

Salford Safeguarding Children Board

Meeting Theme:

Early Help/0-25/Emotional Health and Wellbeing



Salford
Safeguarding
Children Board

Date: 21st May 2018

Time: 13:00 until 16:00

Chair: Simon Westwood, Independent SSCB Chair

Venue: Committee Room 4, Civic Centre, Chorley Road, Swinton, M27 5AW

MINUTES

1. Welcome and Apologies

Chair of meeting:

Westwood, Simon Independent SSCB Chair

Members in attendance:

Ms Armfield, Karen	Head Teacher, Boothstown Methodist Primary School
Ms Buckley, Cathryn	Head of Adult and Child Safeguarding, Greater Manchester Mental Health
Dr Dixit, Kalpesh	Designated Doctor, SRFT
Ms Ford, Emma	Head of Safeguarding, Salford City Council
Mr Hagan, Glen	Service Manager, CAF/CASS
Ms Hubber, Sharon	Assistant Director Specialist Services, Salford City Council
Ms Kelly, Clare	Assistant Director of Nursing, SRFT
Mr Millington, Howard	Superintendent, Greater Manchester Police
Ms Patel, Andrea	Designated Nurse, NHS Salford CCG
Ms Ramsden, Charlotte	Director of Adult and Children's Services, Salford City Council

Officers in attendance to represent SSCB members:

Ms Marshall, Anne-Marie Services Manager, Salford CVS (representing Ms L Murray)

Officers from the SSCB in attendance:

Ms Bentley, Vivienne (minutes) Senior Business Support Officer, SSCB
Ms Slack, Tiffany Business Manger, SSCB

Other agencies or groups invited onto the Board as co-opted members and advisors

Ms Begum, Shahanara	SSCB Training Coordinator (Item 2)
Ms Hartley, Melanie	Independent Safeguarding Consultant (Item 2)
Ms Carwardine, Jane	Independent Safeguarding Consultant (Item 2)
Mr Pownall, Andy	Greater Manchester Fire & Rescue Service (Item 2)
Mr Harding, Lee	Information Analyst, Salford City Council/NHS Salford CCG (Observer)

Apologies received from:

SSCB Members:

Ms Blackburn, Deborah	Assistant Director: Public Health Nursing
Rabbi Grant, Simon	Lay Member
Ms Murray, Louise	Deputy Chief Executive, CVS (Representative attended)
Ms Pugh, Nicola	Community Director (Manchester, Salford and Trafford) Cheshire & Greater Manchester CRC
Ms Seale, Manjit	Assistant Chief Executive, National Probation Service
Ms Thorpe, Francine	Director of Quality & Innovation, NHS Salford Clinical Commissioning Group (Ms Patel represented CCG)

The Lead Member for Children's Services (participating observer)

Cllr Stone, Lisa	Lead Members for Children's Services
Cllr Walsh, John	Executive Support for Education and Learning

Not expected to attend

SSCB Members:

Ms Browse, Laura	Head of Primary Care, NHS England
Mr Hassall, Anthony	Chief Accountable Officer, Salford CCG
Mr Herne, David	Director of Public Health

Sub Group Chairs (attend when required):

Mr Packer, Chris	Detective Chief Inspector, GMP
Ms Rogers, Polly	Salford Health Works Advisor
Mr Rumley, Tim	Senior Youth Service Manager, Salford City Council

Other agencies or groups invited onto the Board as co-opted members and advisors

Ms Ashton, Lorraine	Solicitor, Manchester & Salford Legal Section
Ms Burfitt, Elaine	Named Doctor: Community Child Protection, SRFT

- 1.1. The Chair welcomed Mr Hagan to his first SSCB meeting, Mr Harding who was in attendance to observe the meeting, Ms Begum, Mr Pownall, Ms Hartley and Ms Carwardine who were in attendance for item 2 on the agenda.

