

City of London Safeguarding Children Partnership Board Minutes Summary

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| Date of Meeting | Tuesday 28 February 2023 |
| Venue | Online - TEAMS |
| Chair | Jim Gamble (JG), Independent Safeguarding Children Commissioner (ISCC) |
| Minutes | Rushena Miah (RSM) - Partnership Coordinator |

| Agency | Membership | Attendance |
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| CHSCP | Jim Gamble (JG), Independent Child Safeguarding Commissioner | present |
| | Rory McCallum (RMc), Senior Professional Advisor to the CHSCP | present |
| CAFCASS | Melinda Cassell (MC) – Service Manager | present |
| CoL Corporation | Ayesha Fordham (AF), Domestic Abuse, Vulnerability and Risk Policy Officer | - |
| | Chris Pelham (CP), Assistant Director, People | present |
| | Simon Cribbeans (SC) Head of Community & Children's Services | present |
| | Sacha Lewis (SL), Commissioning Manager | - |
| | Valeria Cadena (VC), Team Manager Community Safety | - |
| Fire Brigade | James O'Neill (JoN), Borough Commander | - |
| ELFT | Ade Dosunmu (AD), General Manager CAMHS | apologies |
| | Victoria Winfield-Brown (VWB), ELFT Associate Director Safeguarding | - |
| | Andrew Horobin (AH), Deputy Borough Director | apologies |
| Homerton | Breeda McManus (BM), Chief Nurse | apologies |
| | Marcia Smikle (MS), Head of Safeguarding Children | present |
| NHS NEL | Diane Jones (DJ), Assistant Director Safeguarding | - |
| | Korkor Caesar (KC), | present |
| | Dr Emma Tukmachi (ET), Named GP | - |
| | Mary Lee (ML), Designated Nurse (0.5) | present |
| | Nikhil Katiyar (NK), GP & Governing Body Lead for Safeguarding | - |
| | Dr Nick Lessof (NL), Designated Doctor | - |
| | Sam Martin (SM), Designated Nurse (0.5) | apologies |

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| | Vivienne Hobbs (VH), Named Doctor (Community) | - |
| Lead Member | Ruby Sayed (RS), Common Councilman | - |
| Police | Edelle Michaels (EM), Detective Inspector | present |
| Probation | Stephanie Salmon (SS), Head of PDU | apologies |
| Public Health | Carolyn Sharpe (CS), Consultant in PH | present |

- Denotes no response

This summary captures the main discussion points and decisions made at the 25 May 2023 City Board meeting.

The minutes of the last meeting held on 27 November 2022 were agreed as an accurate record.

The Board was notified that the following decision was made by the Executive with regards to green risks: *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'.*

There were few changes to the Business Plan from the last meeting. It was noted that the Staff Survey and Self Assessment forms had been circulated. Findings would be shared at the May Board meeting.

City officers were praised for their management of the Afghan Refugee Settlement Scheme which was drawing to a close.

The City of London Police reported that staff morale was not as badly affected by the recent negative media coverage related to the MPS. Although some officers were struggling with the restriction on transfers.

A video was shared on the Health Visiting Service offer.

There was a query on the low number of referrals from the Neaman Practice. NHS colleagues assured the Board that the Neaman Practice was fully engaged in safeguarding activity and training compliant.

The Board was informed that the ISCC had written to local authority partners to request an update on mould management in their housing stock further to the Awaab Ishak case. Responses would be shared by the next meeting.

The Board discussed new and existing case reviews and noted them for information.

The Board noted the Early Help Strategy 2022/23.

The Board agreed to publish the Neglect Strategy 2022/23.

There was a lengthy discussion on the suitability of the GCP2 Toolkit. City officers decided to continue with the tool for a further six months and report back before making a final decision. The City reiterated that GCP2 was one of many tools utilised by professionals.

Under other business there was a discussion on a potential launch event or joint AGM launch event for the Child Q report.

There was also a request from the Safer City Partnership for some collaboration on their new strategy. This was delegated to RMc.

The partner update theme for the next meeting was 'how does disproportionality manifest itself in service provision'.

The ISCC reminded partners to read the following papers attached to the agenda pack for information:

- NEL ICB Safeguarding Strategy 2023-25
- MASP Letter & Information Sharing
- Children in unregistered settings

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