

**Blackpool Safeguarding Children Board  
Strategic Board  
Date: Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> January 2015  
City Learning Centre  
Chair: David Sanders**

**BSCB MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE:**

<b>Name</b>	<b>Position</b>	<b>Agency</b>
David Sanders	Independent Chair	BSCB
Paul Threlfall	Business Development Manager	BSCB
Liz Wallace-Mills	Board Administrator	BSCB
Cathie Turner	Designated Nurse for CP	Blackpool CCG
Moya Foster	Head of Early Help	Blackpool Council
Susan Warburton	Deputy Director of Nursing	NHS England
Sue Cawley	Detective Superintendent	Lancashire Constabulary
Delyth Curtis	Director of Children's Services	Blackpool Council
Cath Gill	Service Manager	CAFCASS
Dominic Tumelty	Head of Children's Social Care	Blackpool Council
Linda Evans	Principal Social Worker	Blackpool Council
Nicky Dennison	Senior Public Health Practitioner	Blackpool Council
Tracy Buckley	Service Manager	NSPCC
Ian Sewart	Chief Inspector	Lancashire Constabulary
John Donnellon	Chief Executive	Blackpool Coastal Housing
Sonia Turner	Assistant Deputy Director	North West National Probation Service
Chris Thomas	Director 14 – 19	Blackpool and The Fylde College
Sujata Singh	GP Representative	Blackpool CCG

**DEPUTIES:**

<b>Name</b>	<b>Position</b>	<b>Agency</b>
Janet Thomas	Deputy Director of Nursing	LCFT
Hazel Gregory	Head of Safeguarding Children, Young People and Adults	Blackpool Teaching Hospitals

**GUESTS:**

<b>Name</b>	<b>Position</b>	<b>Agency</b>
Jane Haywood	Chair of the Improvement Board	
Rachel Swindells		

**APOLOGIES:**

<b>Name</b>	<b>Position</b>	<b>Agency</b>
<b>Cllr Ivan Taylor</b>	Lead member for Children	Blackpool Council
<b>Helen Skerritt</b>	Director of Nursing and Quality	Blackpool CCG
<b>Louise Fisher</b>	Assistant Chief Executive	Lancashire and Cumbria Community Rehabilitation Company
<b>Marie Thompson</b>	Director of Nursing and Quality	Blackpool Teaching Hospitals
<b>Dr Rob Wheatley</b>	Designated Doctor	Blackpool Teaching Hospitals
<b>Dee Roach</b>	Director of Nursing	LCFT
<b>Jenny Briscoe</b>	Lay member	

**DID NOT ATTEND / SEND APOLOGIES:**

<b>Name</b>	<b>Position</b>	<b>Agency</b>
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	AGENDA ITEM	ACTION AGREED	LEAD
1.	<p><b>INTRODUCTIONS AND APOLOGIES</b></p> <p>Introductions were made and apologies received.</p>		
2.	<p><b>MINUTES OF LAST MEETING</b></p> <p>The minutes of the previous meeting 15<sup>th</sup> December 2014 were read and, subject to certain amendments, agreed to be an accurate record of the meeting.</p>		
3.	<p><b>MATTERS ARISING</b></p> <p><b>Schools' Involvement with BSCB</b></p> <p>DS reported that he has made contact with some of the Blackpool Head teachers. A schools' twilight session has been arranged for 03.03.15, and a letter to all Heads will be sent this week.</p> <p>LE reported that the post for schools' safeguarding advisor closed on 05.01.15. Interviews will take place on 15.01.15. There are 4 applicants.</p> <p><b>Section 11 Updates</b></p> <p>Updates are still awaited from police and both areas of probation.</p> <p><b>BSAB</b></p> <p>CT reported that the training sub group have discussed working jointly with BSAB. This has been agreed in principle, and will be discussed further with the BDMs.</p>		
4.	<p><b>ALCOHOL</b></p> <p><b>Health and Wellbeing Board: Action Plan</b></p> <p>RS and ND presented an overview of the Health and Wellbeing Board alcohol strategy.</p> <p>The strategy was launched in 2013 and aims to reduce alcohol usage and increase mortality.</p> <p>Relating to children and young people:</p>		

