

## City of London Safeguarding Children Partnership Board Minutes (Summary)

<b>Date of Meeting</b>	Tuesday 11 June 2024, 10:00
<b>Venue</b>	MS Teams
<b>Chair</b>	Jim Gamble (JG), Independent Child Safeguarding Commissioner
<b>Minutes</b>	Rushena Miah (RSM) Partnership Coordinator

Agency	Membership	Attendance
CHSCP	<b>Jim Gamble (JG), Independent Child Safeguarding Commissioner</b>	<b>present</b>
	<b>Rory McCallum (RMC), Senior Professional Advisor to the CHSCP</b>	<b>present</b>
CAFCASS	Jessica Rowland (JC), Area Manager East, City & Hackney	absent
CoL Corporation	<b>Chris Pelham (CP) Assistant Director, People</b>	<b>present</b>
	<b>Valeria Cadena (VC), Team Manager Community Safety</b>	<b>present</b>
Fire Brigade	James O'Neill (JON) Borough Commander	apologies
NHS NEL	<b>Dr Emma Tukmachi (ET), Named GP Safeguarding Children</b>	<b>present</b>
	<b>Korkor Caesar (KC), Associate Director for Safeguarding children, NHS NEL ICB.</b>	<b>present</b>
	<b>Mary Lee (ML), Designated Nurse (0.5)</b>	<b>present</b>
	<b>Sam Martin (SM), Designated Nurse (0.5)</b>	-
	Nikhil Katiyar (NK), GP & Governing Body Lead for Safeguarding	absent
	Dr Nick Lessof (NL), Designated Doctor	absent
	<b>Dr Michael Ogundele (MO) Designated Doctor</b>	<b>present</b>
	<b>Vivienne Hobbs (VH), Named Doctor (Community)</b>	<b>present</b>
Lead Member	Ruby Sayed (RS), Common Councilman	apologies
ELFT	Ade Dosunmu (AD), General Manager CAMHS	apologies
	Andrew Horobin (AH), Deputy Borough Director	apologies
	<b>Dinh Padicala (DP) Director Safeguarding</b>	<b>present</b>
Homerton	<b>Marcia Smikle (MS) Head of Safeguarding Children</b>	<b>present</b>
Police	<b>Alistair Marman (AM), A/Detective Chief Inspector</b>	<b>present</b>
	<b>Amanda Horsburgh (AH), Detective Chief Superintendent – Head of Specialist Operations</b>	<b>present</b>
Probation	Stephanie Salmon (SS), HoPDU for Hackney and City	apologies
Public Health	Carolyn Sharpe (CS), Consultant in Public Health	apologies

**Also in attendance:**

Agency	Role	Attending for
Probation	<b>Sharon Smith (SS), Senior Probation Officer Hackney</b>	Stephanie Salmon
NHS	<b>Dr Varsha Gandhi (VG) - observer invited by VH</b>	-

This summary captures the main discussion points and decisions made at the 11 June 2024 City Board meeting. Introductions were given and apologies noted. The minutes of the meeting held on 29 February 2024 were agreed as an accurate record of the meeting.

It was noted that Deborah Bell, Strategic Education Director at the City should be invited to attend the Board as an Education representative.

It was noted that the Risk Register was still combined with Hackney. It was agreed that there was a need for City specific risks. It was decided that a blank risk template be circulated to the Board to populate with risks and their impact on safeguarding children.

The Board noted the Business Plan. It was agreed the document would remain as is until the revised arrangements are introduced later in the year.

Questions and comments were taken in response to the partner updates. Topics discussed included:

- Joint Targeted Area Inspections (JTAI), and CQC inspections.
- The NHS NEL Annual Report on Looked After Children (LAC) and the LAC Professional Role.
- GP Safeguarding Lead reflective sessions
- Clarification on the remit and accountability of the 'named' and 'designated' roles in the health system.
- Addressing gaps in SEND provision.
- Consistency in commissioning for school based services.
- The importance of sharing best practice

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

The end of year reports from the Early Help, Case Review, Quality Assurance and Training sub-groups 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.

Under Any Other Business, the Board received a presentation from ET with regards to the GP Patient Access System. The following points were noted:

- In October last year GP practises in England were contractually obliged to provide patients with online access to their information as it is added to their record; this includes: medications, test results, records of appointment and correspondence such as outpatients letters, discharge summaries and information sent to them by other agencies. Correspondence from children's social care may also be included.
- Not all GPS signed up to this immediately. There were concerns by several organisations on how to keep this information safe when GP practices are experiencing immense capacity issues.
- Almost all GP practices in North East London have been instructed by the Government to make the switch. The rationale behind this is to increase patient empowerment and for patients to have a sense of ownership over their health data.
- One of the key things for this Board is the handling of safeguarding data. It is therefore recommended professionals get into the practice of redacting data.
- GP surgeries are able to prohibit online access as one way of keeping the records safe. For example the partners of those experiencing domestic violence would not be able to access records.

KC explained that the change would likely take a few years to fully roll out. However, the Board was assured that safeguarding implications were being communicated for the roll out and any updates.

Also under other business, the Board was notified that Hackney had decided against implementing the Pan-London Threshold document due limitations in breadth and scope in comparison to existing Hackney threshold frameworks.

JG thanked colleagues for their time and closed the meeting.

**END: 12:00**