Presentation of Reports

2. Multi Agency Concise Review (MACR) Child T (Presented by Melanie Hartley & Jane Carwardine)

- 2.1. Ms Slack informed that the Home Office had also been invited to this meeting, unfortunately the representative was unable to attend. The report includes recommendations for the Home Office.
- 2.2. Ms Hartley thanked everyone who had been involved in this process, Mr Pownall chaired the panel meetings, Ms Slack and Ms Bentley supported the process and all involved in the panel were excellent making it a positive review process.
- 2.3. Ms Hartley presented the PowerPoint presentation.
- 2.4. Ms Hartley and Ms Carwardine produced a seven minute briefing on the learning from this case review. A copy was available with the papers and SSCB members were asked to agree the content prior to publication on the SSCB website.
- 2.5. Ms Hartley and Ms Carwardine produced an executive summary of the report; this is designed to be a stand alone document to assist in team discussions and learning from this case.
- 2.6. Ms Ford noted that the learning from this case links with wider work in the North West on Care Orders for children living at home. It was also noted that professionals would not know if parents applied for passports.
- 2.7. Ms Hubber commented that the report was well written and provided good indicators of where we can improve or change the way we work. It was also noted that this case is unusual.
- 2.8. Ms Hubber noted that the report indicates that if the Home Office were aware that the child was looked after, they would have contacted Children's Services. Ms Hubber explained that Children's Services would want to be informed of any children living in a home with high level criminality. Ms Patel informed that this issue was debated at the panel meetings as this view is similar to that of a number of panel members. It was the view of the GMP and Home Office

representatives on the panel that it is not feasible to contact Children's Services in all cases however it was accepted that the checks made in this case were not robust.

- 2.9. Ms Ramsden noted that it is important that there is some cross checking of decisions being made regarding potentially vulnerable people and the safeguarding of children. If it is a professional judgement that children's services do not need to be informed, it should be clear who oversees the judgement to be made for the safeguarding of children and who has the professional accountability for these decisions.
- 2.10. Ms Hartley agreed with the comments and informed that this issue was discussed at length by the panel. The issue is how the Home Office responds to the systems issues identified by this review. It can be argued that flagging every looked after child on police systems would be extremely time consuming, and they would not have contact with many of those children. It may be better to make some enquiries about every case that involves children to ask if there are any known concerns.
- 2.11. The Chair noted that it could be argued that it is a breach of rights to identify or flag on police systems all looked after children. There is a protocol to notify a named lead officer in local authorities when people on the witness protection scheme are placed in an area. This ensures that checks can be made confidentially. At the point the decision had been made to arrest the parents, contact could be made with a named Children's Services lead to share information, not necessarily through the usual referral process.
- 2.12. Ms Hubber informed that she is the named local authority link if there is an individual that needs to be protected and has responsibility for contacting the named link in other authorities when protected individuals are moved into their area. Ms Hubber agreed that it would be appropriate to apply this model in similar circumstances.
- 2.13. Ms Hartley noted that the local police have contacts at The Bridge and would be able to make necessary checks, however in this case there were no local links.
- 2.14. Ms Hubber commented that written agreements are only beneficial if they are overseen and shared between professionals, they should not be kept between one professional and the family. The identified learning supports this.
- 2.15. Dr Dixit noted that the report is good and asked whether there should be a recommendation for all agencies dealing with significant criminality to give consideration to contacting children's services and document the reason(s) for the decision made.
- 2.16. The chair asked SSCB members to consider the recommendations made for the SSCB:

Rec. 1. Ms Ford informed that the policy has been updated. This recommendation was accepted.

Rec. 2. Ms Hubber explained that there needs to be a process to record that children are looked after or a process to identify where children are placed. Looked after children often change placements and each move would require a notification. Ms Patel noted that some organisations already make notifications for all changes.

It was agreed that a simple, robust process is required to ensure that notifications are made and recorded.

Ms Kelly asked which agencies were unaware that looked after children may be placed at home. Ms Hartley informed that several agencies had indicated they were and noted that the GP and police were unaware for this case, this included

professionals who attended the practitioner event.

Ms Kelly commented that often children looked after who are placed at home may be more vulnerable and informed that she will look at the health approach to this recommendation. Ms Hartley noted that the reason for this recommendation was the increased vulnerability of this cohort of children.

The Chair noted that in many instances, the reason the child is placed at home is because progress has been made and family circumstances area improved with plans are in place to rescind the Care Order.

Ms Ramsden noted that the local authority, health, the virtual Head Teacher, School and Health Visitors are aware that children are looked after and where they are placed. Therefore it is only the police who would not be aware routinely. Ms Ford informed that this has been resolved locally, GMP are aware of all looked after children placed in Salford. However, police do not have this information nationally.

