

Meeting Title:	Kent Safeguarding Children Board
Date:	3 rd August 2016
Time:	2pm – 5pm
Location:	Medway 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 Ireland	Corporate Director - Social Care, Health & Wellbeing	KCC		✓
Andrew Scott-Clark	Director of Public Health	Public Health, KCC		✓
Tony Blaker	Assistant Chief Constable	KCC		✓
Gill Cahill	Director of Business Development	CXK		✓
Bethan Haskins	Chief Nurse	Clinical Commissioning Groups	✓	Steve Beaumont
Sheridan Morrison	Designated Nurse for Safeguarding Children	Thanet CCG and South Kent Coast CCG		✓
Claire Jones	Head of Service for Assessment, Rehabilitation and IOM	Kent, Surrey & Sussex CRC		✓
Florence Kroll	Director of Early Help and Preventative Services	EYS, KCC	✓	
Nicky Lucey	Director of Nursing and Quality	KCHT		✓
Mark Janaway	Programme and Performance Manager	KSCB		✓
Patrick Leeson	Corporate Director, Education and Young People's Services	KCC	✓	
Peter Oakford	Cabinet Member for Specialist Children's Services	KCC	✓	
Philip Segurola	Director, Specialist Children's Services	KCC		✓
Roger Sykes	Lay Member	KSCB		✓
Charles Unter	Lay Member	KSCB		✓

Tina Hughes	Approved Premises Manager/SPO	National Probation Service (East & SE Region)		✓
Kelli Gardner	Voluntary Sector	IMAGO		✓
Fiona Trigwell	Headteacher for Sittingbourne Community College	Headteachers	✓	
Sally Allum (Virtual Member)	Director of Nursing	NHS England		
Steve Hunt (Virtual Member)	Head of Service	CAFCASS Kent		
Sarah Nichols	Senior Administrative Officer	KSCB		✓

No.	Agenda Item
1.	<p>Introductions and Apologies</p> <p>Gill Rigg welcomed members to the meeting. Introductions were made and apologies noted.</p>
2.	<p>Presentation from IMAGO – Experiences of Young Carers</p> <p>Angela Holland and Kirsty from IMAGO presented this item.</p> <p>IMAGO is a social action organisation which works closely with vulnerable adults, children and young people.</p> <p>IMAGO work with Young Carers from the age of 5-18; Angela Holland explained to the Board that a child or young person can become a Young Carer for a multitude of reasons. A Young Carer’s tasks within the family can consist of managing the family budget, intimate and personal care and administering medication amongst others. IMAGO have experienced carers as young as 5 years old administering medication to the person they are caring for. Young Carers come from a range of backgrounds and ethnicities and can range from providing frequent low levels of care to high levels of care on a daily basis.</p> <p>Due to changes in legislation, agencies are now looking at the needs of Young Carers as well as those who are being cared for.</p> <p>The service works to ensure Young Carers are identified, assessed and are receiving the support they need to engage with:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▶ Education and learning ▶ Training and work ▶ Recreational activities, including socialising with peers <p>The service will provide:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▶ Workforce development; Care Act & Children & Families Act compliance ▶ Direct support; including targeted transition support 16-18 and NEETs ▶ A flexible and targeted approach ▶ A family focus <p>IMAGO encourages Young Carers to be aspirational, such as in pursuing education and exploring careers. There are ‘chill clubs’ across the county, a Young Carer’s festival in August and respite activities designed to give them a break from their caring responsibilities. IMAGO has been focused in schools since May 2016 aiding them with the assessment and identification of Young Carers.</p> <p>Angela Holland raised concerns that the team may not be commissioned past 2019 and questioned who will support Young Carers in that situation. Not only do IMAGO support Young Carers, but they also signpost the family to various available services</p>

There are currently 4578 Young Carers in Kent, however following a survey by the BBC in 2010; findings suggested the actual figure could be increased fourfold.

There is an increased propensity for children and young people to be carers of parents with alcohol or drug dependence or mental health issues. 1 in 6 adults will experience a mental health issue and their children can be hidden Young Carers.

