

Devon Safeguarding Children Board Minutes



Chairman: A J Wooderson
Date: 9 September 2011
Venue: Exeter Racecourse

Attendees:

Alan Wooderson	Independent Chair	Devon Safeguarding Children Board
Peter Mitchell	Head of Service SW Peninsular	CAFCASS
John Davey	Director of Services to Education	Careers South West Ltd
David Fitzsimmons	Principal Holsworthy College	DASH (Devon Association Secondary Headteachers)
Michele Slevin	Public Protection Unit Lead	Devon & Cornwall Constabulary
Charlotte Coker	Acting Chief Officer	Devon and Cornwall Probation Trust
Rory McCallum	Head of Child and Adult Protection	Devon County Council
Sue Clarke	Head of Education & Learning	Devon County Council
Andrea Davis	Lead Member and Councillor	Devon County Council
Jim Wood	Area Manager for Exeter, East & Mid Devon	Devon County Council Youth Offending Team
Chris Dimmelow	Head of Safeguarding	Devon County Council Children and Young People's Service / Devon Safeguarding Children Board
Sally Slade	Head of Integrated Children's Services and Adult Care Manager	Devon County Council Adult and Community Services
Liz Davenport	Director Operations	Devon Partnership NHS Trust

Julie Mitchell	Performance Improvement and Quality Assurance Lead Officer	Devon Safeguarding Children Board
Kate Gurney(Dr)	General Practitioner	Local Medical Committee
Alison Allen	Named Nurse Safeguarding	NHS Devon
Stephen Richardson (Dr)	Interim Designated Doctor Child Protection NHS Devon	NHS Devon
Helen Hyland	Designated Nurse Child Protection	NHS Devon
Virginia Pearson (Dr)	Director of Public Health and Devon Drug and Alcohol Action Team Chair	NHS Devon / Devon County Council
Mandy Cox	Policy Lead CYP Maternity	NHS South West Strategic Health Authority
Carolyn Mills	Director of Nursing	North Devon Healthcare NHS Trust
Beverley Cox	Observer	North Devon Healthcare NHS Trust
Em Wilkinson-Brice	Director of Nursing and Patient Care	Royal Devon & Exeter Hospital Foundation Trust
Michele Thornberry	Nurse Consultant Safeguarding Children	Royal Devon & Exeter Hospital Foundation Trust
Jacqui Warne	Head Teacher Ellen Tinkham School	SHAD (Special Head teacher Association Devon) -Chair
Peter Spearman	Manager	The Atkinson Unit
Mark Goodman	Manager	Voluntary Youth Services

Apologies:

Helen Nicholls	Headteacher of South Brent Primary School	DAPH (Devon Association Primary Headteachers)
Jennie Stephens	Strategic Director People	Devon County Council, Adult and Community Services
Sarah O'Shea	Head of Student Service, Exeter College	Further Education

Kevin Finan	Chief Executive	Mid Devon District Council
Geoff Gurney	Interim Service Manager	NSPCC
Liz Childs	Director of Nursing	South Devon Healthcare NHS Foundation Trust

Agenda Item 1	Welcome and Introductions Apologies Completed actions Declaration of any conflicts of Interest	Presenter Alan Wooderson
Discussion	The Chair introduced new members Peter Spearman, Peter Mitchell, David Fitzsimmons, Sue Clarke, Michele Slevin and welcomed observer Beverley Cox. The apologies were also detailed. It was noted that the majority of action points from the June 2011 meeting are complete with any outstanding items being progressed or covered on the agenda today. Steve Richardson (SR) advised of a declaration of interest for item 3(e) due to working part time for the G4S, Child Sexual Abuse Service but no other declarations of interest or conflicts were advised by Board members on any items of business on the agenda.	

