

City of London Safeguarding Children Partnership Board Minutes (Planning Session-Summary)

Date of Meeting	Monday 27 November 2023. 10.00-11.00
Venue	MS Teams
Chair	Jim Gamble (JG), Independent Child Safeguarding Commissioner
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 Cassell (MC), Director Cafcass	-
CoL Corporation	Chris Pelham (CP) Assistant Director, People	present
	Valeria Cadena (VC), Team Manager Community Safety	present
Fire Brigade	James O'Neill (JON) Borough Commander	-
NHS NEL	Ade Dosunmu (AD), General Manager CAMHS	-
	Andrew Horobin (AH), Deputy Borough Director	apologies
	Dr Emma Tukmachi (ET), Named GP Safeguarding Children	-
	Marcia Smikle (MS) Head of Safeguarding Children	present
	Mary Lee (ML), Designated Nurse (0.5)	apologies
	Nikhil Katiyar (NK), GP & Governing Body Lead for Safeguarding	-
	Dr Nick Lessof (NL), Designated Doctor	-
	Sam Martin (SM), Designated Nurse (0.5)	apologies
	Dinh Padicala (DP), Director Safeguarding ELFT	present
Vivienne Hobbs (VH), Named Doctor (Community)	present	
Lead Member	Ruby Sayed (RS), Common Councilman	-
NHS North East London ICB	Korkor Caesar (KC), Associate Director for Safeguarding children, NHS NEL ICB.	-
Police	Alistair Marman (AM), Detective Inspector	-
Probation	Stephanie Salmon (SS), HoPDU for Hackney and City	present
Public Health	Carolyn Sharpe (CS), Consultant in Public Health	present

- Denotes no response

Having identified that the City of London Board required a review and refocus of its priorities, it was noted that the aim of the session was to identify key risks and principles to assist with the drafting of a City focussed risk register and business plan.

RMc provided a general overview of CHSCP Governance arrangements, core activity and priorities. Pending the Working Together 2023 consultation report, the Board agreed that the overall governance structure should remain unchanged.

The Board was asked to identify key headlines and issues that the City Board should focus on. The following comments were noted:

- To be smarter about training and induction - the City is introducing a multi-agency induction programme in the New Year that could be drawn on. RMc suggested linking this to the CHSCP training programme.
- Induction handbook was suggested - it was noted the CHSCP are currently drafting this. JG shared an induction handbook from Lambeth for reference.
- Data is a significant issue and disaggregating City data from Hackney data is urgently needed in order to identify further risks.
- There is an overwhelming amount of committees and boards in existence. It is important to ensure plans are being made in tandem to ensure efficient use of resources. It was suggested that an inter-agency meeting or other way to improve communication be implemented.
- It was suggested a mapping exercise take place on boards and groups to map workplans.
- Needed more training with a City focus.
- Workforce is a risk in the City because many agencies that support children are based outside of the City of London or elsewhere in the UK.
- To ensure the City has a unique presence and identity within the NHS NEL framework because at present this was lacking.
- Bespoke training for Probation officers and an understanding of structures within the City and Hackney and how they differ.
- Relationship building and cultural mindset shift - the CHSCP should meet with agencies that struggle with disaggregating data or providing sufficient analysis to find out what the crux of the issues are so that they can be resolved.
- Membership Review required - it was noted that an education colleague was not on the City board nor the Director of Children, who also holds a housing portfolio.
- To add an additional pledge to the Pledge list 'to prioritise participation on Boards/meetings' JG would revisit the level of participation on boards.
- Clarity required on MAPPA and data on sex offenders in the City. This should be a recurring theme on board agendas'.

JG thanked the board for raising these points. It was agreed that JG, RMc and CP would work on drafting the new risk register and business plan and circulate to the wider group for comment.

END: 11:00