

Devon Safeguarding Children Board



Chairman: A J Wooderson

Minutes 9 December 2011

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Attendees:

Alan Wooderson	Independent Chair	Devon Safeguarding Children Board
John Davey	Director of Services to Education	Careers South West Ltd
Michele Slevin	Public Protection Unit Lead	Devon & Cornwall Constabulary
Charlotte Coker	Acting Chief Officer	Devon & Cornwall Probation Trust
Sally Slade	Head of Integrated Children's Services and Adult Care Management	Devon County Council
Andrea Davis	Lead Member and Councillor	Devon County Council
Beverley Dubash	For Sue Clarke Head of Education & Learning	Devon County Council
Chris Dimmelow	Head of Safeguarding	Devon County Council / Devon Safeguarding Children Board
Julie Mitchell	Performance Improvement and Quality Assurance Lead Officer	Devon Safeguarding Children Board
Victoria Sharley	Social Worker	Devon County Council (CYP)
Maria Kasprzyk	Professional Lead for Social Workers	Devon County Council
Jim Wood	Area Manager for Exeter, East & Mid Devon	Devon County Council, Youth Offending Team
Jennie Stephens	Strategic Director People	Devon County Council, Adult and Community Services

Rory McCallum	Head of Child and Adult Protection	Devon County Council, People
Laura Spittles	Named Nurse – Safeguarding Children	Devon Partnership Trust
Sarah O'Shea	Head of Student Service, Exeter College	Further Education
Kate Gurney(Dr)	General Practitioner	Local Medical Committee
Stephen Richardson (Dr)	Interim Designated Doctor Child Protection NHS Devon	NHS Devon
Helen Hyland	Designated Nurse Child Protection	NHS Devon
Alison Allen	Named Nurse Safeguarding	NHS Devon
Gemma Hobson	Project Manager	NHS Devon
Virginia Pearson (Dr)	Director of Public Health and Devon Drug and Alcohol Action Team Chair	NHS Devon / Devon County Council
Jenny Winslade	Director of Nursing	NHS Cluster Devon, Plymouth and Torbay
Mandy Cox	Policy Lead CYP Maternity	NHS South West Strategic Health Authority
Carolyn Mills	Director of Nursing	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
Mark Goodman	Manager	Voluntary Youth Services
Sally Halls	Observer	Shropshire LSCB / SCIE

Apologies:

Peter Mitchell	Head of Service SW Peninsular	CAFCASS
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Helen Nicholls	Headteacher of South Brent Primary School	DAPH (Devon Association Primary Headteachers)
David Fitzsimmons	Principal Holsworthy College	DASH (Devon Association Secondary Headteachers)
Sue Clarke	Head of Education & Learning	Devon County Council
Liz Davenport	Director Operations	Devon Partnership NHS Trust
Kevin Finan	Chief Executive	Mid Devon District Council
Jacqui Warne	Head Teacher Ellen Tinkham School	SHAD (Special Head teacher Association Devon) -Chair
Liz Childs	Director of Nursing	South Devon Healthcare NHS Foundation Trust
Peter Spearman	Manager	The Atkinson Unit

Agenda Item 1	Welcome and Introductions Apologies Completed actions Declare Interests / Conflicts of Interest	Presenter Alan Wooderson
	<p>The Chair welcomed everyone to the meeting and detailed the apologies and substitutes for agency representation. It was noted that the majority of action points are complete with any outstanding items being progressed against agreed future dates or covered on the agenda. No declarations of interest or conflicts were advised by Board members on any items of business on the agenda.</p>	

Agenda Item 2	Any Matters Arising <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • First 3 months activity data from the Child Sexual Abuse Service 	Presenter Virginia Pearson
Discussion	<p>A progress update on the implementation of the Child Sexual Abuse Examination Service (CSA) was provided to the Board. This full service (acute and historic) commenced at the beginning of August 2011 and covers both NHS Devon and Torbay Care Trust. All appropriate clinicians and managers were notified on its opening and it was agreed that a wider communication process would be completed at a later date once the service was fully operational. Close liaison is still ongoing between G4S and Police Forensic Medical Examiners (SERCO) to develop operating protocols to maximise service delivery.</p>	
Conclusion	<p>Activity has been slow over the first few months as expected which has enabled the</p>	