Agenda Item 2	Any Matters Arising <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Guidance for adult and children's services: Working together when the health of adults could impact on the safeguarding of children 	Presenter Virginia Pearson
Discussion	<p>This guidance was developed for the DSCB with the aim of improving professional practice and outcomes for children where the health of adults could make children vulnerable. It would be used by both staff in adult services and children and family services in the event of concerns around parenting capability of a parent or around the appropriate care for an unborn baby, child or young person because of the adults own problems.</p> <p>Its purpose is to improve and ensure effective inter-agency working for the safety and welfare of all children. In particular it relates to family issues of adult substance misuse, adult mental health, adult learning disability and domestic violence. The guidance has been developed by an all disciplines group and has been consulted on widely before being submitted to the Board for approval and implementation. Some amendments were proposed by Board members including re naming the guidance as 'See the Adult; See the Child' and the accompaniment of the guidance with an Equalities Impact Needs Assessment.</p>	
Conclusion	The Board approved the guidance with proposed amendments to be actioned and the final report sent to the Safeguarding Office for launch and distribution. The new title for the guidance "See the Adult, See the Child" was agreed and the guidance will be incorporated into the DSCB training programme and published on the DSCB website. The Board wanted to pass on its thanks to Maureen Muckersie and the Devon DAAT for their hard work in producing an excellent guidance document.	
Action point	Action owner	Deadline

Revise guidance "See the Adult, See the Child", produce an action plan and send to the safeguarding office for publication on the DSCB website.	Rory McCallum / Maureen Muckersie	Immediate
Agenda Item 3	Strategic Co-ordination a) DSCB Pooled Budget Update	Presenter John Holme
Discussion	<p>An update on the pooled budget was provided to the Board by John Holme of Devon County Council .The report covers the 2011/12 forecast year end position on the pooled budget and the forecast level of reserves available to the Board. It was noted that the partnership agreements will be distributed immediately along with the relevant invoices for partner contributions.</p> <p>The future Child Death Overview Panel (CDOP) arrangements which are part funded from the pooled budget were discussed and members were advised that a 'standstill' position has been agreed for 2011/12 which includes a stipulation that a service review takes place. It was also noted that the service is currently hosted by Plymouth NHS however with the changes in health and the public health functions this may alter in the future with possible different hosting arrangements to be agreed.</p>	
Conclusion	Members noted the contents of the report and the position on reserves available.	

Agenda Item 3	Strategic Co-ordination b) Pre Birth Protocol - for approval	Presenter Chris Dimmelow	
Discussion	<p>A paper on pre-birth assessments was presented to the Board. This is a proactive means of analysing the potential risk to a new born baby when there are concerns about a pregnant woman and, where appropriate, her partner and immediate family. Its main purpose is to identify risks to newborns and whether the parent(s) are capable of change in order to reduce the risks to the unborn child and if so, what support is needed.</p> <p>It was noted that the protocol needs to include multi agency discharge planning and it was agreed that the schematic in appendix 3 be changed accordingly. The protocol was warmly received by the Board.</p>		
Conclusion	The protocol was approved with agreed changes that Chris Dimmelow (CD) would action. The protocol has also been shared with the peninsula LSCBs for their consideration with the hope that it is adopted across the peninsula. The implementation plan and associated training and communication process was approved by the Board.		
Action point	Action owner	Deadline	
Revise protocol in line with Board's recommendations. Implement action plan ref training, communication etc.,	Chris Dimmelow	Immediate	

Agenda Item 3	Strategic Co-ordination c) Unintentional Injury to Children – Action Plan update	Presenter Virginia Pearson	
Discussion	The DSCB received a summary update on the implementation of the Unintentional Injury to Children (UIC) strategy that was originally presented to the DSCB in 2009/10 and it was noted that Steve Brown (SB) is now leading on this work. Good progress has been made by the multi agency working group in implementing the strategy in line with new NIHC guidance. Members discussed the issuing of home safety equipment to households most at risk of unintentional injury which is part of the action plan. There is some evidence that for this to be a success that householder self motivation and self purchase is more beneficial approach.		
Conclusion	It was agreed that the DSCB would receive a report in 12 months' time setting out the actions implemented as a result of the work and including trend data to demonstrate any impact that the strategy has had.		
Action point	Action owner	Deadline	
Produce a report for the Board on the unintentional injuries strategy.	Virginia Pearson	September 2012	