Angela Holland set out a number of challenges for the Board to consider today:

1. Identification of Hidden Young Carers

How can we work together to identify and reach the hidden Young Carers. Many need support, but do not know who to contact. Angela Holland raised concerns about the difficulty in reaching various agencies to increase the awareness of Young Carers. There is currently only one GP surgery in Kent willing to engage.

2. With this increased identification of Young Carers how this demand is going to met
3. Up-skilling workforce
4. Young Carers Mental Health

Young Carer's mental health: at the Young Carers' Festival last year, 20% said they were on medication and stressed. IMAGO is seeing a steady increase of Young Carers with emotional health concerns; how do we meet this need?

Kirsty provided an overview to the Board of her experiences as a Young Carer, and gave a moving account of her family circumstances. She advised how she was supported by Kent Young Carers.. Unfortunately, she reports that some of her teachers were not understanding of her role as a carer and would tell her she should focus more on her school work than her family.

Kirsty achieved in her GCSE's and initially went to college to study childcare. During this time she changed her mind on what she wanted to do and whilst attending support groups for young carers she heard about the apprenticeship with Kent Young Carers. Kirsty has now worked for IMAGO for 3 years and has achieved a Level 3 NVQ in Business Admin.

Kirsty read out some feedback from another Young Carer, Josh, who also has an apprenticeship with Kent Young Carers but who was unable to attend the meeting. His story detailed his experiences.. His family are very supportive of him and he has received additional support from Katie, a Young Carer support coordinator.

When Kirsty moved from her apprenticeship to the traineeship, Josh moved to the apprenticeship and has been with IMAGO for nearly a year. Both report that their confidence has increased since working with IMAGO.

At this point in the meeting, Gill Rigg asked Board members if they had any questions.

Philip Segurola asked, when does a young person cease to be Young Carer? Angela Holland responded that the team works with children and young people between the ages of 5 and 18. The team also works closely with the young adult carer service which runs from 16-24. Those between the ages of 16 and 18 can choose which team they want to work with and the team works to manage the transition.

Tony Blaker asked, what is driving the increase of Young Carer's? And what does success look like to the service? Angela Holland responded that success is improved confidence and self-esteem and better coping strategies for being a Young Carer. They are providing workshops on first aid, emotional health and wellbeing and helping Young Carers into flexible work opportunities and seeing a reduction of poor mental health. The team wants to increase awareness of Young Carers and mental health issues in young people and see an increase in the services offered to young people.

Nicky Lucey stated that there is a lot more awareness in health of Young Carers and health colleagues are driving