	effective embedding and discussions with partners .The service has good links in place with the MASH referral process It has been agreed that it is now time to take forward a more high profile approach to ensure awareness of the service The patient experience report provides invaluable evidence of the quality of the service.
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Agenda Item 2	Any Matters Arising <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Progress on the action plan following the Ofsted Unannounced Inspection July 2011 	Presenter Rory McCallum
Discussion	A verbal update on the progress on the action plan arising from the Unannounced Ofsted inspection earlier in 2011 was given by the Head of Adult and Child Protection for DCC. There has been a significant amount of developmental work with smarter procedures for case closures, ongoing work in delivering frontline professional training courses including reflective supervision training.	
Conclusion	The Board noted progress to date and asked for a written assurance report at the March 2012 DSCB to ensure all actions required to respond to the Ofsted findings are complete.	
Action point	Action owner	Deadline
Provide assurance report to the next DSCB meeting.	Rory McCallum	March 2012

Agenda Item 2	Any Matters Arising <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Children's Workforce Development Council Grant (CWDC) monies 	Presenter Alan Wooderson
Discussion / Conclusion	<p>A grant of just over £76k from the CWDC has been received by Devon County Council (DCC) with 50% ring fenced for the DSCB. The monies are to take forward:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - The development of the Independent Chair and the Principal Social Worker roles. - The redesign of the early help strategy <p>The DSCB training sub group are taking forward this developmental work and allocated funding will be incorporated into the DSCB pooled budget that will allow the money to be used during 2011 and 2012. To maximise impact every opportunity will be taken to combine the use of this Grant money with other allocations received principally by DCC from CWDC.</p>	

Agenda Item 2	Any Matters Arising <ul style="list-style-type: none"> DSCB Internal Audit Report (verbal) 	Presenter Chris Dimmelow
Discussion / Conclusion	The finalised Audit report and corresponding Action Plan has now been agreed and the report has been circulated to all Board members for presentation to their own governance and assurance arrangements. The completion of the actions will be reported via the DSCB Annual Report 2011.	

Agenda Item 2	Any Matters Arising <ul style="list-style-type: none"> DSCB Pooled Budget 2011/12 	Presenter John Holme	
Discussion	<p>JH provided an update on the DSCB pooled budget which outlined the 2011/12 forecast outturn position. The proposed funding allocations to form the budget for 2012-13 was also advised with partners requested to ensure their contribution for next year are part of budget preparation within organisational budget setting.</p> <p>The Board considered the following recommendations:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> That the Report be noted Contributing Partners increase delegate numbers on training courses, and use their training allocation Contributing partners allocate budget for their partner contribution in 2012-13 as detailed in the report 		
Conclusion	The Board agreed the recommendations and noted that the invoicing will be completed before January 2012. Negotiations are on going with Torbay LSCB in respect of the DSCB's contribution to the Operation Mansfield SCR and a final figure will be agreed in due course and paid from the DSCB budget.		
Action point	Action owner	Deadline	
Agree the final figure for DSCB contribution to Operation Mansfield SCR	Chris Dimmelow / Lisa Jennings	Immediate	

Agenda Item 3	Strategic Co-ordination <p>a) Draft Sexual Violence and Domestic Abuse Strategy and Implementation Plan (SVDA)</p>	Presenter Virginia Pearson / Gemma Hobson	
Discussion	<p>The Violence Against Women and Children Strategy (VAWC) is a priority of the current Government and a local strategy has been developed from the original JSNA DVSA which is designed to minimise risk and harm from domestic and sexual violence and abuse (dsva) in Devon. The Board received a draft strategy that had been co-ordinated by Dr Gemma Hobson along with Rachel Martin and Roy Tomlinson of adva. The Strategy is being consulted on and there is a consultation event planned for 27 January 2012 for partners. Currently over 40% reported domestic violence incidents impact directly on children.</p> <p>The current statistics for dv cases, from minor incidents to homicide reviews, ongoing costs and the continued effect over a lifetime are included in the reports analysis. The strategy recognises that svda affects whole families and that responses need to be co-ordinated and multi agency with a significant part to be played by the voluntary and community sector.</p> <p>The government have recently published a national action plan to combat sexual exploitation and LSCBs are being required to develop locally based action plans. There are clear links needing to be made with the SVDA strategy.</p>		
Conclusion	The draft strategy needs to have clarity about the desired impact it will achieve and develop		

