

Meeting Title:	Kent Safeguarding Children Board
Date:	13 th June 2018
Time:	3pm – 5pm
Location:	Cabinet Room, Sessions House, Maidstone
Chaired by:	Gill Rigg

Members Attendance at Meeting:

Name	Title	Representing	Apologies	Attended
Gill Rigg	KSCB Independent Chair	KSCB		✓
Alison Broom	Chief Executive	Maidstone Borough Council		✓
Andrew Scott-Clark	Director of Public Health	Public Health, KCC	✓	
Pauline Smith	CEO	CXK	✓	
Paula Wilkins	Chief Nurse (CCG's)	Clinical Commissioning Groups		✓
Claire O'Brien	Chief Nurse (Acute Providers)	Maidstone and Tunbridge Wells NHS Trust	✓	
Karen Hickey	Designated Nurse for Safeguarding Children	West Kent CCG		Sheridan Morrison
Claire Jones	Head of Service for Assessment, Rehabilitation and IOM	Kent, Surrey & Sussex Community Rehabilitation Centre		✓
Mary Mumvuri	Executive Director of Nursing and Quality	Kent and Medway NHS and Social Care Partnership Trust		✓
Stuart Collins	Interim Director of Early Help and Preventative Services	KCC		✓
Steve Corbishley	Temporary Assistant Chief Constable	Kent Police		✓
Andrew Pritchard	Temporary Chief Superintendent	Kent Police		✓
Mark Janaway	Programme and Performance Manager	KSCB		✓
Matt Dunkley	Corporate Director for Children, Young People and Education	KCC - CYPE	✓	
Roger Gough	Cabinet Member for Children, Young People and Education	KCC - CYPE	✓	
Sarah Hammond	Interim Director, Specialist Children's Services	KCC - CYPE		Nikki Cruickshank

Roger Sykes	Lay Member	KSCB		✓
Charles Unter	Lay Member	KSCB		✓
Tina Hughes	Senior Operational Support Manager	National Probation Service (East & SE Region)	✓	
Iain Witts	Head Teacher	Kingsnorth Primary School	✓	
Kelli Gardner	Head of Children and Young People Service	IMAGO		✓
Sally Allum (Virtual Member)	Director of Nursing	NHS England		
Sorcha Morgan (Virtual Member)	Head of Practice	CAFCASS Kent		
Kevin Gibbs (Virtual Member)	Assistant Director	CAFCASS Kent		
Sarah Nichols	Project Officer	KSCB		✓

No.	Agenda Item
1.	<p>Introductions and Apologies</p> <p>Introductions were made, and apologies noted.</p>
2.	<p>Prevent Update</p> <p>Nick Wilkinson provided an overview on the national context for PREVENT.</p> <p>Nick Wilkinson agreed to circulate David Anderson’s review from December 2017; a second report “CONTEST 3” was published in June which looks at key strands (available at this link: https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/counter-terrorism-strategy-contest-2018)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Diversifying threat ▪ Shift not spike ▪ Increasing role of the internet ▪ Growing threat of the far right <p>Nick Wilkinson sits on the counter terrorism advisory group and provided an update from this meeting for the Board.</p> <p>A key consideration is how security agencies share intelligence and this is a work in progress.</p> <p>A future update for the Board will be scheduled following the publication of the learning from the Parson’s Green attack.</p> <p>There is a continued focus on providing training and awareness raising for staff to ensure this is fully embedded. PREVENT is included as a standing item for the KSCB Risks, Threats and Vulnerabilities Group.</p> <p>Alison Broom queried how agencies can tell whether the training is embedded; Nick Wilkinson noted that this was based on what referrals are received and where they are from within the County. KCC has made online PREVENT training mandatory, however, there is a need to consider the impact of this method of learning. Within KCC there is a three-year training strategy that looks at blended learning and the training of staff who work with vulnerable groups within the county.</p>