	<p>the carers' agenda nationally. The increase in Young Carers may be, in part, due to more long term conditions and higher survival rates which changes the dynamic across the population. There is education and training across lots of different health providers.</p> <p>Nicky Lucey queried how IMAGO would wish to work closer with providers? Angela Holland responded that they had wondered if information on Young Carers could be included in the inductions of new staff or information be communicated through e-learning. Nicky Lucey invited IMAGO to attend a future Health Safeguarding Group (HSG) meeting to discuss this in more detail with colleagues across health agencies in Kent.</p> <p>Andrew Ireland commented on the remarkable story from Kirsty and noted how it showed a different profile of a Young Carer's situation than is typically shown and showed true family resilience. All Board members agreed that increased awareness in schools is necessary as educational attainment and access to further and higher education is essential. Ensuring schools are sufficiently well educated themselves is crucial. Andrew Ireland questioned how wide is the experience of an unhelpful response from schools and what sort of advocacy can we put in place to resolve this? Are there any figures for educational attainment?</p> <p>Angela Holland responded that, yes there are figures that show this and agreed for these to be cascaded to Board members alongside the minutes. Angela Holland noted that educational settings need to know that they can use increased flexibility such as allowing students to ring home occasionally during the day to check their parent is okay so they can continue to focus on their work and provide flexibility on homework where possible. Board members requested that these concerns be taken to the Education and Early Help Safeguarding group.</p> <p>Andrew Scott-Clark noted that Young Carers have reported issues of being pulled from school to assist those they are caring for. Angela Holland reported that a lot of Young Carers are home-schooled but often in these situations they tend to be caring not learning.</p> <p>Charles Unter queried that a significant percentage of Young Carer's are on anti-anxiety or similar drugs, someone must have prescribed those? Adults and children are often looked after by the same practitioner, why are doctors not linking issues of stress, anxiety or depression in young carers with their caring responsibilities? This is to be raised at the Health Safeguarding Group.</p> <p>Claire Jones raised concerns from a safeguarding perspective at the thought of a 5 year old administering medication, how is the threshold managed? Angela Holland noted the grey line between neglect and inappropriate expectations, if the team become aware of a very young giving a high level of care, the child is referred to social care.</p> <p>Gill Rigg thanked Angela Holland and Kirsty for attending the meeting and providing the Board with an insightful presentation.</p> <p><u>Actions</u></p> <p>2.1 - Young Carers, and the issues raised at the Board are to be discussed at the Education and Early Help Safeguarding Group and the response feedback to the Board.</p> <p>2.1 - The issue of Young Carer and their medication is to be raised at the Health Safeguarding Group and the response feedback to the Board.</p>
3.	<p>Risks, Threats and Vulnerabilities – Focus Update</p> <p>Nick Wilkinson, Chair of the Risks, Threats and Vulnerabilities Group (RTV) presented this item.</p> <p>Nick Wilkinson noted that many of the key issues raised in his update are highlighted in the Business Group report. The RTV is a new group having only met three times. It is a joint group with Medway Safeguarding Board to share knowledge of vulnerabilities across Kent and Medway. It has a large membership, between 20 and 30 individuals, and includes Roger Sykes as Lay Member representation.</p>

Nick Wilkinson has met with Deborah Scott-Angus, Independent Chair of the Kent Safeguarding Adults Board and they are discussing including a member from the Adults Board to attend RTV and enable it to be a joint children and adults group as well as a joint Kent and Medway group. This would work for the majority of the agencies who attend as they deal with both adults and children. Nick asked that this be agreed by the Board. Nicky Lucey supported the overlap between the adults and children's Boards. Board members agreed. Nick Wilkinson hopes the groups can combine in the autumn and they can begin to get crucial information to agency staff such as key headlines and information on localities.

Nick Wilkinson noted that there is a plethora of groups and boards across the piece and a mapping exercise on this is needed.

Claire Jones confirmed that she is keen to be involved with the group. CRC are in the process of reviewing their strategies and it would be worth having future discussions with Rachel Curtis to discuss this. Representation from Probation/CRC at the RTV is being arranged with attendance at the meeting being alternated between both agencies.

Trafficking and Modern Slavery

There is evidence of pockets of good practice at district and borough level across Kent and Gravesham reports good awareness raising of modern slavery in their district.

UASC

Vulnerabilities of this cohort are significant and overlap across the streams. Philip Segurola informed Board members that the National Dispersal system of UASC has officially begun.

Gangs

Work on gangs is mainly led by the Margate Task Force who are drawing out lessons across the county. The scope of gangs varies depending on location in Kent; in Margate gangs are taking over premises (cuckooing) whereas in Shepway, Dover and Ashford they are more likely to be street dealing. The learning from this information is brought into the RTV group.

A vulnerability guide for schools is being produced and once complete, it will come to the Business Group and Board for sign off before being distributed.

Prevent

The governance for this is provided via the Prevent Duty Delivery Board (PDDDB). The PDDDB reports into several groups and in the autumn, will be undertaking an audit of all responsible agencies looking into staff capability and leadership. A great deal of activity is currently taking place around schools and rolling out Prevent training.

Nick Wilkinson discussed the Dovetail Pilot which is a 12 month pilot scheme in Kent that started in July 2016. The Pilot involves KCC taking the lead on Channel from the Police.

The RTV also looks at issues such as children in custody and online safety.