The Chair noted that a local system is a good starting point and the learning should be feedback to the Home Office and they should be informed of the local solution.

The Chair suggested re-wording this recommendation to make it simpler and to indicate there is a local procedure. Ms Ford informed that the process needs to be written and added to the policy.

It was noted that the GP was also unaware that looked after children could be placed at home. Ms Patel informed that there is work in place to ensure that the notification process functions properly.

The Chair suggested adding an information item on the website to inform practitioners that looked after children on Care Orders can be placed at home.

In summary, recommendation two is challenging. The system for notifications of looked after children need work. There is a local system in place with additional local arrangements to flag with police when children are looked after by the local authority.

The Chair requested a general assurance report on how agencies record if children are looked after. The second paragraph should be re-worded: "Children's Services and GMP via the SSCB should consider putting into place a local information sharing protocol for looked after children." Ms Hubber noted that it is important to ensure that notifications are also made when children stop being looked after.

Ms Ford, Ms Hubber and Ms Hartley will agree the wording for this recommendation.

Action 2.1: EF/SH/MH

Rec. 3. Ms Begum agreed to this recommendation and noted that it could also be included in other relevant courses and seminars.

Rec. 4. It was agreed to request a report from GMP and Children's Services identifying the number of children who have been subject to PPOs and indicating if a strategy meeting took place.

Mr Millington asked if this case was ever taken to children's services. Ms Hubber

informed that it was discussed with children's services and the case did not require a PPO, because she was already subject to a Care Order, therefore the need to arrange a strategy meeting was missed.

It was agreed to audit children who have been subject to PPOs over a 12 month period including December 2016 to provide assurance there are no systemic issues regarding strategy meetings in these cases

Rec. 5. The wording of this recommendation for the Home Office needs to be strengthened. There are some specific points regarding different elements of the Home Office and where there are different investigative processes, some could be clearer with regard to the safeguarding of children. The Home Office should have the facility for someone from the Home Office to make that judgement or should refer to the local authority. We should add to the recommendation to ask that they provide this Board with their proposal for how they will address the issues that arose from this case. The wording will be changed outside this meeting.

Rec. 6. The learning will be shared with the seven minute briefing.

The Chair suggested sending a copy of the Executive Summary to the new National Panel of SCR Experts with the recommendations from this review when it is in operation. The new panel will be able to make recommendations to the Government and there are national recommendations from this review.

When the executive summary is published, we should be prepared for media enquiries with a proactive media statement prepared. This should also be discussed with the Home Office.

It was agreed to aim to publish the Executive Summary in July 2018. This should allow sufficient time to re-word recommendations, prepare action plans and discuss the recommendations with the Home Office and National Panel.

The seven minute briefing identifies local learning and can be shared when the smart recommendations have been agreed.

3. General Data Protection regulations (GDPR)

- 3.1. Unfortunately Teresa Webb, Corporate Information Officer was unable to attend this meeting.
- 3.2. GDPR comes into force on 25th May 2018 and we need to understand the implications for SSCB.
- 3.3. The Chair noted that the SSCB is not a public body but most of the member organisations represented are and they are subject to the GDPR and will have their own arrangements in place to meet the regulations. The team that supports the SSCB are employed by the local authority and work under GDPR as implemented by the local authority. It is understood that the regulations apply as they would to the local authority.
- 3.4. The Chair noted that personal information held from historic SCRs by the SSCB is not currently subject to freedom of information or subject access requests. In the new safeguarding arrangements this information may be more accessible? This needs to be clarified as the data will be transferred under the new safeguarding arrangements. The draft guidance requires a data transfer agreement to be put in place. A meeting with legal advisors and information officer is scheduled for 13th June 2018.

- 3.5. Ms Ramsden informed that information is being cascaded to staff members regarding the implications of GDPR via briefings and E-Learning to explain the responsibilities and changes that will come into effect on 25th May 2018. If practitioners are contacted directly with a request to delete information, they must take advice first.
- 3.6. The Chair noted that the Independent Inquiry into Child Sexual Abuse wants local authorities to retain information <https://www.iicsa.org.uk/key-documents/115/view/retention-instructions-and-data-protection-requirements.pdf> as this information is in the safeguarding arena this will take precedent and local authorities will be required to retain information.