	<p>Alison Broom queried whether there is anywhere that agencies can be signposted to in regard to the protective factors; how do we encourage, support and facilitate community cohesion. Nick Wilkinson noted that he sits on a second group that looks at supporting non-priority areas and is looking at the recent migration issue in Kent and how this affects community cohesion and confirmed that there are places where agencies can be signposted to.</p>
<p>3.</p>	<p>Front Door, Thresholds and Referral Form Update</p> <p>Penny Ademuyiwa presented this item to the Board.</p> <p>Penny Ademuyiwa provided some background on what is being developed; previously there has been the Central Duty Team which dealt with referrals for Specialist Children’s Services (SCS) and Early Help Triage which deal with referrals for early help services. The two services are being integrated and will respond to requests for support at an intensive level and above; to reflect this a new single agency request for support form has been developed based on the FirmStep system.</p> <p>Alongside this work, the Threshold Document is being updated to make it clearer to partners, so they are aware of where children are within the continuum of need. Children at tier one and two will directly move to universal and additional support services; the threshold is not changing, however, Penny Ademuyiwa confirmed that the revised threshold document is focusing on making the guidance clearer on where cases will be routed in regard to where they sit on the threshold. Work has been undertaken with partner agencies on what would be helpful, and professionals responded that an online version would be better as it can be updated readily, and links can be provided to additional services. There have also been requests for a paper version, and as a result of this, a two-page summary document has been drafted that gives an overview of the thresholds and provides guidance for professionals.</p> <p>At a meeting in early June there was a discussion where screenshots of the online document were shared; KCC digital services have built their draft on the KCC website, however, there is consideration for the summary to be hosted on the KSCB website where there is more flexibility for the information to be displayed in a dynamic way and more accessible to partners.</p> <p>There have been meetings with Mark Janaway and Sue Gower to look at the training for thresholds and Sue Gower is developing training for partners to take place in September and October. There will be 540 places that are locality based and will be held in children’s centres, so professionals can become familiar in what local services can be provided.</p> <p>Stuart Collins confirmed that the numbers coming into the service continue to be high and work is taking place to ensure that cases are referred correctly on the first referral rather than cases being stepped up or down unnecessarily. Professionals will not be required to decide where the case sits within the thresholds as this will be decided at the front door.</p> <p>It is hoped that the request for support form will be launched at the beginning of October 2018; the current challenge is the work with ICT as there is a need to ensure that all work comes through the Early Help Module (EHM) and passes through to the SCS Liberi system as required.</p>
<p>4.</p>	<p>Kent Police Internal Inspection</p> <p>Steve Corbishley presented this item to the Board.</p> <p>Her Majesty’s Inspectorate of Constabulary are currently undertaking inspections looking at safeguarding, child protection and effective practice within this. Kent has yet to be inspected, however, evidence from other areas of the UK who have been inspected have raised concerns. On the basis of this, Kent Police conducted their own internal inspection.</p>

	<p>There was a positive area of investment in child-centred policing, such as when dealing with domestic abuse incidences. There was evidence of more training being required regarding CP investigations and a further area of focus is on children in custody and the use of force on children.</p> <p>Areas for improvement identified (across 63 recommendations) have been prioritised and look at issues such as the voice of the child and improving engagement with children. The analytical data is effective, but there is a need to improve on the context and impact of this data. There is an identified lack of written rationale in records and feedback and documentation from children. There are no recommendations of immediate concern and the Child Centred Oversight Board will consider the findings of this report and the recommendations and develop these further.</p> <p>Andy Pritchard discussed the work taking place on how Kent Police work with children who witness violence and confirmed that a further update on this will be provided in due course. Andy Pritchard discussed the Joint Targeted Area Inspection (JTAI) currently being undertaken on domestic abuse in Medway and offered to provide the findings of this to the Board as required.</p> <p>It was confirmed that Peter Ayling is replacing Steve Corbishley on the Board and will be attending the next meeting.</p>
5.	<p>Minutes, Actions and Matters Arising.</p> <p>Minutes were agreed as a true and accurate account of the meeting.</p> <p>Actions from 11th April 2018</p> <p>6.1 - Sarah Nichols to arrange for Penny Ademuyiwa to provide an update at a future Board meeting. Update from 13th June 2018 – Penny Ademuyiwa is scheduled to attend the June meeting. Action Closed.</p> <p>8.1 - Sarah Nichols to add the 2017-18 CDOP Annual Report to the October Board meeting agenda. Update from 13th June 2018 – This is on the agenda for the October 2018 meeting. Action Closed.</p> <p>9.1 - Sarah Nichols to add GDPR to the agenda for the June 2018 Board meeting. Update from 13th June 2018 – This is included as part of Mark Janaway’s business group report. Action Closed.</p> <p>9.2 - Sue Gower to provide a brief update report on GDPR for Board members. Update from 13th June 2018 – This is included as part of Mark Janaway’s business group report. Action Closed.</p> <p>It was agreed for all currently green actions to be removed from the action log.</p>
6.	<p>Business Group Report</p> <p>Sub Group Updates</p> <p>Board members raised no concerns about the sub group updates within the business group report; Alison Broom corrected an error within the District Safeguarding Lead update and noted that the multi-disciplinary meeting discussed is only for Maidstone and is not county wide.</p> <p>Alison Broom discussed the meeting that took place in January to consider the housing concern and Stuart Collins confirmed there was a report and that he would share it with Alison Broom.</p> <p>KSCB Business Plan</p> <p>The current business plan spans the period of 2017-2020; it was felt by the Business Group that the plan demonstrates the activity of the LSCB but does not measure the impact of this. It is proposed by the Business Group for each sub group to nominate three to four key priorities and this will be discussed as a collective exercise in the</p>

