

Hackney Safeguarding Children Partnership Board Minutes (Summary)

Date of Meeting	Thursday 18 May 2023
Venue	The Tomlinson Centre, E8
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
	Rory McCallum (RMC), Senior Professional Advisor to the CHSCP	apologies
Cafcass	Melinda Cassel (MC), Service Manager	apologies
Probation Service	Stephanie Salmon (SS), Head of Service Hackney & City PDU	present
NHS NEL	Nick Lessof (NL), Designated Doctor	-
	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)	present
	Marcia Smikle (MS), Head of Safeguarding Children - Homerton	present
	Vivien Hobbs (VH), Named Doctor	apologies
	Breeda McManus (BM), Chief Nurse - Director of Governance	-
ELFT	Korkor Ceasar (KC), Associate Director for Safeguarding Children	apologies
	Victoria Winfield Brown (VWB), Director Safeguarding	present
	Ade Dosunmu (AD), Manager of CAMHS	present
Police	Andrew Horobin (AH), Deputy Borough Director - City and Hackney East London NHS Foundation Trust	apologies
	Jim. S. Mitchell (JSM), Detective Chief Inspector Central East BCU	present
Hackney CFS	Lisa Aldridge (LA), Head of Service, Safeguarding & Learning	apologies
	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	-
	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	apologies
Hackney Education	Nick Wilson (NW), Head of School Placements	present
HCVS	Olivia Pethick (OP), Director for Young People & Families	-
London Fire Brigade	James O'Neil (JN), Borough Commander for Hackney	apologies
Hackney Councillors	Cllr Antoinette Bramble (AB), Cabinet Member for Children	present
	Cllr Susan Farjana Thomas (SFT), Cabinet Member for Community Safety	present

This summary captures the main discussion points and decisions made at the 18 May 2023 Hackney Board meeting.

The Board approved the minutes of the previous meeting and noted the Risk Register and Business Plan.

After thorough discussion, the Board had decided against implementing the GCP2 toolkit due to significant concerns raised by professionals trained to deliver the toolkit. Any further action pertaining to GCP2 has been delegated to the Neglect Steering Group. It was however noted that the City of London would continue to test the GCP2 tool for a further six months. The outcome of this to be reported back..

Under Partner Updates:

There was a query on the reduction in footfall in young people accessing the sexual health clinic. Public Health agreed to further investigate and report back to the ISCC.

It was noted Public Health was working with two Orthodox Jewish charities to provide health checks to Jewish children under the National Child Management Programme. The target age group was primary school aged children.

ELFT had introduced a new system to track training compliance which was proving to be useful to management.

There was a discussion on children being placed in unsuitable accommodation and poor communication between housing officers and health visitors. The ISCC agreed to raise the issue at the Pan-London Safeguarding Partnership.

The Youth Justice Service was congratulated for their 'Good' rating at their annual inspection audit. Hackney Children's Services was also praised for being awarded the Children & Young People Now award.

It was noted that the Child Q report was due to be published shortly and partners were asked to submit any supporting documentation, if any, by the end of the week.

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

The Board noted the end of year reports from the Case Review, Quality Assurance, and Training & Development Sub-Groups.

The Performance Dashboard was noted for information.

Board members were advised to contact RMc if they had any further input into the revised Think Family protocol.

It was noted that there had been no progress made against the Unregistered Educational Settings priority.

The Board received an update on the MASH service. Overall the Board was confident that the service was stable and well managed.

The Board received an update report from the VAWG service. The Board was assured that the service was performing to a high standard.

Having received a further presentation from the REU (Re-engagement Unit) a discussion ensued on the late detection of ADHD and autism in girls'. The Board was informed that a focus group to tackle this issue had been formed. Members also highlighted the need for early intervention in cases where black children were showing symptoms of ADHD and Autism.

Under any other business it was agreed that the Chair would consider the next partner update theme outside of the meeting.

The Board approved the Terms of Reference for 2023/24.

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