Agenda Item 3	Strategic Co-ordination d) Progress on JSNA Domestic and Sexual Violence – Strategy and Action Plan	Presenter Virginia Pearson	
Discussion	<p>A report updating the Board on the strategic approach being taken towards domestic abuse and sexual violence following the completion of the joint strategic needs assessment of domestic violence and abuse (dva) was presented by VP.</p> <p>The recent reduction in funding has prompted a re-consideration of how Domestic and Sexual Violence and Abuse services are strategically directed and commissioned across the South West Peninsula and in 2011; a South West SARC (Sexual Assault Referral Centres) Board was established to oversee the development of SARCs across the South West Peninsula. A proposal to operate the same model for domestic abuse as operated by the Board for sexual violence was accepted and it was agreed that this proposal would be explored more fully in local partnership groups.</p> <p>A proposed timetable for implementation was reviewed and members noted appendix 1 which highlights the complexity of the work involved.</p>		
Conclusion	A draft strategy will be presented at the next meeting in December and it was agreed that linking with the other Peninsula LSCBs to agree a way forward is imperative. It was noted that Gemma Hobson (GH) has been seconded to NHS Devon for one year to lead the development of this strategy and action plan.		
Action point	Action owner	Deadline	
Present the draft Sexual Violence and Domestic Abuse strategy and implementation plan at the next meeting.	Virginia Pearson	December 2011	

Agenda Item 3	Strategic Co-ordination e) Update on Child Sexual Abuse Service	Presenter Virginia Pearson	
Discussion	<p>The report provided the Board with an update on the background, development and implementation of the acute and historic child sexual abuse service for Devon and Torbay. It was highlighted that that these services do not work outside of the overarching safeguarding and child protection processes and are integral to child safety.</p> <p>Prior to August 2009 the acute service element was provided by G4S Forensic and Medical Services (UK) Ltd with paediatric support provided in an ad hoc way from local paediatricians. In August 2007 the Care Quality Commission (CQC) recommended to both NHS Devon and Torbay Care Trust that a specialist Child Sexual Abuse Examination Service in their respective areas is set up. Consequently an agreement was reached by Devon and Torbay to work collaboratively to produce service options and a full interim service for both acute and historical sexual abuse commenced on 1st August 2011.</p> <p>It was reported that colleagues in Devon and Torbay have worked hard to agree a specification and working model for this service and it was noted that this does involve complex multi agency working in a distressing area of work with key legal implications. Virginia Pearson (VP) stated that both Charles Holmes (CH) and Steve Richardson (SR) have been instrumental in the progression of this service along with the relevant NHS commissioning staff.</p>		
Conclusion	The Board noted the report as an update on the current service provided. The flowchart will be revised and updated as the service develops. Dr Steve Richardson advised the Board that there was a separate protocol for historic referrals via the MASH.		
Action points	Action owner	Deadline	
A report on the first three months' activity of the Child Sexual Abuse Service will be presented at the next meeting.	Virginia Pearson	December 2011	

Agenda Item 3	Strategic Co-ordination f) Peninsula Sexual Assault Referral Centres Board	Presenter Virginia Pearson	
Discussion	<p>This item was also referred to in item 3(d) above. Since 2010 the three Peninsula Sexual Assault Referral Centres (Cornwall, Plymouth, Devon /Torbay) have been working towards common standards and procedures through a joint governance arrangement which importantly is co terminus with Devon and Cornwall Constabulary and the Primary Care Trusts . This work is an important part of the safeguarding children and adults' agenda and the Board were made aware of the importance of the Peninsula Sexual Assault Referral Centres in relation to dealing with the consequences of the sexual abuse of children and in the delivery of the Government's Violence Against Women and Children action plan (Dept of Health, 2010).</p> <p>The report outlines the governance structures between the 4 LSCBs and 4 Adult Safeguarding Boards with the Peninsula SARC Board .Whilst the governance is peninsula wide service commissioning is locally based.</p> <p>Community Safety Partnerships across the peninsula are fully involved in the development The DSCB were asked to consider the potential inclusion of DVA within the remit of the SARC Board (ref 39d0 above).</p>		

