



**Havering Safeguarding Children Partnership  
Executive Meeting  
3<sup>rd</sup> May 2023  
2:00-3:30pm**

NAME	ROLE	10.08.22	15.09.22	Oct Ca nce I	16.11.22	11.01.23	15.03.23	03.05.23
Brian Boxall (BB)	Independent Chair LBH	A	A		A	SA	A	A
Prof Jenny Pearce	Independent Scrutineer	A	A		A	A	A	A
Det Super Lewis Basford (LB)	Police EA BCU MET	SA	A		A	A	A	A
Elisabeth Major (EM) mins	Partnerships and Learning Manager LBH	A	SD		A	A	A	SD
Robert South (RS) Chair	Director of Children Services	SA	SD		A	A	SD	N/A
Korkor Ceasar (KC)	Associate Director for Safeguarding Children NEL ICB	A	A		A	A	SD	A
Trevor Cook (TC)	Associate Director for Education, Learning & Achievement	N/A	A		A	A	A	A
Paul Archer (PA)	Designated Nurse NEL ICB						A	DNA
Kate Dempsey (KD)	Principal Social Worker LBH	A	A		N/A	N/A	A	A
Tara Geere (TG)	Director of Children Services	-	-		-	A	A	A
Samantha Henry (SH)	Partnerships T&D Officer LBH	-	-		A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Thilini Perera	HSP Coordinator	-	-		-	A	A	A

A (attended) DNA (Did Not Attend) SD (Sent Deputy)

## Agenda & Notes combined

1 Introduction and apologies	Brian Boxall
2 Minutes from actions from March 2023 meeting  TG to respond on 20.03.23. re any local variations related to adopting the new Pan-London Threshold	completed
TROY Aitken refugee update	Troy Aitken to be invited to next mtg.
3 PELC status & oversight – PELC (urgent care health centres) special measures. KC gave update on the risks mitigation and contract monitoring of PELC	KC to provide written update by 15.05.23.
4 Independent Scrutiny Harold Hill- clarity regarding where oversight will lie - All to respond to draft Harold Hill report, which amongst other avenues will be presented to HCSP, CDOP, Seniors in BCU, & Safeguarding Strategic Group	Completed Independent Scrutiny will lie with the Community Safety Partnership
5 Letter to Statutory Partners March 2023	completed
6 Police update	completed
7 HSP finances	completed
8 HSCP Business Plan 2020-23- new priorities	completed
9 Feedback on local pressures & response	All
AOB Safeguarding Week 20 <sup>th</sup> Nov 2023	completed

TG and KD confirmed they are happy with the new Pan-London Threshold document which will be adopted.

Action 1. To invite Troy Aitken to give an update re work streams with refugees for the next meeting.

NEL ICB- health data- much of it is already collected by ICB. It is matter of actually farming it and using it.

KC committed to send a written update regarding the status and oversight of PLEC following concerns, raised around the service in terms of safeguarding and quality and safety issues. A template is in place regarding standards for the delivery partners and support to identify any gaps in terms of the safeguarding provision. Some of the gaps identified were around supervision and training. KC will return with updates as necessary.

### **Independent Scrutiny Harold Hill**

JP shared the Harold Hill report which will be sent to the National Panel.

TG stated that Community Safety Partnership are leading on the development of a serious violence duty and SV strategy. JP's great piece of work will feed into the wider council strategy as we look wider at the council's capacity and resources. TG will have conversations with DE about how to support around this. The report will be shared with the Chief Executive and with cabinet members as this is a wider cabinet issue than the lead members.

### **Police Update**

LB updated regarding the staffing structure and shared a document. Recruiting more staff to build in the capacity to deal with the demands the Police are experiencing.

KD mentioned consultations to have joint teams on child protection and this has taken into consideration in Police.

LB explained merges changes to joint working with multi-agency which will be reviewed by next year.

### **HSCP Finance**

BB reminded that it is an equal responsibility from all partners and this includes funding and this is a statutory requirement.

### **Government letter to Statutory Partners March 2023**

BB spoke about letter to Statutory Partners March 2023 which has been circulated setting out the government's response to the Care review stable homes built on love. It is a quite a significant piece of work that they are looking at to underpin the future, of children's social care, including the rewriting of working together 2018.

TG commented that there is a lot of work going on in regards to this and multiple networks are feeding into it (including ADCS, ALDCS). Some of the changes are significant in regards to how child protection will be delivered. There is more work to do from the working groups before this is implemented.

### **HSCP Business Plan 2020-23- new priorities?**

BB shared the HSCP Business Plan update April 23. Discussion regarding priorities in previous year.

### **Training**

There is much better engagement with training and fewer non cancellations.

### **Covid Recovery**

BB discussed the pandemic and the impact of COVID. TG said CS are still feeling the impacts of COVID on some staffing and families we are working with. There is cohort of young people, especially the current year nines that didn't experience the

usual transition up from year seven in that COVID period and schools seeing a lot of the impact of this from the pandemic.

KC stated that COVID and also cost of living crisis, is impacting on mental health as a persistent issue across the system with increases of children requiring access to CAMHS linked with post Covid.

**SEND / ASD**

BB asked if we could have a joint meeting in September for both SAB & SCP Boards to look at the autism strategy a 3-hour meeting, looking at where we are with transition and contextual safeguarding.

Action – arrange joint SAB & SCP Board meeting

TP gave update about Young Advisors group. The survey regarding violence against young women had to be rearranged from 10<sup>th</sup> May as Academies have raised this is a time of the year will be hard for them with the participation due to a strikes, exams and bank holidays. The Survey has now been rearranged for 21/06/2023.

**Neglect Strategy to 2023- what next?**

BB raised the Neglect Strategy to 2023 especially regarding issues around transitions, Contextual Safeguarding; strategic oversight, coordination of local objectives and streamlining the plethora of panels /pathways.

Do we need to change the Neglect Strategy as this is few years old?

Action - This will be circulated and everyone to feedback

**AOB**

BB raised safeguarding week on the 20<sup>th</sup> of November 2023. Any thoughts about themes - Face to face Conference? Launch of drug strategy? (CDOP prevention themes- fire safety awareness, safe sleeping, water safety)

Plans for NEL SAB Conference – fire safety?

(Nov 2022- Domestic Abuse theme)

TG is happy to do a hybrid, where people could be in person, but could also join with the hybrid facilities if they prefer.

Action - TP to invite the Young Advisors to the Conference.

<b>Actions</b>		
1	To invite Troy Aitken to give an update re work streams with refugees in next meeting	EM
2	Circulate the Neglect Strategy	Everyone to feedback to Elisabeth Major by the September mtg

3	Invite Young Advisors to the Safeguarding Conference in November	TP
4	Arrange joint SAB & SCP Board meeting in September	The Board
5	To send a written update regarding the status and oversight of PLEC following concerns.	KC