

STRENGTHENING SERVICES BOARD MEETING
26.02.25 10:30am - Midday
Microsoft Teams
SUMMARY MEETING MINUTES AND ACTION LOG

Attended:

Matt Prosser (MP) (Chair)	Chief Executive, Dorset Council
Sunita Khattra-Hall (SKH)	Corporate Director for Quality Assurance & Safeguarding Partnership
Alice Deacon (ADe)	Corporate Director for Commissioning & Partnerships, Dorset Council
Carolann James (CJ)	Interim Corporate Director - Care and Protection Dorset Council
Cllr Clare Sutton (CS)	Lead Member for Childrens Services
Megan Cameron Brown (MCB)	Head of Service, Quality Assurance & Partnerships, Dorset Council
David Webb (DW)	Head of Service, Dorset Combined Youth Justice Service
Pamela O'Shea (PO)	Deputy Chief Nursing Officer, NHS Dorset
Rachel Young (RY)	Head of Violence Reduction and Prevention, Dorset Police and Crime Commissioner
Mark Callaghan (MC)	Assistant Chief Constable, Dorset Police
Julia Ingram (JI)	Corporate Director for Adult Social Care
Katie Sorrell (KS)	Head of Service for Dorset Probation Service
Richard Belcher (RB)	Service Manager Strategic Partnerships, Dorset Council
Dr Mindy Bartlett (MB)	CEO at EDAS (host REACH YP Services)
Simon Hester (SH)	NHS Dorset
Lesley Mellor (LM)	Chief Executive Officer, Dorset Parent Carer Council
Andy Frost (AF)	Service Manager for Community Safety, Dorset Council
Sarah Middleton (SM)	Business Support Manager, Dorset Council
Gary Messenger (GM)	Interim Head of Housing, Dorset Council
Sophie Cole (SC)	Project Manager, DSCP
Kelly Waring (KW)	Head teacher, Hazelbury School
Elaine Hurll (EH)	CAMHS NHS Dorset
Sophie Barton (SB)	Programme Lead Dorset Families Matter
Dawn Dawson (DD)	Dorset Healthcare University NHS Foundation Trust
Miriam Leigh (ML)	Head of Children Thriving in Education, Dorset Council
Louise Gale (LG)	Business Support, Dorset Council (Minutes)

Apologies:

Paul Dempsey (PD)	Executive Director, Children's Services, Dorset Council
Mike Bennett (MB)	Chief Executive, Dorset Youth Association
Beth Whittaker (BW)	Interim Corporate Director for Education & Learning
Edward Kopecky (EK)	Strategic Commissioner for Children's Services, Dorset Council
Stewart Dipple (SD)	Detective Superintendent Investigations & Performance, Dorset Police
Sam Crowe (SC)	Director, Public Health Dorset
Sarah Louise Clark (SLC)	Principal Social Worker, Dorset Council
Kelly Henry (KH)	Head of Placement Commissioning, Dorset Council

Ref	Item	Action Owner
1	Welcome & Apologies	
1.1	MP welcomed everyone to the meeting and apologies were noted.	
2	Minutes of last meeting & Matters Arising	
2.1	Minutes of the last meeting were agreed with no matters arising.	
3	Updates from Statutory Partners	
3.1	<u>Probation Service Update – Katie Sorrell</u> Kate Sorrell provided the update for Probation <u>Executive Director of Children’s Services and Education Update</u> Carolann James presented the Children’s Services Update for Paul Dempsey supported by Sunita Khattra- Hall and Alice Deacon Sunita Khattra-Hall presented the update on behalf of Beth Whitaker for Education Learning and Belonging <u>Interim Director for Nursing and Quality, NHS Dorset – Pam O’Shea</u> Pamela O ‘Shea presented the update for Health. <u>Assistant Chief Constable, Dorset Police – Mark Callaghan</u> Mark Callaghan presented the update for Dorset Police. Discussion around partnership knowledge, intelligence, information sharing regarding Child Sexual Exploitation around young adults 18-25 and siblings of these young people. Action Data pack inclusion of Dorset data to be followed up by Sunita Khattra-Hall.	SKH
4	Strengthening Services Highlight Report – Megan Cameron-Brown Strengthening Services Highlight Report -Meghan Cameron-Brown presented. (Report in Board papers) Discussion about Pause contract and action agreed for a presentation to a future Board on the impact. Action: Pause to be invited to present at a future Strengthening Services Board to inform on the project impact to date	ADe

5	Supporting Services Highlight Report – Sophie Barton 5 Supporting Families Programme Update – Sophie Barton presented. (Report in Board papers) Strengthening Services Board were asked to note: The Board are asked to: a) Note progress made against the annual targets for successful outcomes in quarter 3 b) Acknowledge the formal ending of the national Supporting Families as a specific, single, and separate programme. c) Note the expectation and planned approach to the mainstreaming of commissioned activity and work delivered by the central Dorset Families Matter team, to be achieved by 31 March 2026. d) Timetable a review of reporting beyond April 2025 for: • local performance of positive outcomes for families and • any new reporting requirements under the consolidated grant. Board agreed to integrate into the Pathfinder work and for updates going forward to be part of this Action: Ade and SKH to integrate the report of Supporting Families outcomes into the wider social care reforms and Pathfinder updates for future Board meetings	Ade & SKH
6	Neurodiversity – Miriam Leigh Neurodiversity – presented by Miriam Leigh (Presentation slides part of Board papers) Neurodiversity practice learning week was confirmed as commencing in the week of 24 March 2025 Action: All Board Members to try and participate in Practice Learning Week on 24 March to observe and provide feedback on practice. Action: ML to develop support mechanisms for neurodivergent parents to help them advocate for their children in school settings.	All ML
7	CAMHS Update – Elaine Hurl CAMHS Update - Transformation – Elaine Hurl presented. (Presentation slides in Board papers) Partnership needs around timescales and financial pressures were noted. Action for Strengthening Services Board to commend and endorse the business case to the ICB Board.	RB

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	Decision Board unanimously endorsed and Matt Prosser will speak with Cllr Ireland.	
8	AOB AOB and matters for escalation to the Board. None Date of next meeting 31 March 2025.	
9	Close	

Date of next meeting: Date of next meeting: 31 March 2025 @ 3pm

Please see the agreed ACTIONS from the meeting overleaf.

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Action Ref.	Board Date	Agenda Item Ref.	ACTION	Owner	Status
1	26.02.25	3.1	SKH to ensure MC receives the same data pack from Dorset as he does from BCP for partnership performance review.	SKH	
2	26.02.25	4.1	ADe to invite the Pause Service to the SSB to give a presentation on their progress and impact at a significant review point at a later date this year.	ADe	
3	26.02.25	5	ADe and SKH to integrate the report of Supporting Families outcomes into the wider social care reforms and Pathfinder updates for future Board meetings.	Ade & SKH	
4	26.02.25	6	All Board Members to try and participate in Practice Learning Week on 24 March to observe and provide feedback on practice.	All	
5	26.02.25	6	ML to develop support mechanisms for neurodivergent parents to help them advocate for their children in school settings.	ML	
6	26.02.25	7	RB to endorse and support the CAMHS business case and communicate the Board's support to the ICB. MP will also raise this with Nick Ireland.	RB	