	the evidence of effectiveness detailed in Appendix One into agreed prioritised commissioning. Members noted the event on the 27 January 2012 to consider all aspects of the plan and its implications. A further report and agreed actions to implement the strategy will be presented to the Board in June 2012 and this should ensure inclusion of the new Child Sexual Abuse Service as one of the local specialist provisions available in Appendix Two.		
Action point	Action owner	Deadline	
Present the final strategy report and action plan to the DSCB.	Virginia Pearson	June 2012	

Agenda Item 3	Strategic Co-ordination b) Revised JSNA Safeguarding	Presenter Virginia Pearson
Discussion	<p>The need to refresh the Joint Strategic Needs Assessment (JSNA) Safeguarding Children was agreed in June 2011 and the revised JSNA was presented to the Board with updated priorities drawn from new national policies and priorities, evidence from local activities such as MACA and with progress against all original recommendations.</p> <p>The refreshed JSNA has been helpfully structured to align with the current DSCB Business Plan. The 24 recommendations for action during 2012 from the JSNA are listed below:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The DSCB should undertake a comprehensive mapping of service transition points between adult and children ensuring that age-specific pathways are in place for referrals to and between services. • Preventive work should focus on early intervention in relation to immunisation, smoking and substance misuse in young families, and breastfeeding. This should link to the forthcoming early help strategy and JSNA. • The DSCB should consider the recommendations of the University of Bedfordshire review into child sexual exploitation, with a particularly focus on developing local reporting mechanisms. • Devon County Council should conduct a detailed investigation of Early Years Foundation Stage Profile data on the levels of emotional development of five-year olds in the county. The lower levels of emotional development in Devon are at odds with the social and demographic profile of the county and suggest the need for further analysis. • All commissioned services whether working with adults or children (including unborn babies) should have safeguarding as a priority. The ability of adults who have caring responsibility for children needs to be highlighted. Guidance that has been developed and is available on the DSCB website should be utilised. • The voice of children and young people are included in all agencies work around safeguarding that can evidence that they have been taken into account and policies amended as required. • The Devon Safeguarding Executive group should commission a review of opportunities to share training and development resources across agencies in particular the links between children and adult services that cover domestic violence, substance misuse, mental health and learning disability. • Models of interagency working should be reviewed to share best practice and learn from those that work effectively. The Multi Agency Risk Assessment 	

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The DSCB should monitor the use of restraints in all residential children’s units including those that are privately run and managed. • NHS Devon should investigate setting up automated alerts to go to general practitioners and other relevant health and social care professionals in the event of missed appointments, or frequent accident and emergency attendances. This may act as an early warning system for certain safeguarding issues. • For Services Areas where data is not currently available or is underdeveloped, the DSCB should commit partners to produce this information. The absence of data in specific areas does not mean the absence of a problem. • DSCB partners should analyse data on safeguarding issues in relation to deprivation, gender, age, geography and other relevant factors to improve intelligence and inform targeted action. • An implementation plan should be prepared for the recommendations in this Joint Strategic Needs Assessment. • A safeguarding policy including essential requirements from Working Together should be developed and any provider (whether adult or young people service) seeking to tender for a contract should be required to complete and evidence that they have a similar appropriate policy prior to a contract being agreed. • Commissioners from Health and the Local Authority should sit on DSCB Board and Executive to ensure that issues arising are taken into account in all tendering bids and included in service level agreements or contracts. • Any voluntary or non-commissioned service should also be required to complete a safeguarding policy and evidence this before any child or young person is signposted or referred to the service. 	<p>Conference (MARAC) used for domestic violence could be a good model to consider in areas of poor multi-agency working.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Commissioners must ensure that contract arrangements recognise the importance of experienced professional supervision in enabling practitioners to see the whole picture as well as focussing on the needs of the child. • Policies and guidance that are signed off at the Devon Safeguarding Children Board need to be readily available on the DSCB website. • Staff should be aware of the DSCB website and all guidance within it and the guidance should be used within supervision. • All safeguarding training should relate to the policies and guidance within the DSCB website. • In order to safeguard children and young people it is necessary for all partners to recognise the part they play in sharing information on clients. This includes preparing reports, attending meetings and referring to MASH if they have concerns. • Recommendations from national research should be routinely examined by DSCB and discussion should take place as to how these can be implemented within local agencies. • Adult services should ensure that the safeguarding of children is a priority and guidance in ‘See the Adult, See the Child’ is followed. In the case of pregnant women, guidance from the Prebirth Guidance should be followed where there are safeguarding concerns. • Peninsula wide work that is currently being undertaken around performance monitoring and assurance arrangements should continue to develop. Agreement should be sought at individual LSCBs for similar indicators to be used in each area.
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	<p>All recommendations will be fed into an action plan and specifically a multi agency peninsula working group will take forward recommendation 3 to develop local reporting mechanisms in line with the University of Bedfordshire’s review of child sexual exploitation.</p> <p>A commissioner’s event is in the process of being planned to ensure that the findings of the JSNA are fully integrated into commissioned activity and so that the DSCB can be assured that commissioning priorities across children and adults reflect identified priorities This event is primarily aimed at children’s commissioners but should also include commissioners of adult services which impact on children. It was also proposed that an adult safeguarding JSNA is produced and presented to the Devon Safeguarding Adults Board and this will be taken forward in early 2012.</p>		
Conclusion	<p>The 24 recommendations were agreed and an action plan will be produced and presented to the DSCB in June 2012.</p>		
Action point	Action owner	Deadline	
Present the JSNA action plan to the Board.	Virginia Pearson	June 2012	

