

Key Messages from the Local Safeguarding Children's Board (LSCB) meeting held on the 18th September 2015

Welcome to the first of our key messages report from the last meeting of the LSCB. Just to introduce myself I am Gill Frame Independent Chair of the Board. The purpose of our key messages is to share with front line staff, the people of Cheshire West and Chester and Young People the key issues and the decisions made by the Board.

Serious Case Review Update

As a Board we received an update in relation to the 2 Serious Case Reviews that have been commissioned. One is complete and the 2nd progressing.

Action we agreed

Monitor the actions in the 1st review and agreed a timeline for completion and reporting of the 2nd review.
3 briefing sessions for front line practitioners have been scheduled between October 2015 and March 2016 – please look out for these on the LSCB website training page.

Self-Harm Pathway Review

The Board heard from a young person supported by 2 professionals on the work that has progressed in relation to a review of the self-harm pathway and the work that has progressed with our emergency departments in the hospitals.

Action we agreed

We supported the work that was happening and agreed to put the pathway (once finalised), resource information and links to the 'My Mind' pathway on the LSCB website. We also challenged commissioners to ensure that gaps in service were considered.

Cheshire Constabulary FGM, HBV and FM HMIP Thematic Inspection

We received the outcome of the Police Thematic inspection on Female Genital Mutilation, Honour Based Violence and Forced Marriage. As a Board we talked about these issues and what we know about the issues locally and the work that we are doing. We agreed that we needed to do more.

Action we agreed

To take a Pan Cheshire approach to these issues and to undertake a 'true for us' exercise in order to further develop our practitioner guides and training. If you would like more information in relation to these issues please see our website.

Quality Assurance & Performance

We considered our performance in relation to quality and what it means for our children and young people. We feel that our response to Child Sexual Exploitation is improving.

There is a great deal of positive multi agency working taking place but there are a number of areas that we want to improve i.e. sharing

Action we agreed

Understand better the links between emotional harm and Domestic Violence and the reasons behind the increase in repeat Child Protection Plans.

Relaunch the Child Protection Standards so everyone knows what is expected of them

case conference reports with families prior to the conference.

Learning from Practice

Learning from audits and Practice Learning Reviews (PLRs) is one of the Boards priorities. At the meeting we had feedback from an audit undertaken in relation to children who have additional needs and PLR 12 in relation to Fabricated and Induced Illness . We heard that generally we have an effective integrated system for children with additional needs although some weaknesses in Children in Need Plans were identified. There were a number of recurring themes identified in the PLR.

Action we agreed

Re-inforce the recurring themes in training and practice learning events that are taking place.
Publish the one page 'lessons learnt'.

Continuum of Need

Emma Taylor – Head of Children’s Social Care provided an update on the multi-agency review of the Continuum of Need.

Action we Agreed

The members of the Board supported the work and agreed that when the work is complete the recommendations would be agreed at a future meeting.

If you would like more information about the work of the LSCB; know how to access our multi agency practice guidelines and useful information on a range of safeguarding topics and the multi-agency training available please access our website following this link -<http://cheshirewestlscb.org.uk/>



Regards

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