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- From September 2015, there will be an alcohol element included in PSHE.</li> <li>- The Hub are working closely with LAC and YOT</li> <li>- 12 months of work in schools has been commissioned to raise awareness of The Hub. This is currently at the recruiting stage.</li> <li>- There is also a bus that visits school venues to raise awareness.</li> </ul> <p>DS asked if any work is being carried out with Trading Standards. RS replied that test purchases are carried out across town, and Public Health are working closely with licensing. Licensing are reporting that off licenses are not the problem – the alcohol is coming from other sources.</p> <p>LE noted that connecting with the CP licensing officer who sits in the CP unit may prove useful.</p> <p>Advertising is being looked at to ensure alcohol is not being advertised and that there are no sponsorships from alcohol brands.</p> <p>The local alcohol profile shows Blackpool as below National average for every indicator, and worst in the country for some of the indicators. Hospital admissions have decreased, but is still worse than it should be. RS noted that this is admissions, not attendances – figures for A&amp;E attendances are not provided. HG noted that BTH can provide these figures if they are requested.</p> <p>RS noted that the plan is not just for young people who are drinking themselves, but also for those affected by alcohol use, such as parents who drink. There is a focus on de-normalising alcohol use.</p> <p>There is still work to do around:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Foetal alcohol syndrome</li> <li>- Pregnancy screening</li> <li>- FDFA education to young people in schools.</li> </ul> <p>A new Challenge 2000 campaign has been launched, incorporating an awareness video (which was shown to members). This video is aimed at adults, the purpose being to make them think about the effect of their drinking on their children. There is also a report available to work alongside the video. Further work will be carried out around this in the next couple of months, including conversations at Children’s Centres and hospitals. Participants will be asked for their thoughts on alcohol and their view on this video.</p>	<p><b>Awareness of The Hub to be included on the agenda for the second school’s Twilight session</b></p>	<p><b>Admin</b></p>
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	<p>DS asked if young people are consulted to inform the commissions of services. ND replied that young people were involved in the process when a commissioning review was undertaken and the input was valuable. Further consultation work will be carried out with young people relating to new service specifications. Ds noted that, in the future, there may be a young persons' focus group sub-committee in order to obtain opinions.</p> <p><b>Children's Commissioner Alcohol Report</b> DS reported that the finding of this report will be discussed further on the BSCB Away Day. However, the basic question that needs to be answered is whether we have a robust picture of parental alcohol usage in the local area.</p>	<p><b>Public Health to provide an interim report by July (ND to advise AR)</b></p>	<p><b>AR</b></p>
<p>5.</p>	<p><b>BSCB ANNUAL REPORT</b></p> <p>DS reported that the annual report is now underway and the first draft will be circulated as soon as it is available.</p> <p>DS is meeting with Clare Lawson on 22/23 January. Any outstanding submissions from members to be submitted before this date.</p>		
<p>6.</p>	<p><b>PERFORMANCE MANAGEMENT SUBGROUP</b></p> <p>There has been no further PMEG meetings since the last BSCB meeting.</p> <p>Further work has been carried out in the move towards the Manchester data set. This contained approximately 90% of what was needed, some additional items will be added.</p>		
<p>7.</p>	<p><b>CASE REVIEW SUBGROUP</b></p> <p>There have been no further CRS meetings since the last BSCB meeting. There is therefore no update.</p>		
<p>8.</p>	<p><b>TRAINING SUBGROUP</b></p> <p>There are no updates at this time.</p>		
<p>9.</p>	<p><b>CSE SUBGROUP</b></p> <p>SCa reported that the CSE action plan will be ready for the next BSCB meeting.</p>		

	<p><b>CSE Drama Production</b> SCa reported that the CSE sub group have discussed the possibility of staging a drama production such as Chelsea's Choice.</p> <p><b>CSE Training</b> SCa reported that there are 4 training sessions now booked. CT reported that Rachel Orwin (Training Co-Ordinator) has been asked to link with the CSE subgroup regarding CSE training.</p>		
10.	<p><b>CDOP</b></p> <p>PT reported that there have been 2 CDOP meetings since the last update to BSCB. The highlights of these meetings are:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- There is one nurse short on the SUDSI team. This is a possible risk, but there have been assurances that there is a contingency plan. HG noted that this issue is not a risk to Blackpool, though is a potential risk to Lancashire. JT reported that the post is being recruited; there is a contingency plan in place. Risk assessments have taken place and this is not considered to be a significant risk.</li> <li>- The safer sleep campaign will remain under the board's remit for now, with funding coming from Public Health.</li> </ul> <p>The CDOP quarterly newsletter has been provided to members for wider dissemination.</p> <p>Board Members are asked to feed back to their staff the importance of completing the CDOP forms as fully as possible and if the answer to a question is "not known" that this is specified rather than leaving the question blank, as this indicates to the Panel the question has been considered rather than overlooked.</p> <p><b>CDOP TOR</b></p> <p>The proposed CDOP TOR was circulated as a late paper, and agreement from members was requested.</p> <p>LE stated that she could not agree to this TOR at this time, as there is some CSC involvement that she would like time to reflect upon.</p> <p>It was noted that Blackpool attend on a rotational basis and are therefore not always in attendance when a Blackpool case is discussed. This is not made clear in the TOR.</p>	<p><b>CDOP quarterly newsletter to be disseminated</b></p> <p><b>All</b></p> <p><b>Required changes to CDOP TOR to be discussed further and then circulated by email for approval</b></p>	<p><b>All</b></p> <p><b>PT, LE, CT, HG</b></p>