Agenda Item 3	Strategic Co-ordination c) MARAC: Progress in the implementation of the review and future proposals	Presenter Michele Slevin	
Discussion	<p>The Board considered the progress report produced by David Thorne from the police on behalf of the DSCB which summarises the proposed new ‘standard operating procedure’s for MARAC for the whole peninsula.</p> <p>In 2010 a MARAC review was commissioned by the Board which recommended a consistent process in both Devon and Cornwall and a Task & Finish Group took this forward and developed relevant protocol and working practices.</p> <p>The new protocol proposes referrals are shared earlier on than currently to enable early information sharing and the introduction of early risk management plans for high risk cases. This will avoid delays in response and ensure that the MARAC meetings are part of a process and not the totality of the process.</p> <p>Recommendations</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Senior representatives for agencies to consider the implications of the new protocol and if in agreement then sign up to it, together with the new MARAC Information Sharing Agreement. • Ensure the new protocol is disseminated to relevant staff and appropriate processes are put in place for implementation. • That consideration is given to an implementation group to be set up to deal with raising awareness, resourcing, marketing and reviewing the progress. 		
Conclusion	<p>The Board agreed the process and this will be launched at the Sexual Violence and Domestic Abuse Strategy conference in January 2012.</p>		
Action point	Action owner	Deadline	

Launch the newly agreed MARAC process at the Sexual Violence and Domestic Abuse Strategy conference.	Michele Slevin	January 2012
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Agenda Item 3	Strategic Co-ordination d) Structure review of DSCB to meet the challenges of Munro and the Government response	Presenter Chris Dimmelow
Discussion	<p>The Board received an initial set of proposals from the task and finish group set up in September 2011 to consider the most effective structure for the DSCB for the future given the implications of Munro and the rewriting of Working Together. The working party had been asked to consider the most efficient and effective options for sub group activity and work streams that will produce measurable improvements and impact.</p> <p>Whilst the Munro Review has strengthened the role of LSCBs no specific guidance has as yet been published .It is anticipated Working Together chapter 3 will be published for consultation early in 2012 and this will contain clarity about the accountabilities for LSCBs. CD advised that historically there has been some confusion regarding some aspects of the roles of the DSCB and the Children’s Trust and with the emerging Health and Wellbeing Board it is vital to provide absolute clarity on respective roles and working relationships.</p> <p>The Serious Case Review (SCR), Quality Assurance and Audit Complaints (QAAC) and Training sub groups are proposed to be carried forward into the new structure, with the development of robust locality forums that would be accountable to the DSCB to complete key work streams .Appropriate task and finish groups would be commissioned with clear terms of references and deadlines. Considerations of options to ensure the voice of the child is heard would be made following the reports provided from item 4(e) below.</p> <p>The group also recommend a strengthening of the Safeguarding Office functions and maximising opportunities for cross peninsula collaboration including amalgamation of some sub group functions if most effective.</p> <p>Decisions on the work emanating from current sub groups that will not be commissioned by the DSCB in the future will need careful negotiation to ensure that their valuable work does not get lost.</p> <p>The Board considered the proposed new structure and the following recommendations:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • For the Board to consider and comment on the proposed structure for 2012, and agree when the new structure will start. • For the Board to write to all sub group Chairs and members of the DSCB, detailing the new proposed structure and thanking the contribution of members to improving safeguarding practice in Devon to date. • For the Board to consider and agree how it will pursue the engagement of children and young people. 	
Conclusion	<p>The Board agreed the recommendations in principle at this stage but with the caveat that they need aligning with whatever emerges from the rewrite of Chapter 3 of Working Together due to be published in January 2012. The review of the Safeguarding Office functions needs to ensure sufficient capacity and appropriate skill mix is in place to undertake any new roles. A task and finish group was asked to make finalised proposals for the March 2012 DSCB with any new structure starting from April 2012. Current sub groups which are no longer formally DSCB commissioned need to be absorbed if appropriate into new organisational structures The new locality groupings will need clarity over membership and priorities.</p>	

