

## SSCP Meeting Minutes

**Date:** 2<sup>nd</sup> September 2024

**Time:** 1pm- 4pm

**Chair:** Melissa Caslake, Executive Director – Children’s Services, Salford City Council

**Minutes:** Debbie Hulme, Senior Business Support Officer, SSCP

**Venue:** MS Teams

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### **1. Welcome and Apologies Lead: Chair**

The Chair welcomed everyone to the meeting and introductions were made and apologies recorded.

Documentation pertaining to today’s meeting has been shared in advance.

#### a. In attendance

**Melissa Caslake, Executive Director of Children’s Services, Salford City Council: People**  
**Debbie Hulme, Senior Business Support Officer, Salford Safeguarding Children Partnership**  
**Kate Pollard, Head of Business & Impact Lead, Salford Safeguarding Children Partnership**  
**Debbie Blackburn, Director: Public Health Nursing and Wellbeing, Public Health**  
**Sayma Khan, Director Children’s Social Care, Salford City Council: People**  
**Tim Rumley, Children’s Services Senior Manager, Salford City Council: People**  
**Jane Slinger, Head of Safeguarding & Quality Assurance Unit, Salford City Council: People**  
**Victoria Ford (on behalf of Simon Moyles), GMP**  
**Diane Kinsella, Designated Nurse: Safeguarding Children & Looked After Children, NHS Greater Manchester**  
**Audrey McCoy, Acting Assistant Director, Northern Care Alliance**  
**Michelle Williamson, Associate Director Nursing Quality and Safety, Integrated Care**  
**Melanie John-Ross, Independent Scrutineer, Salford Safeguarding Children Partnership**  
**Lee Matthews, Head of Youth Justice Service, Salford City Council: People (attended for item 4)**  
**Katie Kelleher, Service Manager, Helping Families, Salford City Council: People (attended for item 7)**

#### b. Apologies received from:

Karen Armfield, Headteacher, Boothstown Methodist Primary School  
Rebecca Bibby, Director of Early Help & School Readiness, Salford City Council: People  
Danielle Buckley, Head of Probation Delivery Unit, Salford Probation  
Simon Moyles, Detective Superintendent (Cluster Vulnerability), GMP  
Elaine Burfitt, Designated Doctor (Safeguarding Children), NHS GM Integrated Care  
David Thorpe, Director of Nursing, Northern Care Alliance  
Michelle Warburton, Voice and Influence Manager, Salford CVS

### **2. Minutes of previous meeting Lead: Chair**

The minutes were agreed as an accurate record of the meeting held 3<sup>rd</sup> June 2024.

### **3. Action Tracker Lead: Chair**

The action tracker was reviewed and updated at the meeting. All closed actions will be transferred to the closed action tracker after the meeting.

#### **4. Safeguarding Adolescents Spotlight Report – Lee Matthews**

The Safeguarding Adolescents Subgroup was formed May 2022 following learning from Serious Offence Reviews and an increase around that time of Serious Incident Notifications involving adolescents to the partnership.

Subgroup members alongside young people were involved in devising the Safeguarding Adolescent Strategy (2023-2026) based on the priority areas and this was launched April 2023.

Key information was provided:

- The strategy was well promoted and disseminated across the partnership
- A summary of the strategy was developed; the full report and summary have been published on the [SSCP Website](#)
- A one page poster was produced and is displayed across council buildings and the gateway centres
- GM Partners have recognised the quality of the strategy and are eager to replicate the content. The document has been shared across various GM Local Authorities
- There is a wider understanding to effectively safeguard and promote the wellbeing of children and young people
- Recently there has been a focus on transitional safeguarding and relevant adult social care practitioners were identified to join the subgroup. A mapping exercise was carried out to identify the Salford offer and highlight the work being undertaken across the partnership. It is proposed to conduct further consultation work to build a fuller picture and ensure greater awareness/knowledge of transitional safeguarding and provision available across the partnership.
- Appropriate multi-agency training opportunities for the workforce have been delivered
- Increase in the number of children and young people accessing prevention services and early help services
- Lots of activity in respect of engagement with children/young people
- The BeeWell Survey was used to measure young people's emotional wellbeing

It was reported that the Safeguarding Adolescent Subgroup objectives have been met and assurance was provided that this topic will continue to be monitored via further appropriate SSCP Subgroups. Approval was sought for the disbandment of the adolescent group; SSCP members agreed to this proposal.

Questions/comments were invited from SSCP Members:

Q: Is there a flowchart that illustrates which subgroups will continue to monitor workstreams?

A: This information is captured within the multi-agency Safeguarding Arrangements master document; Kate Pollard will forward this to Michelle Williamson.