4. Early Help/0-25/Emotional Health and Wellbeing (Presented by Sharon Hubber and Charlotte Ramsden)

- 4.1. The Chair explained that under the current regulations, the SSCB has responsibility for the oversight of early help. This responsibility has been delegated to the Children's Trust. We need to ensure that under the new arrangements early help is properly scrutinised and the safeguarding risks are understood. Governance also needs to be clarified.
- 4.2. Ms Blackburn has submitted a detailed report with embedded documents.
- 4.3. Ms Hubber explained that we have not had an early help strategy in place although there is a considerable amount of work ongoing in this area including work in the West Locality and around children with disabilities which has not been formulated into a strategy. The aim is to marry together the information that is already collected to create a full picture.
- 4.4. The strategy was presented today for discussion and will be signed off at the SSCB meeting on 13th June 2018 and then published on the SSCB website.
- 4.5. Ms Ramsden commented that the work on early help is excellent; the test is whether it makes a difference. The rationale with performance data looked at the impact by measuring the volume of work referred to children's social care. It will take time to build up the detail as information is gathered in a different way.
- 4.6. The Chair noted that the governance still needs to be debated; we now have 0-25 and Emotional Health and Well-being Boards and asked where the governance will sit under the new safeguarding arrangements. Ms Ramsden informed that the governance will sit with the 0-25 Board as the remit will be expanded to mirror the SSAB and become an advisory Board, a combination of commissioners and providers across Early Help and will also report to the Children's Trust. The current role of SSCB is to seek assurance that children remain safe.
- 4.7. Ms Slack asked if the strategy could include a diagram to indicate the governance. Ms Hubber agreed to suggest this to Ms Blackburn.

ACTION 4.1: SH

- 4.8. Dr Dixit noted an error in the first attachment, it states "resign" and should be "re-design".
- 4.9. The Chair asked SSCB members to review the strategy, identify any gaps and submit any comments and feedback to Ms Blackburn by 1st June 2018. If there is a nil response, it will be assumed that members are in agreement with the strategy.

ACTION: ALL

- 4.10. The final paper will be signed off at the SSCB meeting on 13th June 2018.

Business


5. Minutes of previous meeting, matters arising

5.1. The minutes agreed as an accurate record of the meeting held on 19th March 2018.

6. Outstanding actions Chair Paper

6.1. The action log was updated at the meeting and the following actions were agreed to be complete or no longer relevant.

Date	Actions	Lead	Progress
24/04/2017	2.1 work with Mr Barnes to include the VYPP process in the threshold of need documentation.	Tiffany Slack	<p>21/6/2017 <i>'7.1 the threshold status of the Young Person's Plan is equivalent to the Child Protection Plan'</i> p4 <u>YPP guidance</u> (June 2017)</p> <p>T Slack met with D Barnes. DB agreed to make suggested track changes to local threshold of need and GM procedures.</p> <p>06/09/2017: David has sent suggested text for inclusion in the threshold of need. This should be signed off at C&D in October 2017.</p> <p>15/01/2018: This document needs to be signed off at Feb C&D – delayed as lot of parallel pieces of work are ongoing. Agreed to sign off at C&D & confirm at the next SSCB</p> <p>12/3/2018: Revised threshold guidance 2018 went to C&D 12/2/2018 and CYPTB 13/2/2018 comments due back by 20/2/2018. T Slack chased feedback from Children Services 8/2/2018 and 8/3/2018. It will be published ahead of the Board 19/3/2018.</p> <p>2/5/2018 Revised threshold of need guidance published 27/4/2018.</p>
15/01/2018	Action 2.2: Ms Staley agreed to check the breakdown of these live referrals and inform Ms Slack if there were any young people under 18 in this group.	Jeanette Staley	<p>12/03/2018: Ms Bentley emailed Ms Staley for an update</p> <p>12/03/2018: Ms Rice provided further details. This information is not for sharing.</p>
15/01/2018	Action 3.1: The Chair agreed to add this to the agenda for the Greater Manchester LSCBs, to see what issues other LSCBs have with perpetrator programmes and it may be	Simon Westwood	<p>12/03/2018: Chair unable to attend last GM meeting so will follow up at the next one.</p> <p>19/03/2018: Mr Westwood will not be at the meeting</p>