	<p>CT noted that the SUDSI group is a sub group of CDOP – this is not mentioned in the TOR. There is no reference to how preventative work will be done and the geographical attendance is not specified.</p> <p>HG noted that Mike Leaf has stated that CDOP will consider regional, national and local recommendations – this is not reflected in the TOR.</p> <p>Members discussed the possibility of moving towards a regional CDOP. It was discussed that there would be learning from this, but the move would take time.</p>		
<p><b>11.</b></p>	<p><b>NEGLECT TOOL UPDATE</b></p> <p>TBU asked it be noted that the neglect tool is a Bespoke neglect tool and is not Thriving Families.</p> <p>MF reported that there are no further updates since the previous strategic board meeting. The details of the workshop on 0.02.15 still need to be finalised.</p>		
<p><b>12.</b></p>	<p><b>CAADA AUDIT</b></p> <p>Members were provided with the main findings for the Blackpool Strategic Group on Domestic Abuse Outcomes and Service Use for families referred to MARAC.</p> <p>MF reported that this has not yet been published. If members have any feedback, they can advise wither MF or SCa and this will be taken to CAADA.</p> <p>Members discussed the findings of the report and it was agreed that the DA commissioning report will be presented to the next BSCB meeting.</p>		
<p><b>13.</b></p>	<p><b>MULTI PROFESSIONAL DISCUSSION FORUM</b></p> <p>LE fed back on the first Multi professional Discussion forum which took place on 03.11.14. The focus of the meeting was the barriers and challenges faced around thresholds. There was generally good representation from agencies, with the exception of schools and YOT. Attendees were very open and direct and stated that they liked having a forum to get the opinions of colleagues. Feedback was good, and the meeting provided a useful opportunity to remind attendees of the role of BSCB. There is a role for these forums in the future.</p> <p>It was discussed that practitioners do understand thresholds, but agencies can't always</p>		

	<p>deliver the support that is needed at levels 2 and 3.</p> <p>LE felt that staff in agencies who offer support were able to speak more confidently. Attendees felt that the move from CAF to GIR over complicated the process and money should have been invested in improving the CAF.</p> <p>Referrals to CSC were discussed, and the fact that sometimes referrals are made when staff do not know what else to do. If a referral is inappropriate, staff felt they should be advised why, or they will continue to make the same mistakes. All agreed that this must stop. Referrals need to be clear and concise, and everybody involved is responsible for this. A guide to referrals was requested.</p>		
14.	<p><b>SCR COMMS STRATEGY</b></p> <p>PT noted that there are currently 5 ongoing SCRs. There was an ad hoc strategy for the last SCR published, however there needs to be a standard strategy, hopefully in place prior to the next publication. PT asked members to send any comments relating to this within the next week.</p>		
15.	<p><b>CHILDREN'S COMMISSIONER REPONSE</b></p> <p>DS noted that the letter from the Children's Commissioner (18<sup>th</sup> December 2014) contains some very positive comments. However, there are some issues and there is some work, especially relating to services for children displaying harmful sexual behaviour.</p>		
16.	<p><b>ANY OTHER BUSINESS</b></p> <p><b>NHS England</b> SWa reported that a consultation which ended on 16.01.15 suggested changes within health regarding how vulnerable people are dealt with. She will forward the link to the report. A meeting between designated professionals is taking place on Monday to discuss this. SWa will feedback any comments.</p> <p><b>BSCB away day</b> DS reminded members that the away day will take place on 30.01.15. The purpose of the day will be to look at the key elements in terms of development of the business plan, identify needs and decide how to move forward.</p> <p><b>Training</b></p>		

	<p>DS reported that all courses for January – March have been booked and details distributed. BSCB are currently looking to use the Pan Lancashire online courses in order to increase the availability of elearning.</p> <p><b>Dominic Tumelty</b> DS noted that DT will be leaving Blackpool Council. He noted the good work carried out by DT in the last 2 years and thanked him for his contribution to both Blackpool and to BSCB. Members wished DT success in the future.</p> <p><b>The Improvement Plan</b> Members read through and discussed the latest version of the Improvement plan.</p>		
17.	<p><b>DATE AND TIME OF NEXT MEETING</b></p> <p>Date: Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> March 2015 Time: 1:30 – 4:30 pm Venue: City Learning Centre</p>		