

Hackney Safeguarding Children Partnership Board Minutes Summary

Date of Meeting	Thursday 6 June 2024, 10:00
Venue	MS Teams
Chair	Rory McCallum (RM) - Senior Professional Advisor
Minutes	Rushena Miah (RsM) - CHSCP Coordinator

Agency	Membership	Attendance
CHSCP	Jim Gamble (JG), Independent Child Safeguarding Commissioner	apologies
	Rory McCallum (RM), Senior Professional Advisor to the CHSCP	present
Cafcass	Jessie Rowland (JR), Service Manager	present
Probation Service	Stephanie Salmon (SS), Head of Service Hackney & City PDU	apologies
NHS NEL	Nick Lessof (NL), Designated Doctor	apologies
	Nikhil Katiyar (NK), GP & Governing Body Lead for Safeguarding	absent
	Dr Emma Tukmachi (ET), Named GP Safeguarding Children	absent
	Mary Lee (ML), Designated Nurse (0.5)	-
	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	-
	Korkor Ceasar (KC), Associate Director for Safeguarding Children	present
ELFT	Dinh Padicala (DP), Director of Safeguarding	present
	Ade Dosunmu (AD), Manager of CAMHS	present
	Andrew Horobin (AH), Deputy Borough Director - City and Hackney East	-
	London NHS Foundation Trust	
Police	Vijay Gorania, 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	-
	Jenny Zienu (JZ), Strategy policy lead - poverty workstream	-
	Pauline Adams (PA), Head of Service, Young Hackney	apologies
	Maurice Mason (MM), Head of Service, Safer Communities	absent
Public Health	Carolyn Sharpe (CS), Consultant Public Health	present
Housing	Steve Waddington (SW), Strategic Director, Housing Services	present
Hackney Education	Donna Thomas (DT), Head of Early Years, Early Help & Wellbeing	apologies
HCVS	Nicole Walsh - Children's Director	absent
London Fire Brigade	James O'Neil (JN), Borough Commander for Hackney	apologies
Hackney	Cllr Antoinette Bramble (AB), Cabinet Member for Children	present
Councillors	Cllr Susan Farjana Thomas (SFT), Cabinet Member for Community Safety	apologies

This summary captures the main discussion points and decisions made at the 6 June 2024 Hackney Board meeting.

Introductions were made and apologies noted. RM chaired the meeting in JG's absence. The order of the agenda was changed so that the Working Together discussion paper was taken first. It was noted that JG had intended to recuse himself from the item, had he been in attendance.



The Board was presented with the Working Together 2023 discussion paper. The paper provided information on the strategic changes being made to safeguarding partnerships, including a narrative on what functions are expected from the new Lead and Designated Safeguarding Partners and what the Board should consider in the context of operating in a dual borough Partnership. It was noted that one of the most significant changes in the guidance was the introduction of a Partnership Chair sourced from the cohort of DSPs. The report outlined some of the operational changes arising from Working Together 2023 too.

The minutes of the meeting held on 22 February 2024 were approved as an accurate record of the meeting.

It was noted that the Risk Register had not significantly changed since the last meeting. The only amendment required was that Risk 11 on Covid could be removed from the register because it had remained green for two meeting cycles.

Consistency of commissioning for immunisations was identified as a multi-agency risk. Both the NHS ICB and Public Health raised concerns on the ad-hoc nature of Government funding for childhood immunisation drives. The MMR catch up funding was soon to end and there was nothing on the horizon to replace it, this was particularly concerning due to the recent rise of measles in London.

It was noted that Public Health was developing an Immunisation Strategy and Action Plan. It was agreed that CS would provide a presentation on this at the September Board meeting.

The Business Plan was noted for information. It was explained that the document would not undergo any significant changes until the Executive had come to a decision about the Working Together 2023 guidance.

With regards to the partner updates, there was a discussion on the consistency of commissioning for school-based health services. It was noted that a task group had been set up within the QA sub-group to tackle unscrupulous practitioners benefiting from dishonest advice on conditions such as autism. The Board also requested clarification on birth data in the Education partner update.

Cllr B highlighted the importance of agency representatives being in attendance at meetings or sending a substitute.

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

The Board was asked to review the Draft Professionals Meeting Guidance and Anti-Racism Charter and provide comment in the next two weeks. It was explained that there would be a change in the way child protection conferences were minuted, decisions and actions would be noted as opposed to a full set of minutes being produced.

The end of year reports from the Case Review, Quality Assurance and Training subgroups were noted for information. Board members were asked to produce safeguarding success stories to contribute to the Annual Report 2023-24 due to be published at the end of September 2024.

It was noted that a letter from JG was sent to the Board regarding the consultation on PACE codes A and C, concerning children in custody and stop and search. The letter outlined JG's response to the PACE consultation; individual Board members were also encouraged to submit a response.

The following MASH Service Update and VAWG Service Update reports were noted for information. Board members were asked to send any comments they had with regards to the reports to RM for follow up.

RM thanked colleagues for their time and closed the meeting.

End: 11:50