4. Minutes, Actions, Matters Arising

The minutes were agreed as a true and accurate reflection of the meeting and can be published on the KSCB website.

Actions from 1st June 2016:

4.1 – The KSCB Business Unit to send a letter to Bethan Haskins to address concerns around the health presentation.

Update from 3rd August 2016 – the letter was sent. This action is closed.

5.1 – Alison Broom to meet with Philip Segurola, Florence Kroll, Dave Holman and Helen Greatorex to discuss the concerns around the movement of young people between local authorities. To be reported back to the next Board meeting.

Update from 3rd August 2016 - Alison Broom confirmed that a meeting took place on 29th July 2016. They brought together the four districts that had raised this as an issue and pulled together an escalating picture of families being placed in Kent from other areas. A London Borough has identified £50 million to house homeless families in North Kent. There are a number of actions to escalate this issue and raise concerns to the London Borough. A further 173 homes are to be built at Canterbury Barracks and used to house homeless families from Redbridge. Andrew Ireland noted that this was connected to a commissioned piece of work in social care, no recourse to public funds.. Alison Broom and Andrew Ireland agreed to discuss this further outside of this meeting.

Philip Segurola noted that the cases identified were most likely the tip of the iceberg and in each case there has been evidence of a minimal level of local consultation prior to doing this. Every indication is that London Boroughs will do this consistently and in doing so, this raises multiple risks such as a lack of service provision available in the county, a shortage of school places and many of the families are likely to have social care needs.

Gill Rigg queried whether the LGA or SOLACE (Society of LA Chief Executives) had looked at this issue? Alison Broom responded that the LGA commissioned a piece of work on this and has come to Maidstone. The Minister for Housing had established a cross departmental team to look at these issues and wanted to create a sounding board to discuss them. If this is sustained it provides another route to challenge.

Andrew Ireland noted that this is similar to the trend that the outer London Boroughs experienced a few years ago, but now, instead of being the victims in the scenario; they are likely to be some of those causing the concerns. Alison Broom reports that 43% of people who live in Maidstone do not have the financial ability to resolve their own housing issues. Alison Broom informed Board members that she is taking a report to the Kent Leaders meeting. Gill Rigg requested this action not be closed and remain on the agenda.

10.1 – Sarah Nichols to publish the Independent Chair One to One Composite Report – themed responses on the KSCB Website.

Update 3rd August 2016 – Uploaded to KSCB website. Action Closed.

Gill Rigg requested an additional action be added to the noted from the last meeting. As ACC Jo Shiner is no longer a member of the Board, there is a need to recruit a new Vice Chair of the group. Board members are asked to contact Mark Janaway by the end of the week if they wish to nominate themselves. ACC Tony Blaker has volunteered to assist if no other nominations are received.

Actions from 20th April 2016

3.2 - Ann Allen/Peter Oakford to discuss Police membership at the Health and Wellbeing Board with Roger Gough and report back to the Board on 1st June.

Update from 3rd August 2016 – Gill Rigg informed the Board that she will be emailing Ann Allen and Peter Oakford about Police representation at the HWBB.

5.3 – Jo Stevens to undertake a further CRU audit in July 2016 and report back to the October 2016 Board meeting. In October.

Update 3rd August 2016 – Update to be provided at the October meeting.

Actions from 27th February 2016

5.2 - Bethan Haskins to speak to Nicky Lucey in regard to Prevent being on 'Health' websites.

Update from 3rd August 2016 – A Provider perspective is needed. Prevent is associated with safeguarding on health websites. Steve Beaumont to take back to Bethan Haskins.

