Hackney Safeguarding Children Partnership Board Minutes

Date of Meeting	Thursday 28 November 2024, 10:00-12:00
Venue	MS Teams
Chair	Rory McCallum, Senior Professional Advisor CHSCP (RM)
Minutes	Rushena Miah, Partnership Coordinator (RMi)

Agency	Membership	Attendance
CHSCP	Jim Gamble (JG), Independent Safeguarding Children Commissioner	apologies
	Rory McCallum (RMc), 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	**Michael Ogundele (MO), Designated Doctor**	**present**
	Nikhil Katiyar (NK), GP & Governing Body Lead for Safeguarding	absent
	Dr Emma Tukmachi (ET), Named GP Safeguarding Children	**present**
	Mary Lee (ML), Designated Nurse (0.5)	apologies
	Sam Martin (SM), Designated Nurse (0.5)	apologies
	Marcia Smikle (MS), Head of Safeguarding Children - Homerton	**present**
	Vivien Hobbs (VH), Named Doctor	**present**
	Breeda McManus (BM), Chief Nurse - Director of Governance	apologies
	Korkor Ceasar (KC), Associate Director for Safeguarding Children	apologies
ELFT	Dinh Padicala (DP), Director of Safeguarding	apologies
	Ade Dosunmu (AD), Manager of CAMHS	apologies
	Andrew Horobin (AH), Deputy Borough Director - City and Hackney| East London NHS Foundation Trust	**present**
Police	**Vijay Gorania (VG), 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	apologies
	Jenny Zienu (JZ), Strategy policy lead - poverty workstream	apologies
	Pauline Adams (PA), Head of Service, Young Hackney	apologies
	Maurice Mason (MM), Head of Service, Safer Communities	apologies
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**	**present**
HCVS	Vacant	absent
London Fire Brigade	James O'Neil (JO), 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**

Also in attendance:

Agency	Name	Role
Hackney	**Jacquie Burke (JB), Group Director Children & Education**	**present**
Probation	**Sharon Smith (SSm), Senior Probation Officer**	**sub for SS**
VAWG	**Cathal Ryan, Service Manager DIAS (CR)**	**presenter**
CAMHS Alliance/Hackney Education	**Sophie McElroy Senior Programme Manager, City & Hackney Children & Young People's Emotional Health and Wellbeing Partnership**	**presenter**

The meeting covered a range of safeguarding topics, including risks to children, case reviews, funding for domestic abuse services, trauma-informed guidance for child victims of domestic abuse, and updates from partner agencies.

Key points discussed:

Risk Register: The board discussed risks related to the Metropolitan Police Service's Connect system, unregistered educational settings, and seasonal risks during the Christmas season.

Case Review Updates: Updates were provided on various case reviews.

IRIS Funding: Concerns were raised about potential funding cuts to the IRIS domestic violence service, which provides training and support to GPs in identifying and referring victims of domestic abuse. The Board was advised that alternative funding was being sought.

Trauma-Informed Guidance for Child Victims of Domestic Abuse: A presentation highlighted the development of trauma-informed guidance for child victims of domestic abuse, and next steps include sharing and promoting the guidance.

Partner Updates: Updates were received from various partner agencies, including Hackney Children and Families Service, North East London ICB, Public Health, Homerton Hospital, ELFT, Metropolitan Police Service, Probation Service, and Hackney Housing.

Working Together 2023 (WT23): The board was briefed on the Partnership's position regarding the WT23 guidance. It was noted that revised arrangements were being drafted for the end of the year.

There was no other business and the meeting concluded.