

Pan-Dorset Safeguarding Children Partnership



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MONTHLY EXECUTIVE LEADERSHIP MEETING

Minutes

Date: Monday 8th July 2024, 3:00-5:00

Via Teams

Attendees:

Chair: James Vaughan (JV), Independent Chair/Scrutineer, PDSCP
Theresa Leavy (TL), Executive Director, People – Children, Dorset Council
Debbie Simmons (DS), Chief Nursing Officer, NHS Dorset
Cathi Hadley (CH), Corporate Director, Children's Services, BCP Council
Amanda Davis (AD), Corporate Director Education & Learning, Dorset Council
Lindsay Dudfield (LD) Detective Chief Superintendent for Crime & Criminal Justice, Dorset Police
Laurence Doe (LDo), Business Manager, PDSCP

Guest attendees:

Lisa Reid (LR), Corporate Director, Quality Assurance & Safeguarding Families Together, Dorset

Apologies:

Mark Callaghan (MC), T/ACC, Dorset Police

	Discussion areas	Lead
1. 3.00pm	<i>Standing agenda item</i> Welcome and introductions. - Notes April 2024 These were agreed as an accurate record. - Revised summary meeting minutes for April also approved prior to publication on PDSCP website. These were agreed as an accurate record. Action Tracker The action tracker items discussed.	



2. 3.10pm	Updates from partners: • BCP CH confirmed the Health Summit took place at BCP, which was very positive as well as the Head Teacher's Conference which was productive with regard to developing the SEND work in BCP. • Dorset TL confirmed the Pathfinder redesign went live a few weeks ago, which went very smoothly and effectively. Confirmation has been received that the funding will continue. The two-day conference took place, with a focus on Education one day and Strategic Alliance focus on the other. Good conversations took place all led by young people, who compared the conference as part of the takeover fortnight. TL has announced her departure as DCS and will leave the post in the first week of September 2024, recruitment for the permanent post will begin in the coming week. • Police LD covered CAIT (the child abuse investigation team), the force has invested in an extra sergeant and four more detectives in the past year. The teams which are based in Bournemouth and Weymouth are now coterminous with the local authority area, which as a result has/will strengthen the overall working relationships. LD outlined that there had been HM Inspectorate of Constabulary (HMIC) activity in the force the previous week, to look at the Paedophile online Investigation teams and offender managers. The feedback has been broadly positive with no significant risks or issues raised. The Chair outlined a recent meeting that took place for all home office staff, which included a talk by Yvette Cooper, which touched on the work around harmful sexual behaviour. • NHS Dorset DS confirmed there is a review taking place of the chief officer roles within the ICB, it is going out to consultation in the next two	
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	weeks, this is unlikely to have any impact to safeguarding as this will remain under the chief nursing officer role. DS will be retiring, with her last working day as 9th October 2024. Dorset County Hospital Designated Doctor role, Dr Wendy D'Arrigo is retiring in September 2024, more details will be announced shortly regarding her replacement.	
3. 3.25pm	Next Steps and Plans for Dorset & BCP Partnerships The Chair confirmed that the BCP - Safeguarding Partnership review paper has not gone to cabinet yet, it is due on 17th July 2024 LDo confirmed the PAN Dorset Executive Away Day is provisionally booked for 3rd October 2024 and wanted to confirm if this was still required by the Executive due to the place-based arrangements taking place. Chair confirmed everyone was in agreement to cancel the October 2024 away day and this can be revisited again in the new year. Agreed the remainder of item 3 regarding the Dorset partnership plans will be moved to AOB.	
4. 3.30pm	Budget LDo provided an overview of the budget. The chair outlined reasons for a slight underspend, including less spent on reviews and a reduction in the fees paid to external consultants due to less work with the addition of the Working Together Grant.	
5. 3.40pm	<i>Standing agenda item</i> Practice Review updates: BCP Update re current LCSPR	

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	LDo stated that this will be covered at the BCP Partnership Meeting on 10th July and then the report will be published. Dorset - Update on current LCSPR: The Chair, TL and LR shared feedback with the National Panel around some factual inaccuracies and following discussions an agreement was made with the National Panel that they would rectify the inaccuracies recorded and an amended letter would be sent to the partnership. - Update KP LDo confirmed that the IOPC investigation has been completed. Warwickshire will remain in contact and conversations will be held before they publish.	
6. 3.50pm	Annual Report Update LDo confirmed that there will be a first draft completed by 16th July 2024. It will then go to the QALG (BCP) and MAQPAG (Dorset) in July.	
7. 4.00pm	Neglect Scrutiny Report LDo confirmed that this report has gone to the Strengthening Services Board and will be going to the BCP Partnership Meeting on 10th July 2024. There is a list of recommendations which will be devolved to the place-based arrangements, and they will be taken forward. A discussion took place around scrutiny work and moving forward to place-based projects will be more beneficial due to the differing priorities / demographics of the two local authorities.	
8. 4.10pm	Update: Research in Practice project on how LCSPRs are delivered LDo updated on the project, they selected a BCP review and identified good working practices across the partnership, and they have met with the author. A workshop in October will bring everything together, with the view to finish the report in November 2024 and publish next year.	

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9. 4.15pm	Escalations – Dorset LR confirmed this was presented at the Strengthening Services Board (SSB). Colleagues discussed some of the outstanding escalations that require updates. LR confirmed that when this report was presented at the SSB it was a good example of how conclusions can be achieved together, so the process is working well.	
10. 4.25pm	<i>Standing agenda item</i> National Panel – newsletter: Elective Home Education https://mailchi.mp/62a4bd64587b/special-edition-child-safeguarding-practice-review-panel-newsletter-may-2024?e=70e6883a21 LDo confirmed that this is for information purposes.	
11. 4.30pm	<i>Standing agenda item</i> Pan-Dorset Live issues No issues identified.	
12. 4.35pm	Any other business The Chair thanked LDo for all his work in the partnership and wished him well.	
13. 4.45pm	Next Steps and Plans for Dorset Safeguarding Children Partnership LR gave a presentation on the New Dorset Safeguarding Partnership Arrangements, confirming the arrangements for the separation and decisions required for the Dorset partnership area. Priorities and Next steps; - Approve the new Dorset Safeguarding Children Partnership governance structure. - Approve the new meeting timelines. - DSPs to agree on the representatives for the new partnership under the new governance structure.	

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	• Advise on a new Dorset Safeguarding Childrens Partnership logo brief ready for design. • Next steps for the Key functions - Approve development of the existing PDSCP website & scrutiny plans. • Review and approve the new proposals for the Business Unit • Advise on the proposals for the Family Advisory Boards Dorset are looking to implement the new structure as at the 1st August. A timeline will be agreed and published on the website with a detailed plan around comms. The BCP Safeguarding Children Partnership are developing their own governance structure. The chair wished everyone success with moving forward into the new arrangements. This is the last PDSCP executive Leadership meeting.	
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