Action points	Action owner	Deadline
Write to all sub groups outlining the proposed new sub group format subject to ratification in March 2012.	Alan Wooderson	January 2012
Devise and agreed a formalised DSCB structure for Board approval at the next meeting.	Chris Dimmelow, Rory McCallum, Alan Wooderson, Maria Kasprzyk and Virginia Pearson	March 2012

Agenda Item 3	Strategic Co-ordination e) Safeguarding Children in the Reformed NHS	Presenter Alan Wooderson
Discussion	<p>Professor Munro identified that, significant reforms underway in the NHS, would impact on effective partnership arrangements which provide help to children suffering or likely to suffer significant harm. It was therefore recommended that collaborative work between Royal Colleges and local authorities should take place to lessen risks.</p> <p>The Government response has been to establish a co-produced work programme between a number of government bodies including the Department for Education and Department of Health to ensure continued improvement in the development of effective arrangements to safeguard children. In October 2011, Health Minister Anne Milton and Children's Minister, Tim Loughton outlined details of this co-produced work programme and the Board noted the impact this will have on the DSCB Business Plan and priorities going forward.</p> <p>Recommendations</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • That the DSCB receive further reports at its meeting in March 2012 on the detailed implications of the co produced work programme , as the national work emerges • That the refreshed DSCB Business Plan fully reflects the priorities from the work programme and the new Working Together which is due for consultation from January 2012 	
Conclusion	The Board agreed the recommendations and will await further national developments.	

Agenda Item 3	Strategic Co-ordination f) Young Witness Support Service	Presenter Chris Dimmelow
Discussion	<p>A report outlining the interim proposals for maintaining the Child Witness Support Service (CWSS) was provided to the Board. This is following the NSPCC's decision to cease its involvement in the current scheme with another possible national provider still undeclared as a replacement Discussions are still ongoing in respect of interim arrangements which could sustain the scheme with Devon & Cornwall Police offering to co-ordinate a basic service via their Witness Care Units.</p> <p>Recommendations</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • That the DSCB supports a local interim arrangement to provide a child witness support service • That the DSCB considers participating in a possible national replacement for the 	

	provision of child witness support
Conclusion	The recommendations were agreed and the Board were advised that there is adequate funding available to maintain an interim service for the area if it can be agreed. MS is meeting with Sarah Allum of the NSPCC to look at the possibility of an interim arrangement sustaining the current volunteers.