Conclusion	The report was approved as a clear explanation of the governance structures and the role of each LSCB and ASB in them. Members agreed that it made sense to include domestic violence and abuse representation onto the SARC Board. This makes for a more unified set of arrangements.
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Agenda Item 3	Strategic Co-ordination g) Progress on refreshing the JSNA Children's Safeguarding	Presenter Virginia Pearson
Discussion	<p>The Board received an update on the refresh of the Safeguarding Children JSNA which is underway. Since the original report in February 2010 there have been major changes in Government initiatives with reports such as the Allen Report and the Munro report. It was noted that JSNA should be reviewed on an annual basis to ensure it contains the most up-to-date intelligence and reflects current policy and provision. The refresh is being completed by the Strategic Commissioning Team for Children and Young People from DCC and the Public Health Intelligence Team from NHS Devon. The initial draft of the refreshed Safeguarding Children JSNA will be completed by the end of September 2011 and circulated for comment. It is intended that the document will be considerably shorter than the original and organised into the 4 outcome areas that the DSCB Business Plan prioritises.</p> <p>The refresh will also mean that the Commissioning event planned for November 2011 to be organised by Brian Grady of DCC will use the refreshed JSNA as a key source of evidence.</p>	
Conclusion	The JSNA will be included in the Commissioning event and the revised JSNA will replace the original on the DSCB website. It is intended that the refreshed document will come to the December 2011 DSCB and be revised annually from now onwards.	
Action point	Action owner	Deadline
Present the revised JSNA report at the next meeting.	Virginia Pearson	December 2011

Agenda Item 3	Strategic Co-ordination h) Government Response to Munro and implications for Devon including the future DSCB structure	Presenter Alan Wooderson
Discussion	<p>The Government's response to the final report produced by Professor Eileen Munro 'A Child Centred System' was published in July 2011. It lays out the recommendations and response into 4 theme areas:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Valuing professional expertise (Recommendations 1,2,3,4) - Sharing responsibility for the provision of early help (Recommendations 8,10,13) - Developing social work expertise and supporting effective practice (Recommendations 11,12,14 15) - Strengthening accountabilities and creating a learning system (Recommendations 5,6,7,9) <p>The response accepts 9 recommendations in full, 5 in principle with 1 requiring further consideration – recommendation 9: about using systems methodology to undertake SCRs in the future.</p>	

The response has been shaped by the contribution of an Implementation Working Group with expertise from local authorities, the social work profession, education, the police and the health service. It is focused on creating a child protection system which is rooted in the experience of the child's journey from needing help to receiving help and its clear intent is to reduce central prescription and interference, and place greater trust in local leaders and skilled frontline professionals to protect children and organise services accordingly. A timetable for the implementation of each of the recommendations has also been produced and is included in the report.

It was noted that the Government are committed to LSCBs having strengthened roles in ensuring that the safeguarding system in their local area is robust.

Given the pivotal nature of the Munro report and the government's response the DSCB will need to review all aspects of its current operation to ensure that it is 'fit for purpose' to fulfil all the expectations placed on it and in particular to ensure the safeguarding system in Devon is as good as it can be and that all partners on the Board are committed to the highest quality standards in their safeguarding responsibilities.