	<p>Business Group and those nominated the most will be taken forward in the business plan. Gill Rigg confirmed this is a transitional year for the LSCB and therefore there needs to be a clear focus on what needs to be achieved in that period.</p> <p>Stuart Collins confirmed that the QE group could then focus on those priorities identified by the sub groups; Stuart Collins raised concerns of children on a part time timetable or not in education and this will be a topic for the Education Safeguarding Group which can then be monitored, and assurance given to the QE group.</p> <p>Stuart Collins noted that following the integration of Early Help and SCS, it is proposed for the Education and Early Help group be refocused onto solely education and this proposal was agreed by the Board.</p> <p><u>KSCB Challenge Log</u></p> <p>The Challenge log was created to monitor challenges raised across the multi-agency network; these are discussed by the Board and Business group where, when addressed, responses to challenges can be approved, signed off by the Board and archived from the log.</p> <p>Andy Pritchard noted that the challenge log was a reaction to the requirements of Ofsted Inspections; Gill Rigg felt that the Board is now confident and comfortable in providing challenge to partners and therefore, this is now business as usual. The Board confirmed this, and it was agreed to cease the use of the challenge log. Challenges will continue to be included in sub group and Board minutes rather than formally logged and any escalations to the Board can be fed through the KSCB Business Group.</p> <p>Both challenges currently on the log will continue to be reviewed by their respective KSCB sub groups and will be discussed within their meeting minutes.</p> <p><u>GDPR</u></p> <p>Sue Gower provided an update report to the Board and this is provided for information.</p>
7.	<p>Children and Social Work Act</p> <p>Gill Rigg confirmed that a plan needs to be agreed by the three safeguarding partners by June 2019 and formally in place by September 2019.</p> <p>Mark Janaway noted that there is a conversation between David Cockburn and Matt Dunkley on who will provide the sign off on behalf of KCC; Paula Wilkins noted that the Accountable Officer for Health has been confirmed to be Glen Douglas.</p> <p>The official line from central government is that the new Working Together guidance will be published in June 2018, however, it is anticipated this may be delayed until the Autumn.</p> <p>Mark Janaway confirmed that the early adopters have not dramatically changed their focus and that setting up a Kent working group to look at the various options available would be possible, and this could also look at rationalisation and refocus on the work required.</p>
8.	<p>Any Other Business</p> <p>Charles Unter commented on Stuart Collins' earlier update on children in home education and discussed a report on the reassurance needed on children in home education; local authorities have no say on where children are educated, and the Department of Education sees no link between safeguarding and children educated at home.</p> <p>Charles Unter queried whether the Education Group could look at this issue in more detail; Stuart Collins confirmed this was raised within the sub group and that there are 3000 children who are educated at home in Kent at any one</p>

time. There is a concern that some of these children are electively home educated because schools advise them to do so to avoid the child being excluded.

Sheridan Morrison discussed the gaps in minute taking for child protection (CP) conferences; there have been long term issues with this and efforts made to resolve this. Sheridan Morrison reported that a pilot is taking place to consider not minuting first CP conferences and that practitioners will be asked to make their own notes, and this may cause issues with either minutes not being sufficiently robust or practitioners not being able to engage in conferences effectively.

Nikki Cruickshank confirmed that the pilot is looking at the content of minutes as new minute takers are not familiar with what information is required and training and guidance for them is being put in place. It is recognised that at a time of a large increase in CP cases, it is not possible to minute every conference, although the rise following the Ofsted inspection does appear to be plateauing. The first review conference is unlikely to be taking a child off a plan as there would only have been a few core group meetings and the plan is that there will be a business support function to set up the meeting and then the CP Chair will make the notes and create the plan. Nikki Cruickshank was unaware of professionals being asked to take their own notes and confirmed this is not part of the pilot and agreed to look into this and provide an update to the Board.

Claire Jones discussed the Joint Targeted Area Inspection (JTAI) in Medway and wished to flag the amount of resource that is being required and the findings from the JTAI will be shared to assist Kent in preparing their own response.

Actions

8.1 – Nikki Cruickshank to investigate the suggestion of professionals at CP conferences being asked to write their own notes and to report back to the Board.

Future Board Meetings:

Wednesday 15th August 2018	14:00 - 17:00	Medway Room, Sessions House
Wednesday 17th October 2018	14:00 - 17:00	Medway Room, Sessions House
Wednesday 12th December 2018	14:00 - 17:00	Medway Room, Sessions House