

Hackney Safeguarding Children Partnership Board Minutes (Summary)

Date of Meeting	Monday 27 February 2023
Venue	MS TEAMS - online
Chair	Jim Gamble (JG) - Independent Safeguarding Children Commissioner (ISCC)
Minutes	Rushena Miah (RSM) - Partnership Coordinator

Agency	Membership	Attendance
CHSCP	Jim Gamble (JG), Independent Child Safeguarding Commissioner	present
	Rory McCallum (RMc), Senior Professional Advisor to the CHSCP	present
Cafcass	Melinda Cassel (MC), Service Manager	present
Probation Service	Stephanie Salmon (SS), Head of Service Hackney & City PDU	present
NHS NEL	Nick Lessof (NL), Designated Doctor	present
	Nikhil Katiyar (NK), GP & Governing Body Lead for Safeguarding	-
	Dr Emma Tukmachi (ET), Named GP Safeguarding Children	-
	Mary Lee (ML), Designated Nurse (0.5)	apologies
	Sam Martin (SM), Designated Nurse (0.5)	apologies
	Marcia Smikle (MS), Head of Safeguarding Children - Homerton	present
	Vivien Hobbs (VH), Named Doctor	present
	Breeda McManus (BM), Chief Nurse - Director of Governance	apologies
	Korkor Ceasar (KC), Associate Director for Safeguarding Children	present
ELFT	Bev Heredge (BH), Safeguarding Named Professional	present
	Victoria Winfield Brown (VWB), Director Safeguarding	present
	Ade Dosunmu (AD), Manager of CAMHS	-
	Andrew Horobin (AH), Deputy Borough Director - City and Hackney East London NHS Foundation Trust	present
Police	Azad Odabaisha (AO), Detective Chief Inspector Central East BCU	present
Hackney CFS	Lisa Aldridge (LA), Head of Service, Safeguarding & Learning	present
	Diane Benjamin (DB), Director of Children's Social Care	present
	Jenny Zien (JZ), Strategy policy lead - poverty workstream	-
	Pauline Adams (PA), Head of Service, Young Hackney	present
	Maurice Mason (MM), Head of Service, Safer Communities	-
Public Health	Carolyn Sharpe (CS), Consultant Public Health	present
Housing	Steve Waddington (SW), Strategic Director, Housing Services	present
Hackney Education	Paul Senior (PS), Director Hackney Education	apologies
	Nick Wilson (NW), Head of School Placements	apologies
HCVS	Olivia Pethick (OP), Director for Young People & Families	present
London Fire Brigade	James O'Neil (JN), Borough Commander for Hackney	-
Hackney Councillors	Cllr Antoinette Bramble (AB), Cabinet Member for Children	present
	Cllr Susan Farjana Thomas (SFT), Cabinet Member for Community Safety	present

Also in attendance:

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Hackney Health & Wellbeing	Diana Divajeva (DD) - Principal Public Health Analyst	present

This summary captures the main discussion points and decisions made at the 27 February 2023 Hackney Board meeting.

The minutes of the previous meeting were approved as an accurate record. With regards to the management of green risks, it was noted that the Executive came to the following decision:

'For risks that relate to the core effectiveness of the LSCP (risks 1,2,3,9 and 10) AND the CHSCP's priorities (Risks 4,5,6,7 & 8 (UES), these remain on the register regardless of rating. However, risks relating to specific multi-agency challenges can be removed either by 'professional judgement' or through the 'third cycle rule' as in Option 3 above'.

In discussing the CHSCP Business Plan, it was noted that:

- The Self Assessments and Staff Surveys had since been circulated.
- Negative media coverage had impacted staff morale at the MPS. However, having met the new Borough Commander, the ISCC was optimistic of positive changes in the local context.
- New training was being co-delivered by the local authority and police subsequent to the Child Q Report. The training covered what an arrest looks like, what it is like to come into the station charged with a crime and generally on how policing works. The training has been incorporated into the wider CHSCP training programme for multi-agency reach.
- Discussions were held regarding the approach to parental consent and whether this was required for school nurses to carry out assessments on children already on a child protection plan.

The theme of the written partner update was to provide reassurance on alleviating the cost of living crisis on children and families. Having reviewed the submissions the ISCC was satisfied that there were good efforts being made to safeguard children and families in that context.

The Board received a presentation from Hackney Housing in response to the Awaab Ishak case. The Board was satisfied that Hackney Housing had provided sufficient reassurance on mould management and had implemented an appropriate plan of action.

The Board approved the CHSCP Neglect Strategy.

Following the decision to train professionals on the GCP2 Toolkit, significant concerns were raised with regards to the materials and scorecard. It was felt that the toolkit used a eurocentric approach that was not relatable to the majority of supported families in Hackney. In addition, the scoring was inconsistent with current council safeguarding frameworks and often advised a statutory protection plan be triggered for relatively minor concerns. It was agreed that the Partnership would disengage with GPC2. The Neglect Steering Group would consider next steps.

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

The Board noted the Partnership Performance Dashboard.

The Board agreed to take part in a pilot for agencies to produce a 'Safeguarding Statement'. The pilot aimed to test how easy the form was to complete and to make any suggestions for improvement.

Under any other business it was decided that the theme for the next partner update would be to find where disproportionality was manifesting itself in the context of each partner agency's service delivery.

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