The recommendations are as follows:-

- That a timetable of the envisaged changes as a result of the Government's response to Munro be created for the DSCB with an associated work programme to anticipate and implement required changes.
- That the DSCB Business Plan be revised during October-December 2011 to ensure that it reflects new national priorities and the local requirements identified in recommendation 1 above.
- Given significant changes underway within organisations locally that reconsideration be given to the representation from organisations at the DSCB to reflect the Working Together requirements.
- That a representative task and finish group be appointed by the DSCB to bring forward recommendations on the structure of the Executive and sub groups required in the future to deliver the DSCB Business Plan and the work streams emanating from Munro and the government response and the timetable to be identified under 1 above. This group should consider the most efficient and effective options for sub group activity including whether it should be arranged across the peninsula, and what opportunities may exist for jointly commissioned work with the Adult Safeguarding Board for Devon. Decisions on this to be made at the December 2011 DSCB.
- That the DSCB receive a report on the SCIE SCR pilot underway in Devon at its December 2011 meeting.
- That work be identified on how to measure the effectiveness of current early help services available in Devon and their responsiveness and availability in line with the Joint Strategic Needs Assessment of Safeguarding.
- That the DSCB Annual Report 2011-12 be produced in a format that can reflect the emphasis on measuring the child's journey from the identification of help being required to the impact of that help being accessed.
- That a report be provided to the DSCB on the proposals for a Principal Child and Families Social Worker being appointed and their role.
- That the training sub group consider the implications of the revisions to Working Together and any necessary training as a result and that the DSCB receive a report on the implications of the development of the Professional Capabilities Framework for social workers.
- That the governance and reporting arrangements between the DSCB the Devon Children's Trust and the proposed Health and Well being Board be established as soon as practicable.

Conclusion	The Board agreed all the above recommendations and nominated a working group to take responsibility for bringing forward proposals for the future DSCB structure to ensure it is fit for purpose to implement Munro.		
Action points	Action owner	Deadline	
Refresh the DSCB structure	Rory McCallum / Virginia Pearson / Michele Slevin / Peter Mitchell / Sally Slade / Chris Dimmelow Julie Mitchell	December 2011 report with implementation from April 2011	
Munro Timetable and implications for Devon to be produced and updated.	Julie Mitchell	Immediate	
Revised DSCB Business Plan to be produced for consultation.	Julie Mitchell / Chris Dimmelow	December 2011	
Organisations to review their nominated representation at the DSCB and any new structures that may result from the review into the DSCB.	Alan Wooderson	December 2011	
The results of the SCIE SCR Pilot underway in Devon be reported to the December 2011 DSCB.	Chris Dimmelow	December 2011	
That work on identifying the effectiveness and value for money of early help services available in Devon be undertaken in time for report to the DSCB Annual Report 2011-12.	Rory McCallum	April 2012	
Revised DSCB Annual Report template.	Julie Mitchell	January 2012	
Proposals for the appointment of a Principal Child and Families Social Worker.	Jennie Stephens	April 2012	
Training implications of Munro and the Professional Capabilities Framework to be reported to the DSCB by the Training and Workforce Development sub group.	Michelle Thornberry	March 2012	
Governance and reporting structures between the DSCB and the new Health and Well Being Board to be developed.	Jennie Stephens / Alan Wooderson	March 2012	

Agenda Item 3	Strategic Co-ordination i) Major organisational changes update (verbal)	Presenters All
Discussion	Given the rapidly changing organisational arrangements in response to Government policies and reduced budgets it was felt helpful that the DSCB was kept up to date with sector wide developments that may be of importance for children's safeguarding and for the work of the Board.	

