



MONTHLY EXECUTIVE LEADERSHIP MEETING Published Notes

Date: Thursday 27th April 2023

Via Teams

Attendees:

Chair: James Vaughan (JV) Independent Chair/Scrutineer, PDSCP
Theresa Leavy (TL), Executive Director, People – Children, Dorset Council
Laurence Doe (LDo), Business Manager, PDSCP
Kerrie Ainley, Safeguarding Partnership Coordinator, PDSCP BCP Area (Notes)
Cathi Hadley (CH), Corporate Director, Children's Services, BCP Council
Debbie Simmons (DS), Chief Nursing Officer, NHS Dorset
Neil Corrigan (NC), Detective Chief Superintendent, Dorset Police

Apologies:

Rachel Farrell (RF), ACC, Dorset Police

	Discussion areas	Lead
1.	Welcome and introductions. - Notes March 2023 - Summary meeting minutes March for approval prior to publication on PDSCP website - Action Tracker – April 2023 - Update on Priorities and Plans	JV
	The group agreed the previous meeting minutes were an accurate reflection of the meeting. The group approved the March Summary Meeting. The Action Tracker was updated live at the meeting.	
2.	Information Sharing Agreement	LD/JV
	LD confirmed the Information Sharing Agreement had been reviewed by the BCP Solicitor and shared with all partner agencies which had all been agreed. All agreed to sign off the document. CH requested that any future documents with amendments are highlighted accordingly to aid a quick review of the document.	



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3.	Scrutiny Plan	LD/JV
	LD highlighted this was a brief report of the scrutiny plan. He confirmed they had agreed for two additional types of scrutiny activity, identified as scrutiny linked to the priorities and the other to review structure systems and how we work as a partnership. CH raised concerns about the pace of completing these activities and questioned the timelines. The group agreed for LD to amend the timelines and accelerate the pace of scrutiny activity. TL updated there would be some upcoming activity within Dorset which would also provide scrutiny including the partnership. The group discussed priority areas for scrutiny and agreed to share a suggested list of priorities at the next meeting and review each against the partnership priorities. LD confirmed he would liaise with other partnerships on their scrutiny priorities. ACTION: Liaise with other partnerships about their priority areas for scrutiny. LD highlighted that although the cost for an independent scrutineer was minimal, there was limited excess money in the budget which the group needed to remain mindful of. JV confirmed this work would remain as a risk line and continue to review as the year progresses.	ALL LDoe
4.	Communication Strategy	LD
	LD shared an overview of the strategy about how the partnership will communicate and engage with the media. Sitting below the strategy will be details of each type of event which will be built up. LD raised some current key issues included the lack of repetition of information being communicated and different levels of communication. DS suggested they captured the learning where communication had been effective or poor which would form a strategy moving forward. JV highlighted a BCP case where learning had been identified around communication. TL highlighted the communication with children, young people and families also required improvement.	



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	LD reflected that communication had not been as effective as desired. There were some measures in the strategy that would be used to evaluate some areas of communication. JV said this was particularly important where something had not gone to plan. CH asked the group about the partnership having a lead agency for communication who would have a full overview and take responsibility. TL raised concerns about one agency leading on communication as this could be challenging from her experience. CH suggested the group needed to be clear about each agency's role with communication and collating this together. NC said in relation to policing, it was about when a message was best communicated. A Senior Investigating Officer (SIO) would agree the case details that could be shared and parts that should not be commented on.	
5.	Task and Finish group - Trauma Informed Practice update	LD
	LD said the 'Principles of Trauma Informed Practice' was to gain agreement about what trauma informed practice was. The document included how organisations assess themselves and sought some steer on whether organisations would be open to working together on this. LD suggested trauma informed practice could be included in the PDSCP Annual Conference which would link with all the priority areas. TL asked what ways they wanted to work together as a partnership, as the trauma informed approach was consistent across organisations which gave a descriptor of the training and approach required. TL also felt they should agree it as a framework. DS agree with TL that this seemed like a sensible option. DS asked if future papers to the partnership could include a front sheet with details of the reason it was coming to the Exec and what decision was required. LD agreed and said he would ensure there was more clarity in future. ACTION: Ensure any meeting papers have details of the reason it was coming to the Exec and what decision was required. CH agreed with TL's point and would consider as part of the PDSCP Annual Conference. In terms of the trauma informed practice audit, Dorset had seen improvements across practice, however, improvements were not so evident in BCP but was unclear as to why.	LDoe



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	LD confirmed although the task and finish group is multi-agency, it had was a Dorset group JV asked the group to consider around the conference planning and linking trauma informed practice.	
6.	Dorset Place based updates: Highlight report and Performance and Impact Report	LD
	TL shared a Dorset overview: - There were challenges with accommodation and housing. - School attendance was a key issue. Previously, Dorset school attendance was 95% but following the pandemic there had been ongoing issues with persistent school absence in some schools. - TL was concerned about the increased crimes in Dorset around ASB issues. Through triangulated data it evidenced a link between the ASB issues and school attendance issues. To support, they've held round table discussions about next steps and how to respond and make a difference. NC shared TL's concerns about young people not in school. TL highlighted this cohort of young people were mostly from a disadvantaged background and in school years 9 -11 (age 13 – 16years old). NC confirmed he would raise this issue with the relevant staff in Dorset Police. DS offered an update from the ICB: - The mental health review assessments were being reviewed and improvements would be made. DS was updated that there had been a workshop across the partnership which provided a healthy discussion. - DS updated that dentistry would now be held within the ICB which was extensive work due to the severity of the issues. One of the main challenges was in relation to the national dentistry contract, however, this was currently being reviewed. They have agreed to set some priority areas due to the size of the issue and their top priority would be children. DS will continue to keep the group updated on this.	
7.	BCP Place based update	CH