	possible to lobby the police and crime commission to ask what the plans are.		<p>on 12/04/2018. He will request the agenda item.</p> <p>12/4/2018 Simon drafted a briefing note (attached) which was discussed at the GM LSCB Chairs & BM meeting. Minutes not yet</p> <p> query about DA perpetartors program available.</p> <p>Lisa Morris agreed to raise at the GM DA Partnership 16/4/2018. 2/5/2018 T Slack has chased an outcome.</p>
15/01/2018	Action 3.4: The Chair will discuss this at the next inter-board chairs meeting, and ask the partnership chairs if we need a domestic violence coordinator, can we afford to pay for one, or is it agreed that we are all content to manage the potential risk of lack of coordination.	Simon Westwood	<p>12/03/2018: Date still to be agreed for the next meeting</p> <p>4/5/2018: Meeting arranged for 20/9/2018</p> <p>21/05/2018:Mr Westwood has discussed with Jim Taylor</p>
15/01/2018	Action 13.1: Let the SSCB team know if the dates of SSAB are not possible for SSCB meetings. An email will go out to SSCB members with the dates included.	ALL	<p>12/03/2018: Calendar invites gone out for 13/6/2018 and 5/12/2018. 5/9/2018 needs to be re-arranged. Provisional SSCB themes on agenda 19/3</p> <p>19/03/2018: If free venues cannot be found, it was agreed to use Buile Hill and pay for refreshments.</p> <p>17/04/2018: SSCB will meet on 15/10/2018. SSAB will be asked if it is possible to change the date of the Sept meeting.</p>
19/03/2018	Action 3.1: Feedback to the CSE&A subgroup that the direction of the arrows is inconsistent and confusing. They should take into account the whole reporting period.	Howard Millington	17/04/2018: Email sent to Chris Packer & Emma Ford to inform of this comment.
19/03/2018	Action 4.1: Ms Bentley will amend the minutes of the meeting held on 15th January 2018.	Vivienne Bentley	11/04/2018: Amended minutes uploaded to the website: http://www.partnersinsalford.org/sscb/sscbbusiness.htm
19/03/2018	Action 6.1: Ms Bentley will circulate a copy of the minutes of the Coordination & Delivery	Vivienne Bentley	Completed 06/04/18

	Group meeting held on 12th February 2018.		
19/03/2018	Action 6.2: Ms Hubber will confirm whether Salix is a commissioned service.	Sharon Hubber	<u>21/05/2018</u> Salix not required to complete S11 audit as not service listed under regulations.
19/03/2018	Action 6.4: The Chair will follow up on the letter sent to independent schools regarding their safeguarding duty.	Simon Westwood	<u>16/5/2018</u> Draft letter sent to C Starbuck and C Ramsden. 17/5/2018: C Starbuck confirmed happy with letter. C Starbuck has added a paragraph re convening a safeguarding subgroup of Jewish Independent schools in partnership with Bury. Elaine B to confirm the list of schools and Elizabeth J to provide the email addresses. <u>21/05/2018</u> Written to Independent schools and sent to Cathy Starbuck
19/03/2018	Action 8.1: The Chair and Ms Thorpe will discuss the terms of reference for Case 2018-08.	Simon Westwood	<u>Completed 06/04/18</u>
19/03/2018	Action 9.1: The Chair will send the notes regarding Key Changes in the government response to WT 2018	Simon Westwood	<u>Completed 06/04/18</u>

7. Coordination & Delivery Group Update Andrea Patel verbal

- 7.1. Sharon Hubber will take over the Chair of this group after the next meeting. The Chair thanked Ms Hubber and also Ms Patel for her support as interim chair. Ms Patel chaired the last Coordination and Delivery Group Meeting and provided a verbal update today. A copy of the minutes was added to the papers today.
- 7.2. Ms Patel informed that sub group chairs struggled to submit update reports ahead of the last meeting.
- 7.3. Case Review And Audit Sub Group: The workload of this group is high and members often struggle to complete actions in between meetings. A SCR is about to start, regular updates from the SCR will be shared with this group and they will monitor the action plans.
- 7.4. Strategic Training: Progress is being made with the joint sub group. SSAB has appointed a training coordinator. There has been an issue with attendance at training. The function of the joint sub group requires dialogue to merge the two agendas, the children's element is established and it will require greater representation from adult services to successfully make progress with any merger.
- 7.5. CSE&A: This group is working on the shared data set with GMP and the local authority to identify ongoing work. The group is also working on a pathway for individuals with learning

difficulties and there has been some discussion about how to include the voice of the child in this work.