	<p>Education Sue Clarke briefed the Board on recent developments A significant number of Devon secondary schools and to date 11 primary schools are converting to Academy status. Most are continuing to purchase services from the Learning Development Partnership (LDP) including safeguarding support and expertise. It was also noted that the South West has a higher level of conversion to Academies than elsewhere in England. The Board were also advised of a project underway which will offer a different model for Academies in Devon called ADAM (Alternative Devon Academy Model).</p> <p>It will be more challenging to obtain assurance of safeguarding arrangements in these new schools governance arrangements and therefore agreement needs to be reached with each Academy and its governing body as to the role of the DSCB and the responsibilities of the Academy. This will of course be the same for any independent and free schools in Devon. . Concern was also raised about the Ofsted inspection regime with schools for the future and the priority given to children’s safeguarding.</p> <p>Health The Strategic Health Authority is being reorganised to cover a much greater part of England and creation of ‘clusters’ of PCTs are now in place to be responsible for transitional arrangements in the development of clinical commissioning groups. Safeguarding arrangements in the Devon/Torbay/Plymouth cluster will remain the same at present however this may change with new Cluster structures evolving. VP will still have the safeguarding children lead for NHS Devon and be on the DSCB.</p> <p>Criminal Justice Michelle Slevin briefed the Board on the review she is leading into the Public Protection arrangements across the police and also advised on other similar reviews underway on other functions. This is in response to needing to ‘downsize’ employee numbers by 700 over the next 3 years. There are no immediate changes envisaged across Devon and Cornwall Probation Trust.</p> <p>Devon County Council DCC is currently redrafting its Strategic Plan in the light of new organisational structures and accountabilities.</p> <p>CAFCASS Peter Mitchell noted a sustained increase in care proceedings in Devon which has significant implications for all agencies.</p>
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Agenda Item 4	Ensuring Effectiveness a) Ofsted Unannounced Inspection July 2011 letter and improvement actions	Presenters Jennie Stephens / Rory McCallum
Discussion	<p>Ofsted’s annual Unannounced Inspection took place in July 2011 and their letter of findings and the DCC response and action plan was reviewed by the Board. Ofsted identified areas of strength, areas where practice met requirements and some developmental areas. Both the Multi Agency Safeguarding Hub (MASH) and introduction of Advanced Professionals were considered good practice .Areas of improvement included improving quality of initial and core assessments, timeliness of case closures, the quality of some case recording and the recording of ethnicity on MASH forms. It was noted that areas identified in the last inspection in 2010 as developmental have now been addressed.</p> <p>Feedback from staff reported the inspection experience was less positive than the 2010 inspection and this has been reported to Ofsted for their own learning purposes.</p>	

Conclusion	The report was noted and it was agreed that an update will be provided at the next meeting for assurance purposes.		
Action point	Action owner	Deadline	
Provide an update on the action plan following the Ofsted Inspection.	Rory McCallum	December 2011	

Agenda Item 4	Ensuring Effectiveness b) DSCB Internal Audit Report - Draft	Presenter Chris Dimmelow	
Discussion	<p>An audit of the DSCB has been undertaken by the Devon Audit Partnership. The objective was to provide the Board with an opinion on the appropriateness and efficiency of current processes and management practices of the DSCB. The audit involved reviewing the adequacy and effectiveness of internal controls operating in respect of the DSCB, and the processes to ensure the requirements of internal policy and procedural standards and external codes of practice, professional and statutory regulations are met including financial controls of the pooled budgets.</p> <p>The review also considered the appropriateness of the DSCB structure in the light of strategic changes within the County Council and possible revised national policy following the completion of the Munro Review.</p> <p>The report provides a very positive assessment of current governance, membership and assurance systems and suggests recommendations for further improvement. The Board were asked to consider the following recommendations:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The DSCB note and comment on the content of this draft report • Following publication of the final report the DSCB produce an action plan in response to the recommendations of this report. 		
Conclusion	Feedback on the draft report to be provided to Chris Dimmelow by the 30 September 2011 and the finalised version will be distributed to Board members in due course for reporting within their own organisations as to the effectiveness of the DSCB.		
Action points	Action owner	Deadline	
Feedback on the DSCB audit report to Chris Dimmelow	All Members	30 September 2011	
Final Report and action plan to respond to the recommendations to be forwarded to all partners	Chris Dimmelow / Alan Wooderson	October 2011	