<p>5.</p>	<p>Health Overview Presentation</p> <p>Steve Beaumont attended the meeting on behalf of Bethan Haskins and presented this item on her behalf.</p> <p>Bethan Haskins was tasked to provide a map on a page for the Health Safeguarding Group. Steve Beaumont noted that this work taking place alongside the Sustainability and Transformation Plan. Steve Beaumont provided Board members with a chart that detailed the health workforce across the providers.</p> <p>Steve Beaumont discussed the Central Referral Unit and identified work that needs to take place to look at the health component in CRU. Issues have been raised of a lack of information sharing between CRU and health agencies.</p> <p>Nicky Lucey commented that the agencies in purple on the chart are covered by all the CCG's. Board members requested that the chart have a glossary in order for non-health professionals to understand the anagrams used for agency names.</p> <p>Andrew Scott Clark queried why the Dual Diagnosis Prison Outreach is under Public Health on the chart. Steve Beaumont confirmed that the chart has gone to HSG for comment and sign off.</p> <p>Sheridan Morrison reported that she had written a presentation that provided an overview of all health agencies and their remit for staff in her area. Gill Rigg requested that this be cascaded to board members.</p> <p><u>Actions</u></p> <p>5.1 - The updated Health map is re-presented to the Board at the next meeting.</p> <p>5.2 - Sheridan Morrison to provide Sarah Nichols with a copy of her presentation for circulation to Board members</p>
<p>6.</p>	<p>Wood Review Update</p> <p>Gill Rigg reported that the legislation for the changes discussed in the Wood Review is currently going through its passage and there were issues about the Social Work Bill aspect. Gill Rigg asked Board members whether any conversations had taken place between partners.</p> <p>Andrew Ireland responded that there is a mechanism within the Council to consider a multi-agency board however where is the system leadership in the NHS?</p> <p>Nicky Lucey reported that she had discussed this with Sharon Gardner-Blatch and Sally Allum (NHS E) will be attending a National meeting on the 27th July to discuss this with health colleagues. She will then be attending the Health Safeguarding Group meeting in October.</p> <p>Gill Rigg responded that reports from other areas are that some are saying that if the current system is working effectively, there may be no need for change. There appears to be a range of different responses.</p> <p>Philip Segurola asked Board members to be aware that maintaining the status quo has to be a conscious decision and cannot just be due to a lack of further discussions taking place. In order for discussions to begin, an appropriate health representative needs to be sourced.</p> <p>Roger Sykes queried whether there was any indication post the Wood Review whether Medway would still want to go it alone? Could we combine Boards?</p> <p>Tony Blaker reported that from a Police perspective, something universal for Kent would make it easier for them. He also asked if there is a timeframe for recommendations. Gill Rigg said there was not, however the National Association of Independent Chairs cannot see a change prior to next April.</p> <p>Gill Rigg asked Board members to be mindful during discussions on the Wood Review and to be sensitive of</p>

	<p>members of the Business Unit who attended KSCB group meetings as any changes are likely to affect them.</p> <p>Andrew Scott-Clark reported that with regard to the Child Death Overview Panels, he has been in conversations with the relevant representatives from Medway; however it was only an initial discussion to acknowledge the report.</p> <p>Gill Rigg confirmed that SCR's are to be centralised and the National Panel (or what is created in their stead) plans to conduct 20 national SCR's with the remaining number (approximately 180 a year are currently undertaken), to be run locally.</p> <p>Tony Blaker requested further information to get a sense of time scales. What is the right process in order to engage and involve with the right people?</p> <p>Andrew Ireland commented that the decision has to be made between the 3 key agencies. Ultimately this is where the future decision lies. Andrew Ireland believes Ofsted to a deciding factor and that if they arrive in autumn they will have expected some plans to be taking place and if they come next summer they will expect changes to be made. Andrew Ireland reported that he is attracted to a model that distinguishes between child protection, safeguarding and wellbeing. He hopes that a plan will have been devised by the autumn and the council will take the initiative to ensure that this will happen.</p> <p>Alison Broom wished to remind Board members that the local authorities in Kent are two tier and requested that district councils be involved in the decision making process. Gill Rigg confirmed that David Cockburn is aware of this.</p> <p>Andrew Ireland reported that nothing has been said either way from the new Secretary of State.</p>
7.	<p>Kent Police Change Programme</p> <p>Tony Blaker presented this item.</p> <p>The Force is going through a series of reviews of its operating model to identify ways to cut costs and improve performance. The change branch are mid-stream looking at 13 strands of vulnerability and services relevant to safeguarding children and a large piece of work is currently underway to identify an optimal design for dealing with this.</p> <p>Tony Blaker continued that there are significant increases in sexual offending, increased numbers of child protection issues and online issues around child abuse. The existing approach has been to have small teams to deal with specific issues and there is a desire to change to a larger model. The use of small teams means a fragile operating model as it can be greatly affected by maternity leave or staff sickness.</p> <p>There is £30 million of savings to be made to reach the budget profile.</p> <p>A 3 day workshop took place in July with one day specifically for representatives attending from a number of agencies. Mark Janaway attended as a representative of the Board. Key highlights from the day looked at ideas around expanding the combined Central Referral Unit and have a team to look at assessing all vulnerabilities. The Police want to provide a universal level of expertise and are looking to expand this facility and invest more staff in this. It is estimated that approximately 200 posts are needed to create the level of resource required. This would require 10% of the workforce being reallocated to create this model and there is a need to ensure that this does not create imbalance in other areas of the Force or the county.</p> <p>Tony Blaker will provide a more detailed presentation at the next Board meeting in October.</p> <p><u>Actions</u></p> <p>7.1 - Tony Blaker to provide a detailed update to the Board at the meeting in October.</p>