Agenda Item 3	Strategic Co-ordination g) Be On the Safe Side – report on the activities during safeguarding week in Devon	Presenter Julie Mitchell
Discussion	<p>An update on the Safeguarding Week, its activities and the initial staff survey results were provided to the Board.</p> <p>The Board agreed to hold a Safeguarding Week at its meeting in June 2011 along with the introduction of an electronic Section 11 Staff survey for front line staff and first line managers .The week was designed to fulfil one of the main LSCB accountabilities, to raise awareness within communities of safeguarding children issues, and the survey questions were designed to test compliance of Section 11 from a practitioner perspective.</p> <p>Recommendation</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> For the Board to note and acknowledge the approach of the DSCB to capture through this campaign the on-going awareness raising activities that agencies continue to deliver to their staff and the people of Devon, and to support the 'Be on the Safe Side campaign' through ensuring that summaries of all their activities are forwarded to the DSCB office for future reference. <p>The results so far on the staff survey, were outlined with 1,069 staff completing this questionnaire to date, across the Peninsula LSCBs, however further promotion is still required. It was hoped that up to a 30% response would be achieved as this would provide meaningful statistics.</p>	
Conclusion	Follow up work to those agencies with limited or no response has been completed and the staff survey will continue to remain live until 23 December 11. Reports to LSCBs and agencies will be available in the early 2012 and form part of the Section 11 process for 2011-12.	

Agenda Item 4	Ensuring Effectiveness a) SCIE Learning Together Pilot : Report of the piloting of the SCIE Systems methodology in a case in Devon	Presenters Quality Assurance Audit Complaints Sub Group
Discussion	A presentation on the interim report from the SCIE Learning Together pilot underway in Devon was provided to the Board. The Munro Review promoted a systems approach to SCRs and recommended SCIE as a model for development. Devon has been part of a regional pilot along with Cornwall, Bristol and Gloucestershire. The structure of the systems review methodology is very different from how currently SCRs are undertaken , focussing	

	<p>very much on the systems and organisational behaviours that contributed to key decisions being made. For the pilot the following structure was established:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Lead Reviewers, Maria Kasprzyk (MK) and Helen Hyland (HH). CD acted as 'champion' for the pilot • Review team of impartial professionals(current QAAC Members) • The Case Group with staff directly linked for the case • Family. <p>The SCIE process involves various meetings with the groups and family, individual conversations with professionals, analysis work, agreeing key practice episodes and producing a report for the Board's consideration.</p> <p>The benefits and pitfalls of the process were highlighted and included the opportunity to engage with the family, improve practice, and undertaking involved professional conversations. However the process is also time consuming and requires significant streamlining and issues do emerge about individual and organisational performance that require ameliorating actions The early report findings indicate the importance of chronologies and genograms, highlights existing barriers to communication, concerns with challenge and escalation of issues, silo working and current supervision structures.</p> <p>The lead reviewers gave the DSCB an insight into the details of the specific case that they had been reviewing and this provided powerful evidence to the Board of why significant improvements in early help , interagency information sharing , agreed risk assessments and a thorough understanding of signs and symptoms of sexual abuse are highlighted in the draft 'consideration' below The SCIE case review process is in its finishing stages which includes an additional case group meeting in January 2012. The Board were asked to review the draft consideration.</p> <p><i>The DSCB should consider how it works with children and families where sexual abuse should be suspected, and there is not a verbal disclosure. Practitioners need to have skills and knowledge to recognise the signs and symptoms of sexual abuse. The welfare needs of the child must be paramount, not a police led investigation, which halts any further child protection interventions when the threshold for prosecution is not reached. Where concerns of sexual abuse have been considered, and criminal proceedings are not progressing, Children's Social Work should convene a strategy meeting to consider the protection of the child, and any therapeutic services s/he may need.</i></p>	
<p>Conclusion</p>	<p>The chair thanked the group for their valuable contribution to the meeting. The finalised report on the case will be completed in February 2012. It is not clear as yet whether the Government will support the SCIE systems approach as their preferred approach to undertaking SCRs in the future and until this is clear Ofsted expect the current national guidance to be complied with The Board also agreed to the proposal for the next case audit programme by the QAAC to be completed using the SCIE approach.</p> <p>Any immediate actions that have emerged from the specific case reviewed that need urgent action will be identified and acted upon in advance of the final report.</p>	
<p>Action points</p>	<p>Action owner</p>	<p>Deadline</p>
<p>Present the final 'consideration' for the Board at the next meeting.</p>	<p>Quality, Assurance and Audit Complaint Sub Group</p>	<p>March 2012</p>