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	CH shared a BCP overview: • Ofsted and the Improvement Board continue to monitor. • The report from the recent Ofsted visit is due to be published. • They continue to work with schools on attendance. BCP maintain 12 schools which are all rated good or outstanding, however, exclusion rates were high. • There is some landscape work around alternative education provisions and what schools roles are in relation to this. CH raised contract management as a big risk when ensuring children were monitored and safeguarded. • There were issues around accommodation and placements. CH was particularly concerned about the contract and management for unregistered placements and what the quality assurance was for contract managers. • For data and health assessments, often data was looked at for contract management and the lived experience of the child was not taken into account. • CH has had conversations with health colleagues about the delays for CAMHS support and has questioned whether the timings of appointments offered created a barrier for attendance. CH said there needed to be curiosity around data and the lived experiences of children and young people. The maturity of the systems was also a contributing factor. LD updated that the Data Task and Finish Group had met recently and had discussed a data set. DS shared concerns about the UASC initial health assessment (IHA) DS will look into this further and how consideration for the lived experience of a young person was included in assessments. TL raised concerns about IHA's for UASC.	
	DS updated the group that they had commissioned a Health Review following the Dorset case of GA, and the author had shared the final report which highlighted several learning areas. The report had been shared with Dorset County Hospital, the task and finish group and the governance health committee. DS asked where the report could be shared in relation to partnership working as there was learning identified for all partners. DS suggested this group read the report then a decision could be made about the next steps. TL shared some concerns she had with the report. She said conversations about this case needed to continue as it was not about safeguarding issues but about the behaviour and self-harm. This case highlighted the system could not appropriately manage this situation and questioned how hospital wards managed young people with	



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	complex needs and how police responded to these young people. DS confirmed the report had been completed by an independent author. CH raised concerns that similar incidents could be repeated in relation to young people with complex needs. She highlighted how they can learn as a system with the issues they're faced with and galvanise. CH suggested a review or workshop to look at what needed to be done if a similar incident occurred and how they could to stay ahead. NC said the learning around the use of force was important and necessary for police to take away. There was learning for police when attending care settings and how these situations were managed. Often police would use normal tactics which would be unsuitable in these situations. All agreed for DS to share the report with the group to read and consider. A further discussion can consider the report and how the learning is progressed. TL raised there was an ongoing dispute in relation to this case and the report so there needed to be consideration around that. ACTION: Share the Health Review with the group and partners to consider how the learning could be progressed.	DS
8.	<i>Standing agenda item</i> Practice Review updates: • BCP case review summary • Dorset case summary – rapid reviews	CH TL
	LD shared a brief update on the BCP cases: • The Charlie CSPR report was due for publication on the 10th May. • There were two CSPR's nearing the end with first draft reports. • A new CSPR had been agreed by the National Panel and would be progressed with an initial panel meeting. CH raised there would be important learning from the 'Daniel and Sarah' CSPR. LD updated there had been a meeting that day about some learning identified around partnership working. He would keep the group informed on learning from this case. CH raised concerns about a recommendation in the Charlie CSPR report, which needed re-wording. JV confirmed his awareness about this which would be looked at with CH. LD updated there had been two Rapid Reviews in the Dorset area and one was progressing as a CSPR.	

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9.	<i>Standing agenda item</i> Pan-Dorset Live issues • 'Whole system challenge' (standing item) • New and emerging 'live' issues for consideration	ALL
	TL raised concerns in relation to asylum seekers being accommodated on the boat at Portland Port.. Dorset are preparing to provide support for those attending. TL will keep the group updated and share any system issues. TL updated on a cabinet reshuffle in Dorset Council and Byron Quayle was the new portfolio holder for People, Children, Education, Skills and Early Help.	
10.	Risk Register Update	DS
	LD updated that the Risk Register would look at Partnership risks that prevented the completion of business. There was a short discussion about this and DS/LD agreed to meet outside of this meeting with Simon Hester from Health to discuss further. Meeting to be arranged between LD and DS re: risk register CH updated the group that Channel 4 would be running a programme on the 31st May at 9pm about a young person from the BCP/Dorset area called Emily who was in the care of an abusive foster carer as a child. Emily is now an adult and is working with channel 4 to share her experience of living with a paedophile. CH said the partnership needed to collaborate about the information known. CH will ask for the comms team to link in with partners for a collective response.	LD/DS
11.	Any other business <i>Second phase report Safeguarding children with disabilities in residential settings & letter to DCS's</i>	ALL
Date of next meeting: Thursday 25th May 3:00 – 5:00 – via Teams		