8.	<p>2015-16 KSCB Annual Report</p> <p>There are significant gaps in the current draft of the Annual Report with outstanding information being chased by the KSCB Business Unit. Mark Janaway is currently checking the data in various sections and getting this validated, once these figures have been confirmed, Mark Janaway will provide a narrative to detail where we are now.</p> <p>The Annual Report will be presented to the full council meeting in October. Once amendments have been made, the KSCB business unit will recirculate the final draft for comments and views.</p> <p>Alison Broom requested that the quantitative data be tabulated for ease of reading.</p> <p>Philip Segurola raised queries about the need for clarification around accumulative figures and the snapshot at year end. Mark Janaway stated that this would be clear in the final version. Philip also questioned the accuracy of the UASC figures.</p> <p>Gill Rigg confirmed to Board members that the Annual Report needs to be signed off by the middle of September 2016. Board members were asked to provide feedback or comments to Mark Janaway and Sarah Nichols by 17th August for a second draft to be disseminated back to members by the end of August for final sign off.</p> <p><u>Actions</u></p> <p>8.1 - KSCB Business Unit to circulate the second draft of the KSCB annual report to Board members once completed.</p> <p>8.2 - Mark Janaway to validate the information on the performance data.</p> <p>8.3 - Board members are asked to provide feedback or comments to Mark Janaway and Sarah Nichols by 17th August for the second draft to be disseminated back to members by the end of August for final sign off.</p>
9.	<p>Business Group Report</p> <p>Mark Janaway presented this item. His report to the Board from the Business Group will be circulated with the minutes of this meeting</p> <p><u>Training Update</u></p> <p>In the first quarter of 2016-17, there have been 41 courses delivered with 800 attendees. However, there have been issues with staff non-attendance. There is a need for greater involvement and oversight from managers within training, both allowing people to attend and also afterward in managing the learning from training. Details of non-attendees are being made available for managers. This is lucrative for the Board but not a stream of income we want to continue. The KSCB Business Unit is working closely with managers, both operational and strategic, to improve the rate of attendance. Non-attendees are taking training opportunities from other staff and we currently have waiting lists for 99% of our courses.</p> <p><u>E-Learning</u></p> <p>Last year the KSCB Business Unit changed the contract with our e-learning supplier. KSCB joined the Virtual College in June 2009 and new membership was negotiated in July 2015. During the period between June 2009 and July 2015, 11275 licenses were used; between July 2015 and April 2016, 7492 licenses were used, which is a substantial increase.</p> <p>The overall completion rate on courses is 84%. There are over 50 courses on offer on a wide range of topics. There are now e-learning courses for adult and health safeguarding issues as well those that are child focused.</p>

Learning from audits and case reviews

Mark Janaway has produced a quarterly report of findings from Case Reviews and Multi-Agency audits undertaken by the Board. This report has been published on the KSCB website and members are asked to ensure that they share this with their staff who are also asked to cascade the findings to their colleagues.