It was proposed that Safeguarding Adolescents be a standard item on relevant subgroups to ensure that workstreams/activity is monitored on a regular basis.

The group discussed relevant multi-agency training packages and it was noted that the Stressed out Brain course includes key messages.

Tim reported that previously there was a training package in respect of 'Safeguarding Older Children and Young People Effectively' and he suggested that this be reinstated on the SSCP Training Programme; this proposal will be taken to the Strategic Workforce Development Subgroup for consideration.

The group acknowledged that the subgroup have achieved excellent outcomes and it was suggested that all the activity/engagement/key messages with young people should be brought to the next SSCP meeting for oversight of 'you said, we did'

Kate informed the group that Jo Horton (SSCP Participation Lead) is holding Youth Summit meetings with children/young people and relevant Subgroup Chairs using the 'you said, we did' format. Feedback will be captured, will be posted on the SSCP Website and the feedback can be brought to the next SSCP meeting. It was agreed that this will be an agenda item for the December meeting. This will be incorporated on the SSCP forward plan.

It was noted that a strategy is under development in relation to youth participation and engagement; various young people and young people groups will be consulted.

The Chair thanked Lee and the Adolescent Subgroup members for the production of the strategy and activity /workstreams that have been achieved.

**Action: Kate Pollard to forward the multi-agency Safeguarding Arrangements master document to Michelle Williamson**

**Action: Kate Pollard to ensure that Jo Horton's report in respect of activity/engagement with children/young people be an agenda item for SSCP December meeting**

## **5. Child Sexual Abuse Spotlight Report – Diane Kinsella**

The CSA Subgroup are making good progress on the workplan.

Key highlights were provided:

- There has been a focus on workforce development. A Training Needs Analysis was undertaken to consider the future offer and to highlight any training gaps; gaps continue to be considered.
- A CSA Practice Week was held which included briefings and various training packages this aligned with the National Practice Week
- Dedicated CSA Webpages have been developed for [professionals](#) and [parents/carers](#) which include a raft of resources. The Webpages are updated on a regular basis to ensure that all information remains current. The subgroup will review the parents page and use language that parents will understand including parent type search words to help them navigate to the page easily.
- The SSCP/SSAB are developing a joint webpage which will include cross-cutting themes
- A cohort of key professionals will be identified to develop a multi-agency CSA training package and deliver to the workforce
- Education and Police representatives have assured the subgroup that workforce development is embedded within their training strategies
- CSA Subgroup have contributed to the Professional Curiosity 7MB
- Work is ongoing with the 10 GM Safeguarding Children Partnerships and the Centre of Excellence to arrange a roadshow; format yet to be agreed. The roadshow will help practitioners to strengthen their skills when working with families and the National Sexual Abuse Referral Pathway will be promoted which will be embed in practice across the 10 GM Authorities.

- The Online Sexual Abuse Co-ordinator is now a member of the CSA group and is helping members to understand the lived experiences of young people and also how sexual abuse is changing online and the concerns in respect of artificial intelligence.

The Online Sexual Abuse Co-ordinator and members of the 'Nerd Club' and further young people are collaborating to co-produce educational videos for parents/carers in respect of social media platforms and online safety

- Harmful Sexual Behaviours Pathway has been launched and disseminated across the partnership. Several multi-agency lunch bowls have been delivered to the workforce. A dedicated webpage will be developed.

A YOS Support Worker has designed an intervention programme to support young people who display sexual harmful behaviours and to also support victims.

- The CSA Subgroup are linking with appropriate forums to encourage children and young people to talk about CSA
- The CSA Chair will attend the Youth Summit to engage with young people and encourage feedback
- A Window of Practice document has been developed, the report demonstrates:
  - Effectiveness of the group
  - Triangulated learning from national and local child reviews
  - Referral data into the Bridge. High numbers of contact in relation to sexual abuse however children subject to a child protection plan for CSA highlights the overreliance of disclosures and a perception of risk reduction when the abusing perpetrator is removed from the home. Evidence suggests that professionals will focus on coexisting abuse e.g. domestic abuse, mental health, substance abuse.
  - Inadequate safeguarding practice when identifying and recognising the indicators of sexual abuse e.g. behavioural traits; this has been identified in several child case reviews
  - Assurance in respect of communication, engagement, views and voices of the child/young person within various workstreams; particular in the education setting via the feedback following RSE and PHSE school lesson. Young people have feedback that they want more information in respect of therapy services and this will be picked up via the CSA Subgroup who will link with further relevant services.
  - Upskill professionals to execute their professional curiosity
  - Access to appropriate support services

It was acknowledged that there is more work to be undertaken to equip professionals with the confidence to execute their professional curiosity where sexual abuse is prevalent.

It was noted that once the National Child Safeguarding Practice Review report is published the findings will feed into the CSA workplan.

