



**Havering Safeguarding Children Partnership
Executive Meeting
17th January 2024
2-3:30pm**

NAME	ROLE	15.09.22	16.11.22	11.01.23	15.03.23	03.05.23	12.07.23.	11.10.23.	15.11.23	17.01.24	
Brian Boxall (BB)	Independent Chair LBH	SA	A	A	A		A	A	A	A	
Barbara Nicholls	Strategic Director Havering	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	A	SD	A	
Prof Jenny Pearce	Independent Scrutineer	A	A	A	A		A	SA	A	A	
Det Super Lewis Basford (LB)	Police EA BCU MET	A	A	A	A		A	DNA	A	DNA	
Elisabeth Major (EM) mins	Partnerships & Learning Manager	A	A	SD	SD		SD	A	A	SD	
Korkor Ceasar (KC)	Associate Director for Safeguarding Children NEL ICB	A	SD	A	A	A	A	A	A	A	
Trevor Cook (TC)	Associate Director for	A	A	A	A	A	A	A	A	A	

	Education, Learning & Achievement										
Kate Dempsey (KD)	Principal Social Worker LBH	N/A	A	A	A	A	A	SA	A	A	
Tara Geere (TG)	Director of Children Services	-	-	A	A	A	A	A	SD	DNA	
Paul Archer (PA)	Designated Nurse NEL ICB			A	A	A	A	-	A	A	
Helen Harding (HH)								-	A	DNA	
Thilini Perera (TP)	Partnerships Coordinator									A	

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

Agenda & Notes combined

Actions from previous meeting

Actions		
2	HH to find out about the local Transitions Panel review work in 2 weeks.	Not received update
3	HCSP to provide an update on the Harold Hill action plan.	completed
4	Education scrutiny action plan to come to the January Meeting. TC and Ian Elliot to follow up the actions re bidding for funding. KD to follow up the action re foster carers. LB to report back in April 2024.	TC KD LB Take forward to next meeting

The minutes from the previous meeting were agreed.

Decision re National Panel recommendation re a CSPR

KD said EM is arranging a possible date for a meeting with two members from the National Panel to discuss regarding CSPR.

KC and PA stated that they support the decision to undertake a CSPR for FA with the theme of neglect.

PA explained that SUDI task and finish group being picked up focusing around neglect.

Action 1. EM to arrange a meeting and have a discussion with the National Panel for CSPR

Business Plan 2024-27 and priorities

BB shared the business plan.

BB enquired TC regarding the work around diversity, gender identity and the impact of the government statement.

TC stated outcome was shared with the school leaders and with governors and raised the awareness of it. They have not yet had this terms DSL meeting, TC will feedback once they have had that network meeting. At the moment, they just encouraging schools to respond to the consultation.

Action 3 - TC to provide a feedback from schools re gender identity and the impact of the government statement

TC said there is lot of challenges locally still around attendance level. Education Strategic group began help improve school attendance, looking at issues of disproportionality.

BB asked about the support we should think about providing to staff who are involved in reviews e.g. SARS and the Child Protection Reviews.

PA said all front line staff who work with children have access to safeguarding supervision in a group situation or in an individual basis and adapted this as necessary. Staff have access to occupational health and also one to one with their line managers. There is a robust system in place to support staff in health.

KC said she totally agrees and there is a robust package in place. The whole team have undergone restorative safeguarding supervision training. There are also always individual cases where additional support is required.

KC said she would welcome a wider discussion in terms of using the one off grant funding for safeguarding partnerships and how does that support the staff.

BB commented this maybe slight difficult with the timing, because it has to be identified and completed by this financial year.

KC suggested that it is important from a governance perspective that we do specify how we intend to use it in the near future.

BB stated priorities for the business plan for 2024 - 2027 seem to be neglect, CSA, Exploitation and transition.

Implications of Working Together 2023

BB said Working Together outlines that Statutory Partners have delegated leads and no independent chair, therefore what does Havering wish to do in terms of the board, we need to decide and have a year to put in all the structures in place.

BB suggested if needed, a separate meeting can take place in early March to prepare and discuss this. All agreed.

Action 4 - EM to arrange a meeting in early March and all partners to attend to discuss about Implications of Working Together 2023 in terms of board – chair

JP stated that she will be stepping down from September from the role of independent Scrutineer.

BB commented that JP has been a fantastic Scrutineer and very grateful for the work that she has completed.

KC commented they valued and benefited from JP's expertise.

Update on Health Independent Scrutiny

JP gave update on Health Independent Scrutiny and shared the recommendations for the action plan.

JP stated the work on the mental health, the national data does prioritize the significance of GP awareness of mental health and GP interventions. Therefore, she has focused on Early Help and GPs in terms of Havering and the mental health support in schools.

JP said with regards to sexual health, some of the issues that have already been identified through the joint sexual and reproductive health strategy.

JP explained that looked after children in Havering context, a real strength of the Cocoon project and context there for children and young people to drop in and to use, and to have a facility greatly recognized within the scrutiny.

JP thanked TP for support from Young Advisors of gaining their voices. JP said that one recommendation is that the HSCP to continue to support the work from Young Advisors, as it is really important and made a big difference of completing the scrutiny.

JP stated, majority of young people were saying that they wanted a local sexual health service and this is in the recommendations as recognizing that a lot of the young people are coming with a variety of different forms of trauma and they want to drop in.

KC said it is a comprehensive report and if we drill down more when we identify an issue then we will begin to able to solve some of these issues.

TC stated that students are able to access sanitary products from schools (state funded educational settings only) and that he will have a conversation with the schools about what they can do better to promote it.

Action 5 – TC to have a conversation with the schools regarding what they can do better to promote the sanitary products.

JP said there is not an accessible sexual health service for young people in Havering and that they have to travel. Therefore, to see whether there is a location in Havering to provide this support.

BN commented that sexual health services are the responsibility of Public Health.

BN said some inner London authorities receives huge Public Health grants compared to what we receive for Havering. Therefore, this recommendation would need to go to the Director of Public Health. JP agreed.

Action 6 – JP to put a recommendation to go to the Director of Public Health regarding providing accessible sexual health services for young people in Havering

BN stated it is transitioning into adulthood, not necessarily adult services in terms of this age group, who have care experience, to enable young adults to get to a point where they do not need services and there is Transitions Panel every month.

JP said she will there and will take some of these questions as this outline to that Panel. All agreed.

Action 8 - JP to discuss relevant questions at the Transitions Panel in February.

National Panel Children with Disabilities Review

BB said this was circulated and has lot of recommendations and if anyone has initial thoughts in terms of disability and accommodation for children with disabilities.

TC said since the internal reorganization changes, he got much less to do with SEND Social Care team and it now sits in a completely different section.

BB said lot of recommendations are national recommendations - local authorities who have got residential schools in their area need to be on top of them.

Action 10 - All agreed to discuss this back on the next meeting.

AOB

BN stated that Ofsted draft report remains embargoed until it is finalised in mid-February.