Training evaluation

Mark Janaway informed Board members that if staff do not complete the evaluation of their training, they cannot obtain a certificate. The KSCB Business Unit needs the feedback to ensure continual development for the training team.

SCR Workshops

The KSCB Business Unit held one SCR Workshop for multi-agency staff on 27th July 2016 with 80 multi-agency members of staff attending.

The Workshop provided more detailed understanding and insight into some of the recent SCR's undertaken by the KSCB and two from other local authorities which involved children placed in Kent. Several of the SCR authors attended to present their findings and recommendations. A second workshop is taking place on the 29th September at the Police College Lecture Theatre.

Neglect

Following up on the findings from Case Review and Audits and the recognition of a significant recurring theme, a Neglect Seminar is taking place in on the 12th October.

L and D Group Chair

Following Ann Furminger from CXK standing down as Chair of the L and D Group, Gill Cahill, also from CXK has put herself forward as the Chair.

Education and Early Help Group

The Early Help and Social Care 'front doors' are currently under review and the teams are looking at working together more closely.

Philip Segurola queried the impetus in the review of the threshold. Mark Janaway confirmed that the query initially came from the Board, although the threshold document was signed off by the Board as fit for purpose, there was a feeling from some members that it did not reflect the early help involvement.

Andrew Ireland queried whether we are confident that the work Jeanne King is doing around the front door is sufficiently clear about what the threshold position is going to be? That work will be of limited value if it is not testing the system against the threshold. Gill Rigg noted that the group were changing the way the document is written and that the thresholds will remain the same.

Philip Segurola noted that part of the work is about managing demand and signposting partner agencies to the relevant services.

Andrew Scott-Clark reported that alongside this review, he is working with early help and the health visitor service and is looking at integration and closer working.

Quality and Effectiveness

Mark Janaway reported that the group is now far more effective than it has been previously. There is constant ongoing audit activity with significant demands on staff and Mark Janaway wished to pass on the Board's thanks to those who have been involved in this process.

Two recently completed multi-agency Audit Reports were presented – one on Emotional Health and Wellbeing and the second on Toxic Trio. The findings from these reports have been included in the Quarterly Case Review and

Audit Report presented earlier. Board members were asked to sign off the two audit reports in order for them to be published on the KSCB website. Members agreed.

The group has now adopted a different rating system for the Outcomes Report, using the terminology of “poor”, “area for focus”, “good” and “excellent” for the dashboard. If an item is categorised as an area of focus for more than three meetings it is changed to poor. Mark Janaway reported that Florence Kroll has been robust in ensuring these areas are chased.

There were no particular areas of significant concern although there is a suggestion that there may be underreporting of single agency delivered training to the Learning and Development Group. This is being followed up by the L and D group.

The snapshot on the outcomes report details the headlines included in the dashboard and there are no particular areas of concern.

Philip Segurola noted a discrepancy on the back of the outcomes report which makes reference to placement stability data. Mark Janaway agreed to raise this with Florence Kroll.

Gill Rigg noted that this is an area where we have made quite a lot of progress as it was previously a vulnerability of the Board.

Mark Janaway confirmed that as Florence Kroll is leaving KCC, her replacement, Stuart Collins, will be taking on the role as Chair of the QE Group.

Policy and Procedures

Tina Hughes, as Chair of the Policy And Procedures Group presented a brief update from Policy and Procedures in relation to the new ‘Sexting’ Guidance. This has recently been produced and signed off by Policy and Procedure Group. The Sexting Flowchart within the Guidance has been recognised by those compiling the National Sexting Guidance and is to be referenced in the final National version when it is published later this week. The sexting guidance is to be sent to Board members alongside the minutes for virtual sign off.