Agenda Item 4	Ensuring Effectiveness c) Child Death Overview Panel (CDOP) Annual Report and Review	Presenters Chris Dimmelow / Carol Evason-Coombe	
Discussion	<p>Carol Evason-Coombe made a presentation to the DSCB on the peninsula CDOP Annual Report 2010-11 The statutory responsibility for child death overview lies with each Local Safeguarding Children Board (LSCB) and the four SW Peninsula LSCBs collaborate to form one Child Death Overview Panel (CDOP) serving Cornwall & Isles of Scilly, Devon, Plymouth and Torbay.</p> <p>The statutory Child Death Review (CDR) involves two interrelated processes, a multi-agency rapid response to unexpected child deaths and a multi-agency expert panel review of all child deaths (birth to 18th birthday). CDOP consists of an Executive Panel who summarise and initially review all cases and a full CDOP Panel which meets quarterly to formally overview each child death, and make recommendations where appropriate where trends are emerging or where there are particular modifiable factors which need communicating. The Child Death Overview Service Team consists of the Designated Doctor (currently vacant), the Service Manager/clinical lead, two rapid response practitioners (one vacant post), a project manager, a Panel coordinator and a secretary. The office is hosted centrally by NHS Plymouth and is located in Mount Gould Hospital, Plymouth. The volumes and trends within the Annual Report confirm that most child deaths are in children under one year old and as a result of medical/genetic problems that are unmodifiable. There remain a significant number of Sudden Unexpected Deaths in Infancy (SUDI) 17 out of 109 deaths across the peninsula. The peninsula figures are very much in line with national reporting trends. The number of suicides reported led to a significant discussion by Board members about suicide prevention and the reaction to warning signs particularly among teenagers.</p>		
Conclusion	The contents of the CDOP Annual Report 2010-11 was noted by the Board and it was agreed that the 4 peninsula LSCBs must remain responsible to ensure that the best CDOP model is maintained despite uncertainties over organisation changes such as within the health community. CD is the DSCB representative on CDOP currently.		
Action point	Action owner	Deadline	
Ensure production of guidance for parents and professionals regarding suicidal ideation particularly among teenagers	Sally Slade	January 2012	

Agenda Item 4	Ensuring Effectiveness d) Quarterly Management Information Report	Presenter Julie Mitchell	
Discussion	<p>The current safeguarding performance management report has been developed since December 2010 but at the June 2011 Board there was a request to move away from the compendium of information towards a report that has the ability to measure the effectiveness and impact of children's' journeys. JM has been working with the RD&E and the YOT to understand children's journeys through them and how each organisation measures how safe children are and what improvements can be identified as a result of the actions of the organisation .JM's report provides a promising new way of understanding how safe children are in Devon, how well our systems work in safeguarding them, embracing Munro recommendations and future national indicators of performance as outlined in Munro Appendix B.</p>		

	<p>The following recommendations were considered by the Board:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> To consider the proposal to map key child journeys (as supported by Munro) in order to understand system risks, constraints, what information is collected and how we assess children are safe. To support the concept of a new style of management information report based on information gained from understanding key child journeys through assisting in the mapping, discussion and identification of information within organisational child systems and to amalgamate this with reporting requirements emanating from Munro (i.e. local information reporting and national information reporting). To support the work required to understand the effectiveness of early intervention and the value for money of such intervention. To consider if the assessment of risk and vulnerability used within the YOS is used in other organisations routinely assess vulnerability and risk of harm to others or if it could be used to help understand how safe children are within systems? 	
Conclusion	<p>The new proposed reporting mechanism was approved with much support and it was further agreed that the report would align with the JSNA and focus on outcomes for children as identified in the DSCB Business Plan. A revised reporting model will be presented at the next meeting. JM was thanked for her work on this difficult area of development.</p>	
Action point	Action owner	Deadline
Present the new model for reporting performance statistics.	Julie Mitchell	December 2011