Complete the next audit using the SCIE approach	Quality, Assurance and Audit Complaint Sub Group	tba
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Agenda Item 4	Ensuring Effectiveness b) Quarter 3 Performance Information in revised DSCB format	Presenter Julie Mitchell
Discussion	<p>This report is also being considered by the other 3 peninsula LSCBs.</p> <p>The report provided to the Board outlined the current arrangements for reporting safeguarding performance information to Peninsula LSCBs. It also proposes actions to improve the quality of reporting safeguarding information and that the approach to be undertaken should determine and agree data and information from cross border partners. The Munro Report in respect of the 'The Child's Journey', recent research into the use of lead indicators and the implications for LSCB performance reporting of requirements of the new Ofsted inspection framework are part of the consideration.</p> <p>The Board were asked to consider the following recommendations:-</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Board adopt the proposal of an agreed peninsula wide quarterly core data set complete, where possible, with local, regional and national benchmarking information and a concise analysis of the meaning of the data in terms of safe systems or child safety. This may alter according to the Munro appendix B information and the Government new National Indicators. • The Board agrees agencies report how they know that their systems are safe and that children are safer as a result of their intervention (including the various early help interventions) with the family and/ or the child/ren, describing demand, impact on improving lives and answering the 'so what does it mean' question, either through: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - each agency identifying a key performance lead who will determine the information/format and analysis of data required on a quarterly or annual basis, and who, through a multi-agency group (i.e. a quality and performance sub-group) ensures reports to the Board provide full analytical commentary which draws relationships between data sets and other information; or - Agencies (through their Board members) presenting at Board meetings their safeguarding performance information with full analytical commentary, for further discussion on the relationships between data sets and other information. • The Board agree agencies will be held to account and 'challenged' through the structure of Board meetings, assuring child safeguarding system improvements, whether performance information is reported directly by agencies to the Board or via a multi-agency reporting agreement. 	
Conclusion	<p>Peninsula LSCB Chairs have agreed to propose the current performance information format to their respect boards and the DSCB agreed to the recommendations in principle. Going forward the baseline metrics will be tested and a finalised format will be presented at the next meeting.</p>	
Action points	Action owner	Deadline
Test the performance information baseline metrics	Julie Mitchell	January 2012

Present the finalised performance information format to the Board.	Julie Mitchell	March 2012
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Agenda Item 4	Ensuring Effectiveness c) Practical implications in Devon of the revised Ofsted inspection regime for children's safeguarding	Presenters Julie Mitchell / Sarah Skinner	
Discussion	<p>The Board received a report on the progress of the multi-agency approach to the Ofsted inspection process. This aims to collectively evidence that child protection in Devon is safe under this new regime.</p> <p>Recommendations</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Note and support the current activity of the AIR task force • That the DSCB undertake a multi agency self assessment against the finalised framework, date to be determined. 		
Conclusion	Recommendations were agreed with the inspection ready taskforce completing the proposed self assessment. This will then be appraised by DSCB as to its accuracy and risk factors. It was proposed that it would be appropriate for the AIR to be renamed for the future.		
Action point	Action owner	Deadline	
Self assessment to be undertaken of the Ofsted unannounced inspection framework and to be reported to the DSCB sometime after April.	Julie Mitchell	April 2012	

Agenda Item 4	Ensuring Effectiveness d) Good Practice by Local Safeguarding Children Boards (Ofsted Report Sept 2011)	Presenter Alan Wooderson	
Discussion	<p>An Ofsted report 'Good Practice by Local Safeguarding Children Boards' has recently been published and a report providing an overview was presented to the Board. It identifies examples and evidence of good practice and is aimed at supporting 'the development of learning systems by encouraging all LSCBs to reflect on their practice and plan for improvement'.</p> <p>The DSCB have completed a self evaluation process for 2 consecutive years and an additional evaluation process is planned 2012. The tool used was first developed nationally by the DCSF and then supplemented by the Government commissioned report from Loughborough University.</p> <p>The DSCB were asked to consider whether it wished to support</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A further self evaluation exercise taking place during January 2012 with a report of findings being made to the March 2012 DSCB and improvement activity identified being included in a refreshed DSCB Business Plan • That the 'reflective questions' identified by Ofsted in their report 'Good practice by Local Safeguarding Children Boards' be considered for inclusion in a revised self evaluation questionnaire. 		