- 7.6. Safeguarding in Education: this group had not met since the last meeting so no update was available.
- 7.7. Learning, Improvement, Performance Management and Quality Assurance sub group: Datasets for Children’s Services, Domestic Abuse, Children’s Trust and Early Help have been agreed. The performance officer is no longer in post to support the SSCB with this work; Mr Harding will now support the development and production of a performance report.
- 7.8. Voice of the Child: Discussed Viewpoint, there has been low usage of this system. An update will be shared at the next meeting. Schools have reported technical issues and administrative challenges as barriers to using Viewpoint.
- 7.9. Practitioner’s Forum: The last forum was on The Bridge; Elaine Healey attended to facilitate the forum. Positive feedback was received and the forum generated good discussions with suggestions and solutions offered. This feedback was shared at the Bridge Strategic Meeting.
- 7.10. Updates unavailable: Children’s Domestic Violence, Neglect, Communication & Engagement and Complex Safeguarding did not provide updates for this meeting.
- 7.11. New Safeguarding Arrangements: These were discussed to look at a coordinated approach and revised branding.
- 7.12. FGM: looking at risk assessments for women who are pregnant, not pregnant and children at risk of FGM.
- 7.13. Items to raise with SSCB:
 - Viewpoint
 - Sub Group development sessions
 - CSE Pathway
- 7.14. Evidence of Challenge/Good Practice: the Practitioner Forum

8. SCR/MACR – verbal update

- 8.1. Child R: Two action plans require additional evidence prior to sign off. The CMFT action plan will not be complete until July 2018.
- 8.2. Case 2017-08: There is a planning session for the SCR on 24th May 2018 and the first SCR panel will take place on 11th June 2018.

9. Proposed Local Child Safeguarding Arrangements: Progress Report and Discussion

- 9.1. The Chair noted that the last meeting agreed the next steps.
- 9.2. Ms Slack updated on the actions identified on Page 10 of the report shared at the last SSCB meeting:

Action	Progress Update
1. Assess strengths, weaknesses opportunities and threats and agree proposals to mitigate risks	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 14/5/2018 SWOT analysis completed by SSCB Team • 18/6/2018 SWOT analysis will be completed by C&D members

2. Specify membership and leadership of each functional group	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Revision of sub group terms of reference cannot be progressed until the template has been updated. This will be sent out in the next two weeks.
3. Revise terms of reference for each functional group	As above
4. Describe revised performance assurance framework	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Included in draft early adopter programme bid 24/07/2018- The Case Review and Audit Sub-group and Learning, Improvement, Performance Management and Quality Assurance sub group will have a joint development session on 24th July 2018. TBC Mapping exercise to capture all existing learning and improvement activities.
5. Prepare a rationale for moving to the new arrangement	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> before the statutory deadline of Sept 2019
6. Prepare a statement for publication of how the new arrangements meet the statutory responsibilities	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Once final statutory guidance published
7. Prepare a plan of arrangements for publication	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Deadline is 31st January 2019
8. Prepare a communication plan	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 6/4/2018 Tiffany and Debbie have contacted Sue Hill, corporate communications team Sue has agreed to allocate someone to the work in the next couple of weeks.
9. Prepare a data transfer agreement	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Meeting 13/6/2018 with legal and LA information governance lead. Invited MSCB 18/5/2018

9.3. Edward Timpson, ex Health Minister has been appointed as Chair of the new National Panel; he has had significant involvement at a national level with care leavers. Most of the panel members have been appointed and will include two LSCB Chairs and a Paediatrician. The police appointment is yet to be announced.

9.4. Regulations for the new National Panel have been through parliament and will be enacted when the new guidance is in place. The new guidance is expected to be in place on 29th June 2018 and is likely to include guidance for the transition to the new panel.