KSCB Communications

The KSCB Business Unit has produced the first KSCB bulletin which has been sent to all groups, sub groups and CSE Champions. The Business Unit are endeavouring to ensure that messages from the Board and Sub groups are communicated. There was a re-emphasis on the responsibility of Board and Group members to cascade information to their staff.

Risk Register

Mark Janaway produced the first draft of the KSCB risk register which was presented to the Business Group where it was agreed it would be cascaded to the Sub groups for comments. A briefing paper will then be brought to the next Board meeting.

Business Group Recommendation to the Board

A number of recommendations were made to the Board in Mark Janaway’s Business Group report:

- Consideration be given for the RTV Group to become a joint Kent and Medway Children and Adults Safeguarding Group. **Agreed.**
- Board members agree that Gill Cahill from CXK takes over as Chair of the Learning and Development Group. **Agreed.**
- Board members sign off the QE Group’s two multi-agency audit reports and that they are published on the KSCB website. **Agreed.**

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Board members agree that Stuart Collins takes over from Florence Kroll as Chair of the QE Group. Agreed. <p><u>Actions</u> 9.1 - Sexting guidance to be sent to Board members for comment and virtual sign off. The deadline for feedback is the 19th August.</p>
10.	<p>Board Walkabouts</p> <p>Mark Janaway informed Board members that the Business Unit is currently working to arrange the walkabouts. If Board members wish to be involved and have not yet stated so, they are asked to contact Sarah Nichols detailing where they would like to go.</p> <p><u>Actions</u> 10.1 - Sarah Nichols to cascade her spreadsheet on available settings to Board members.</p>
11.	<p>Learning and Development Group – Focus Update</p> <p>Discussed in item 9</p>
12.	<p>Quality and Effectiveness Group – Focus Update</p> <p>Discussed in item 9</p>
13.	<p>Other Board / Strategic group Update Community Safety Partnership (CSP)</p> <p>Alison Broom provided the update on this group. Alison Broom noted that there is a close relationship with risks, threats and vulnerabilities, domestic violence and child sexual exploitation Groups.</p> <p>The CSP is feeding into the annual strategic assessment, which is a district based. There is a shift from a traditional approach of crime and disorder to looking at risk and harm. Nick Wilkinson is linked into this work and has spoken to the 12 District Community Safety Units..</p> <p>Tony Blaker reported a similar conversation around road safety and vulnerabilities. In support of this, Andrew Scott-Clark noted that from the Child Death Overview Panel, they have seen cases of children killed whilst running across the road and the suspicion that ear phones are a factor.</p>
14.	<p>Any Other Business</p> <p>Gill Rigg informed members of the report of the review into Kendall House which was included in the agenda for Board members’ information. The report investigates the historic abuse reported by victims residing in the home.</p> <p>Andrew Ireland commented that these issues have been in the public domain for some time. There are implications for Kent in relation to the Independent Inquiry. Andrew Ireland confirmed that Kendall House is not the only former children’s home that people are making enquiries about. There is a need to ensure awareness of where old files are held.</p> <p>Tony Blaker reported that the review of the CSET team has been completed and the first draft is currently being amended. Tony Blaker agreed to bring the report to the next Board meeting.</p> <p>Charles Unter discussed the public consultation on reporting and acting on child abuse and neglect. Should there be mandatory reporting by professionals? The consultation is open to both the public and practitioners. Charles Unter to send the link to Sarah Nichols so it can be shared with the minutes.</p> <p>Andrew Scott-Clark confirmed the soft launch of the safer sleeping campaign. The thermometer cards are ready</p>

and communications campaign in due for September and October. The campaign has gained support from 3 maternity units.

Actions

14.1 - Tony Blaker to bring the report on the review of the Child Sexual Exploitation Team to the October Board meeting.

14.2 - Charles Unter to send the link to the public consultation on reporting and acting on child abuse and neglect to Sarah Nichols who will then circulate it to Board members.

Future Board Meetings:

5 th October 2016	2pm – 5pm	Medway Room, Sessions House, Maidstone
1 st December 2016	2pm – 5pm	Medway Room, Sessions House, Maidstone