

Hackney Safeguarding Children Partnership Board Minutes (Summary)

Date of Meeting	Tuesday 27 September 2022
Venue	Google Meet
Chair	Jim Gamble (JG) Independent Child Safeguarding Commissioner (ISCC)
Minutes	Rushena Miah (RSM) - Partnership Coordinator

Agency	Membership	Attendance
CHSCP	Jim Gamble (JG) , Independent Child Safeguarding Commissioner	present
CHSCP	Rory McCallum (RMc) , Senior Professional Adviser	present
CHSCP	Anthony Knowles (AK), Strategic Data Analyst	present
Hackney CFS	Diane Benjamin (DB) Director Children's Social Care	present
	Lisa Aldridge (LA) Head of Safeguarding & Quality Assurance	present
Hackney Education	Paul Senior - Director of Education	present
	Nick Wilson - Head of School Placements	present
Housing	Steve Waddington (SW) - Strategic Director Housing	present
Cafcass	Melinda Cassel (MC), Service Manager	present
Fire Brigade	James O'Neil (DM) Commander London Fire Brigade	present
Health	Amy Wilkinson (AW) Workstream Director Integrated Commissioning	present
	Andrew Horobin , Deputy Borough Director	-
	Catherine Pelley (CP) , Chief Nurse/Director of Governance	-
	Dr Emma Tukmachi (ET) , Named GP Safeguarding Children	-
	Dr Nick Lessof (NL) , Designated Doctor	present
	Korkor Cesar (KC) Assistant Director Safeguarding	present
	Marcia Smikle (MS) , Head of Safeguarding Children	present
	Mary Lee (ML) , Designated Nurse (0.5)	apologies
	Sam Martin (SM) , Designated Nurse (0.5)	present
	Nikhil Katiyar (NK) , GP & Governing Body Lead for Safeguarding	-
	Victoria Winfield-Brown, Associate Director for Safeguarding Children	present
Vivienne Hobbs (VH) , Named Doctor (Community)	apologies	

	Ade Dosunmu (AD), General Manager CAMHS	apologies
Lead Members	Councillor Susan Farjana Thomas (SFT), Dept. Mayor - Housing	apologies
	Councillor Anntoinette Bramble (AB) - Cabinet Member Children & Education	apologies
Police	Azad Odabashian - A/Detective Superintendent	apologies
Probation	Stephanie Salmon, Head of Service	present
Public Health	Dr Sandra Husbands , Director of Public Health	present
	Chris Lovitt, Consultant in Public Health	apologies
Voluntary Sector	Olivia Pethick (OP) Director Young People & Families	present

- Denotes no response

Also in attendance:

Agency	Role	Attending for
Hackney Council	Donna Thomas (DT) Head of Early Years, Early Help & Wellbeing	-
Hackney Council	Frida Lannemyr (FL) Service Manager MASH	
Hackney Council	Jenny Zienau (JZ) Strategic Lead (Change and Transformation)	-
Hackney Council	Addicus Cort (AdC) Project and Service Improvement Lead	-
Hackney Council	Pauline Adams (PA)	-
Hackney Council	CLlr Caroline Woodley (CW) - Cabinet Member	CLlr A. Bramble
Hackney Council	Robbie Wilson (RW) Early Help Programme Manager.	-

This summary captures the main discussion points and decisions made at the 27 September 2022 Hackney Board meeting.

The Board approved the minutes of the last meeting and reviewed the actions. It was noted that the Executive would come to a decision on how to manage green risks on the risk register.

Key updates against the business plan included:

- That the staff survey would be rolled out by the end of the month.
- Training sessions for the GCP2 toolkit had been launched.
- The Hackney Early Help Strategic Group met earlier in the month to devise an early help strategy.

Under partner updates, it was noted that:

- There was a shortfall of school nurses nationally and mitigation would require government support.
- Hackney received an Ofsted visit which went well, although known issues around supervision and case recording were identified. This was largely due to high staff turnover for social workers.
- Cabinet had approved the council's Poverty Strategy which was cognisant of the cost of living crisis for children and families.

The Board noted new and ongoing case reviews and their action plans.

The Board received an update on the MASH (multi-agency safeguarding hub).

The following areas were identified as working well:

- The Early Help Hub is exceeding timescale targets.
- Recent audit activity shows that anonymous referrals are taken more seriously further to Star Hobson and Arthur Labinjo-Hughes cases.
- MASH is now able to access reliable data (since June 2022), however there is still a need for more sophisticated data.
- Positive feedback regarding MASH following Ofsted focused visit on 21 and 22 September 2022.

The following areas required strengthening:

- Screening for Children Social Care referrals can improve, 24 / 72 hour targets not consistently met.
- Hackney still undertakes a high level of statutory assessments compared to other local authorities.
- Continue to ensure co-location for agencies to enhance MASH process/ partnership working.
- No MASH Education officer in post, although recruitment is taking place.
- Continued development to strengthen anti-racisist practice via staff training.
- Involve/consider fathers in the screening processes and decision making.
- Council wide phone system issues - this has been escalated to the most senior level in the IT department.

The Board thanked the MASH service for the update and presentation.

The ISCC informed the Board that there had been no progress in the Unregistered Educational Settings priority and that it was hoped that the Government's Schools Bill would help strengthen arrangements.

There was a discussion on the proposal to introduce 'young scrutineers'. It was agreed that before launching a new programme, the partnership should utilise existing infrastructure and contacts such as Young Hackney and the Youth Parliament.

There was no other business.

The ISCC thanked colleagues for their attendance and closed the meeting.