Conclusion	The recommendations were agreed with the amalgamation of key aspects of the latest Ofsted good practice report into the self evaluation exercise in early 2012.		
Action points	Action owner	Deadline	
Include the reflective questions to the self evaluation exercise.	Julie Mitchell	Immediate	
Complete the 2012 self evaluation exercise.	All Members	January 2012	

Agenda Item 4	Ensuring Effectiveness e) Engaging with Children and Young People – some proposals	Presenter Alan Wooderson	
Conclusion	<p>The Board were asked to consider some proposals for engaging effectively with children and young people. It was noted that a key part of measuring effectiveness of the DSCB is to ensure robust systems are in place to hear the voice of children and involve them in improving safeguarding.</p> <p>There have been a number of recent significant publications which have focussed on the children's experience of the child protection and safeguarding systems and the importance of involving them in decisions about their lives. It was noted that the DSCB requires significant evidence as to the co-ordination and effectiveness of hearing children's voices and how this impacts positively on improving outcomes. There may well be considerable scope for improving existing systems and providing the assurance that the Board requires.</p> <p>Recommendations</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • That DSCB members provide a briefing report for the March 2012 DSCB meeting to assure the Board on how they involve / consult with children and young people in receipt of services to ensure they feel and are safe and report on their experiences of the quality of service they receive. • That DSCB consider at its meeting in March 2012 whether to commission specific engagement/consultation activities as part of its Business Plan. • That DSCB adopt the approach at each meeting of identifying the expected improvements to safeguarding children as a result of the Board's decisions. 		
Conclusion	Recommendations were agreed and the Chair will request information from Partner Agencies on how they effectively engage with children. Children's Commissioner has already completed this work in London.		
Action point	Action owner	Deadline	
Ask for reports from partners on the systems they use to engage with the views of children and young people who use their services and how these views improve children's safety and well being.	Alan Wooderson	March 2012	

Agenda Item 4	Ensuring Effectiveness f) CAMHS Service – Assurance Report (interim report)	Presenter Sally Slade	

Discussion	<p>The Board received an update on CAMHS as part of its assurance role to ensure improvements have occurred and previously identified areas of concern were being addressed.</p> <p>There has been considerable progress with these services and the appointment of the Interim Head of CAMHS in October 2011 has provided Devon wide leadership. A new CAMHS Clinical Director has also been appointed to strengthen clinical leadership and the new management team has been tasked with developing a revised programme of work that will be reported on early in 2012.</p> <p>The CAMHS quality improvement programme was implemented in September 2011 and is based on the 16 Care Quality Commission indicators. The results will provide a detailed review of services and an opportunity for the service to report on good practice. The review will complete in March 2012.</p> <p>There were a number of concerns voiced from DSCB members about continuing issues of access and prioritisation It was agreed however that these maybe part of the commissioning responsibility and not simply the service responsiveness. Therefore the DSCB need a combined commissioner and provider report in future to be assured of the service and its contribution to the safeguarding system</p>		
Conclusion	<p>An updated report will be provided at the next meeting which will highlight the services commissioned and provider performance.</p>		
Action point	Action owner	Deadline	
Updated CAMHS assurance report on both provider and commissioned service to be provided at the next meeting.	Sally Slade / Jenny Winslade	March 2012	

Agenda Item 4	Ensuring Effectiveness g) Progress Report from the DSCB Executive	Presenter Rory McCallum	
Discussion	<p>A report on the Executive’s progress was presented to the Board which outlined the main issues arising from sub groups’ activity and updates were provided on approved DSCB guidance. Both the ‘Pre-Birth Protocol’ and the ‘See the Adult, See the Child’ guidance have been published on the DSCB website.</p>		
Conclusion	<p>The report content was noted by the Board as per the recommendation.</p>		

Agenda Item 5	WDWATTICLID (What did we achieve today to improve children’s lives in Devon)	Presenter Alan Wooderson	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Noted the update on SCIE, JSNA and those simple messages can unblock routes for helping children. • Reviewed the commissioning framework and the strategy for Sexual Violence and Domestic Abuse Strategy and Implementation Plan. 		

	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Agreed the proposed review of the engaging with children in Devon and an interim solution for the young witness scheme which is an important and vulnerable group.
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Agenda Item 6	DSCB 2012 Meetings 9 March, 15 June, 14 September and 7 December All meetings will be from 9.30am at Finlake, Chudleigh