Agenda Item 4	Ensuring Effectiveness e) Response to Ofsted consultation on new 'Arrangements for the Inspection of Local Authority Children's Services'	Presenters Julie Mitchell / Alan Wooderson
Discussion	<p>Ofsted have published a consultation document dated July 2011 'Arrangements for the inspection of local authority children's services'. This proposes a new inspection regime to be in place from May 2012 covering universal inspection of child protection; a rolling programme of inspection for children in care services; and proposals on follow up arrangements for those areas inspected and deemed inadequate and for the development of thematic survey inspections to provide best practice guidance.</p> <p>The inspection proposals clearly intend to look across the partnership working arrangements in an area rather than concentrating solely on the local authority. Ofsted are in discussions with other inspectorates to explore collaborative inspection opportunities and it is therefore important that all DSCB partners consider the consultation from their own organisational standpoint and respond accordingly.</p> <p>Recommendations</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> That each DSCB partner carefully considers the Ofsted consultation document 'Arrangements for the inspection of local authority children's services' and makes an agency response to Ofsted if they wish. That comments on the draft DSCB response to the consultation questions are received by Julie Mitchell by September 19th so that they can be amalgamated into the final DSCB response to be submitted to Ofsted by the end of September 2011. That discussions begin now with a subsequent report to the DSCB about the practical implications for Devon of the proposed new inspection regime in particular the ability to measure and report upon the child's journey from being identified as needing help and the effectiveness of help offered at all stages of that journey from all DSCB partners. 	

Conclusion	The Board agreed the recommendations and partner agencies to review the Ofsted consultation and feedback their comments to Julie Mitchell by 20 September 2011.		
Action points	Action owner	Deadline	
Feedback comments on the Ofsted consultation regarding their new inspection arrangements to Julie Mitchell.	Board members	20 September 2011	
Practical implications for Devon of the new inspection regime to be identified.	Julie Mitchell / Sarah Skinner	December 2011	

Agenda Item 4	Ensuring Effectiveness f) Section 11 Peer Challenge / Review - Suggested Pilot Programme	Presenters Julie Mitchell / Chris Dimmelow / Alan Wooderson	
Discussion	<p>The report outlines the proposed methodology for conducting Section 11 Safeguarding Peer Reviews. The DSCB aims, through this review, to understand and be assured that the quality assurance process and methodology that each agency has in place ensures that children and young people are safe whilst accessing services. It will also explore how children's own experience informs practice and impacts on outcomes for children.</p> <p>Recommendations</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • For the Board to accept the proposal to pilot the safeguarding peer review during November 2011 to January 2012, as part of the Section 11 process 2011-12. • For the Board to agree to the methodology outlined below; • For the Board to agree 2 or 3 agencies to pilot the process commencing in November 2011. 		
Conclusion	It was agreed that the Devon Partnership Trust (DPT), Cafcass, North Devon Healthcare Trust and Careers South West will take part in the pilot for the peer review.		
Action point	Action owner	Deadline	
Liaise with each agency and make arrangements to fully explain the programme and agree dates for completion.	Julie Mitchell		

Agenda Item 4	Ensuring Effectiveness g) Executive Report and Business Plan Progress	Presenter Rory McCallum	
Discussion	<p>A report on the Executive's progress was presented to the Board. The group reviewed and approved the pre-birth assessment policy and procedure, received an update on the SCIE Project, discussed the implications of introducing the use of appreciative inquiry in supervision and receiving feedback on a training pilot, agreed the recommendations from the recent Multi Agency Case Audit (MACA) and action plan, noted that the Annual Report 2010-11 has been published and reviewed the timetable detailing DSCB actions arising from the Munro Review.</p>		

	<p>The Board noted that the SCIE project is a time consuming process. The team have been impressed with staff engagement in the pilot. An update on the project will be presented at the next meeting of the Executive before coming to the DSCB in December 2011. Additionally the Serious Case Review (SCR) as a result of Operation Mansfield has commenced and Devon will be central to the production of IMRs on some of the children involved. The Board were informed that the next Multi Agency Case Audit will take place in February 2012.</p> <p>The RAG rated Business Plan was discussed with various amendments suggested for CD to action.</p>
Conclusion	The Executive report and recommendation were approved and the amendments to the Business Plan will be taken forward directly.

Agenda Item 5	www.ebi	Presenter Alan Wooderson
	<p>What Went Well Good CDOP presentation from Carol Evason-Coombe Excellent quality Board papers and discussion</p> <p>Even Better If Less paperwork</p> <p>Future Agenda Items identified Listening to Children The new Prevent Strategy</p>	

Agenda Item 6	Date of Next Meeting
	Friday 9th December, Exeter Racecourse, 9.30-1.00pm