9.5. The DfE announced funding for early adopters; they want 10 local authorities to pilot covering a range of elements of the new arrangements. We still aim to sign off on the plan for the new arrangements in autumn with implementation in the New Year.

10. Budget Update

10.1. This paper was added to Sharepoint today.

10.2. 2017/18 c/f balance of £38978.

10.3. The new funding arrangements are not known. CDOP is included in the current funding arrangements however this is still under discussion for the new arrangements.

Key Local and National Issues

11. Feedback from:

- 11.1. **Greater Manchester Standards Board:** Ms Ramsden informed that there is a definite proposal in place for this Board which is being led by James Thomas, DCS at Tameside in consultation with the ten Directors of Children’s Services, current Independent LSCB Chairs, GMP and Health colleagues.
- 11.2. This Board has three aspirations:
- improve safeguarding delivered by partner agencies within their local safeguarding arrangements through support and challenge.
 - be accountable to the Children’s Board where all ten authorities, GMP and health and social care partners are well represented.
 - oversee delivery and function where there is agreement that this is most effectively delivered one at a regional level.
- 11.3. The aim is to use a regional dataset currently used for local authorities and will need to be compiled for GMP and Health to inform discussions on quality and provide opportunities to improve the standards across Greater Manchester.
- 11.4. There is a peer review approach to Greater Manchester and the membership is being discussed. The aim is to keep membership small; however it should include representatives from local authorities, health and police and may also be extended to include other experts.
- 11.5. Ideally there will be a representative from each LSCB. James Thomas will need to find a balanced mix to represent the ten local authorities. The proposals are expected at the Children’s Board on Wednesday.
- 11.6. The Children’s Board is a new Greater Manchester arrangement which is led by Rishi Shori, Leader of Bury Council, supported by Joanne Rowley and membership includes the 10 local authority Directors of Children’s Services, 10 Lead Members for Children’s Services and representatives from GMP and Health. The Board will oversee the work undertaken by a number of Greater Manchester arrangements, look at the use of innovation money and how the Greater Manchester work is delivering on outcomes for children.
- 11.7. The Chair informed that a paper was circulated to Greater Manchester Chairs, he has responded to this paper to say that he welcomes the Board and it has a clear remit.
- 11.8. Coordination of performance with dedicated capacity for analysis at a Greater Manchester level will help with plans to focus performance management.
- 11.9. The proposal is to have an independent chair and it was felt that it is important to understand this role. The intention is that this chair does not have a current role in the Greater Manchester arrangements.
- 11.10. Ms Ramsden stressed that this Board does not remove any local accountability. It will be an enabler and challenger, the local arrangements will remain important.
- 11.11. **Children & Young People’s Trust Board:** The link to latest minutes was included on the agenda.

Standing Items

12. Items to refer to young people **Open** **N/A**

- CSE Pathway for children with learning difficulties.

13. Items to evidence impact, challenge and/or good practice **Open** **N/A**

- 13.1. **Impact:** The presentation of the MACR on Child T
- 13.2. **Challenge:** How to raise issues at a national level. Ms Kelly asked whether the new Greater Manchester Standards Board would be a route for challenge. Ms Ramsden agreed that it could be used as a mechanism for challenge, once the issue has been pursued locally.
- 13.3. The Chair noted that we do not have a formal process in place to share the learning from SCRs across GM. This is done informally.
- 13.4. There remains issues around clarity of governance and political influences which are part of elected officials mandate, therefore if there are safeguarding issues, it is important to highlight these issues and ask them to show leadership and ensure independent scrutiny on these areas.

14. Dates and themes of future SSCB meetings

Date	Report Deadline	Theme	SSCB Lead
13/06/2018	01/06/2018	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Complex Safeguarding <small><i>NB: Pilot of joint SSAB/SSCB</i></small>	Debbie Blackburn
15/10/2018	05/10/2018	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Domestic Abuse – JTAI Action Plan Update 	Howard Millington Emma Ford
05/12/2018	23/11/2018	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Neglect 	Sean Atkinson

Minutes verified by: Simon Westwood, Independent SSCB Chair

Minutes verified on: 5th June 2018