Q: Are children (who have been referred but do not meet the threshold of assessment) supported by the correct professional and is this contact maintained to ensure trusting relationships are developed.

The CSA Chair stated that this would require more in-depth scrutiny as it is a very broad spectrum and it is difficult to split CSA and HSB.

Strategy meetings are held and process/support packages put in place to reduce the risk; it was suggested that a future audit be undertaken to establish if they are protected.

Further worker is required to strengthen CSA key messages for parents and provide them with skills to protect their children.

#### **6. Probation Updated- Pressures within the Prison System – Danielle Buckley**

This item is deferred until 16<sup>th</sup> December 2024 SSCP meeting.

#### **7. Early Help Annual Report – Katie Kelleher**

The report is structured around the thrive continuum of support and the thrive model.

Work is progressing to strengthen the recording and reporting to improve understanding of impact. The report will continue to develop over this financial year. Key information was reported:

- An increase in demand for early help services through the Bridge and into early help targeted locality teams for a whole family targeted approach. This increase follows a period of stability over the previous 18 months
- There is consistency in respect of demand, and over half of referrals are from health services in schools
- Targeted early help assessments were considered most appropriate from contacts received via the Bridge
- 77% of families fully engaged with the process and engagement continues to strengthen
- Early help support is a primary focus
- Work has been undertaken with partners to understand and fulfil their role in providing early help with children, young people and families
- Bespoke training has been provided on early help assessment team in respect of the family arrangements and the role of the lead professional
- The team have co-located with health services in particular the 0-19 health teams
- Each locality has an early help school co-ordinator who can offer support to schools
- Family health model has been implemented in schools
- Further opportunities will be explored to work with partner agencies
- Work is being undertaken with the GM Programme and through the Transformation Programme
- 3000 children and young people were subject to an early help assessment during the last financial year, there has been an increase in practitioners from partner agencies leading on assessments. However the majority of assessments continue to be led by the local authority early help service
- Salford's early help system response is extremely robust and are confident that families are receiving appropriate support
- During 2023- 2024 Salford had the highest rate of early help assessments completed for 10,000 children in the region
- Needs for early help intervention are consistent with the previous year
  - Child mental health
  - School attendance
  - Family relationships
  - Wider family related needs

A review is being undertaken to consider child and adult mental health to understand the needs in more detail and how connected the whole system approach is working.

- There is an increase for more complex needs support, therefore the service is working with families for a longer period
- 78% of assessments have been closed successfully; this is a small reduction on the previous year

- Strong rate of sustaining outcomes. 77% of families remain at universal level for a minimum of 12 months following targeted early help.

Questions/comments were invited:

Q: Do you do a follow up with the cohort of families and consider the impact outcomes 12 months following case closure.

A: This is not currently reviewed. Work is being undertaken via the community solutions and a data model could be designed within this system to capture statistics. Data is collected in respect of re-referrals post closure and this data is compared with neighbouring authorities.

Q: When a health representative leads on an Early Help Assessment is this because they have referred the family or is this when the need has been identified?

A: Usually when the health representative has identified the need they will then receive support from professionals who are co-located with the 0-19 Health Service.

The Chair reported that findings from the Child in Need review has identified that work further work is required when cases are stepped down from social care to early help to ensure a seamless and smooth transition.

Q: Is it a common picture across GM that the majority of assessments are led by the local authority early help service?

A: Several authorities have noticed a positive change with partners completing/leading on assessments. Salford are in talks with relevant authorities to establish how this has been achieved.

It was noted that Salford have previously undertook consultations with practitioners to establish the barriers to completing assessments and amendments have been made based on feedback e.g. redesigned/reworded the tool.

It was agreed that the Power of the Partnership event and linking into further working groups would be an opportunity to consider/compare and reflect on what is working well in other local authorities.

## **8. SSAB Annual Report – Jane Bowmer**

The SSAB 2023-2024 has been published and can be viewed on the [SSAB website](#).

The SSAB strategic priorities have been aligned with the SSCP priorities and comprise of:

- Prevention
- Protection
- Voice of the Adult
- Communication & Engagement
- Safeguarding Effectiveness

Highlights were provided:

- Bitesize online training sessions are offered on a regular basis on a variety of topics. These remain popular and the total number of attendees during the last reporting year is 790
- Learning events have also been offered in respect of Serious Adult Reviews

- A closed YouTube link has been created and recordings in respect of the bitesize thematic training have been uploaded. If members would like access to the channel please contact [Jane.bowmer@salford.gov.uk](mailto:Jane.bowmer@salford.gov.uk) directly
- Further short videos will be developed during the new financial year on a variety of topics.
- SSAB will develop information posters and use social media platforms to promote safeguarding messages
- