, highlighting the myths often held by young people and coming up with the messages to be promoted by the project. • Posters with project messages can be sent to schools for display around school – possibly more appropriate for secondary schools but available primary schools would like them. • Activities start at 11 so they may be useful for year 6 or older siblings. <p><u>Aik Saath – other updates</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Aim for all secondary schools in Slough with a year12/13 to have the Young Health Champions Programme. Aik Saath will be contacting schools in January (postponed from September due to current pressures on schools). • Aik Saath also work with Slough Young Carers and have noticed that engagement by the young people has increased during Covid due to the shift to online being more accessible for them. <p><u>Look Closer Campaign – The Children’s Society</u></p> <p>ACTION: JM to circulate details and links to the knife campaign.</p> <p>www.yesslough.org.uk/knifefree will help you get information on knife carrying, its effects, and how to make the right decisions.</p> <p>#Dropit #Droptheknife #Knifefree #KnifeFreeSlough @yes slough @aik saath @resource productions</p> <p><u>Young carers</u></p> <p>The access had doubled for young carers through the website. Support for young carers can be accessed https://sloughyoungcarers.org/</p>	JM & Rob Deeks
6.	<p><u>Wellbeing for Education Return:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Wellbeing for Education Return is a national programme initiated and funded by the DFE. • It is being rolled out in every local authority in England between now and October half term. • The aim is to better equip education staff to recognise emerging issues, provide wellbeing support and promote the development of resilience; preventing as many cyp as possible from developing mental health problems and ensuring those with pre-existing or emerging difficulties get access to 	SD

	<p>the right support.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • There are two elements: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Training for education staff - a nationally produced package of two webinars which will be adapted locally to the needs and context of the cyp in that area. Schools and other settings will be asked to nominate one or more members of staff to attend the training and then take the learning back to their school/setting to implement. The nominated staff could be one, more or all of the following: the Pastoral Lead, DSL, SENDCo, Health & Wellbeing Lead, ELSA, PSHE Lead, Mental Wellbeing Lead or any other relevant role(s). 2. The second part of the programme is on-going peer support to the staff who have attended the training and support within the school/setting to cascade and implement the learning. This support will continue until at least March 2021. • In Slough, we are making sure that this programme enhances and supports all the wider work already taking place (or planned). We are working very closely with the Mental Health Support Team, Getting Help Service, Educational Psychology Team and will be consulting with other local organisations to ensure they know about the programme and are given an opportunity to contribute. This programme also aligns with a whole school approach to health & wellbeing. • Participants will need to attend both webinars and ensure they attend Webinar 1 before attending Webinar 2. There will be a variety of dates and times so participants can select the most convenient times for them. • I am aiming to send out a flyer with dates and booking links by the end of this week. • For more information, please contact Susan Dyer, School Health & Wellbeing Project Officer, Slough Borough Council, susan.dyer@slough.gov.uk 07753 316916. <div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-around; align-items: center;"> <div style="text-align: center;">  WFER - Slough Information briefing.p </div> <div style="text-align: center;">  WFER - Slough Training flyer.pdf </div> </div>	
7.	<p><u>Next agenda items</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Domestic abuse. 	All
8.	<p><u>AOB</u> Agreement from those present that January is fine for the next meeting and any queries or problems in the meantime can be raised with Jatinder directly.</p>	All
9.	<p><u>Date of next Primary DSL Forum</u> Thursday 14th January, 2020 1600 to 1730 https://bluejeans.com/7568440404/9290?src=calendarLink</p>	