



SUMMARY OF BOARD MEETING HELD 29TH NOVEMBER 2012

Outlined below is a summary of agenda items discussed at the last meeting. Should any further details /information be required on an item please contact the named person.

1. **Children's Services Improvement and letter regarding Peer Safeguarding Health Check:** Malcolm Newsam announced that the Inspection into Fostering was published with the findings as adequate. A Peer Safeguarding Health Check was conducted under a sector led improvement programme for 3 days. The feedback provided reflects Malcolm's reports to the board and was complimentary of Referral and Assessment with some helpful points to help move forward. Malcolm Newsam
01733 863606
2. **Safeguarding in Schools Annual Report:** Jenny Parris reminded board members that following Alan Simpson's review of the board a recommendation was to have reports which are sent to governors amalgamated into a single report. It was asked if the report is anonymous or whether it should show which schools did and did not respond as members were concerned about some schools invisibility. Jenny Parris
01733 863713
3. **Training Report:** Helen Herron informed the board that non-attendance has been mainly due to illness or work commitments. Jean Imray asked to be informed of cancellations from Children's Social Care. The validation panel meets bi-monthly to either validate new courses or re-validate current courses and a multi-agency planning group has been convened to look at training courses for 2013/14 with the new brochure being more explicit. Helen Herron
01733 863746
4. **Budget Report:** Judy Jones presented the mid-year budget report and explained that due to additional spend with advertising costs for both the Performance and Quality Assurance Officer and a new Independent Chair there are some pressures. A proposal for an independent review of the business unit is to be put on hold until the new Independent Chair starts as they may have their own expectation and support for the review. Judy Jones
01733 863745
5. **Early Intervention and Prevention Strategy Presentation:** Lou Williams gave a presentation on the Early Intervention and Prevention Strategy. The strategy has been to the commissioning board but still needs to go to DLT for further consultation and sign-off before it can be circulated for views. Lou Williams
01733 864139
6. **Half Yearly Performance Report:** Judy Jones informed the board that she had used the overarching performance framework to give an indication of what work has been completed. The Section 11 audit has been revised and updated and has been sent out to partners for completion and will be brought to the board in May 2013. The SCR action plan has been signed off and the SCR group will continue to look at other SCRs nationally to see what lessons could be learnt. Judy Jones
01733 863745
7. **Child Sexual Exploitation:** Work carried out by a joint Cambridgeshire and Peterborough task and finish group were considered by Board members however Malcolm Newsam asked what the purpose of the Risk Assessment Referral Form is, where will it go and what action will be taken once it has been sent to the MARU. Clarification is needed for the pathway from the MARU back to children's services. The board agreed the action plan as an interim to allow for more time to work out a procedure and process. Judy Jones also told the board that there have been many requests for the "Chelsea's Choice" play which graphically shows how a child can become involved in sexual exploitation is to be shown in schools. Judy Jones
01733 863745
8. **Who is Looking After the children Update:** Mark Hopkins updated the board on Who is Looking After the Children saying that 86% of the actions have been completed against the plan and it is proposed that once finished it should go to the Q&E group. Mark Hopkins
01480 422205
9. **AOB:** Flick Schofield thank Malcolm Newsam for all the work and effort he has undertaken during the year as Director of Children's Services.
Mark Hopkins thanked Flick Schofield for all her hard work as chair of the board and wished her well for the future.
10. **Date of next meeting:** 24th January 2013, Northminster House, 2.00 – 4.30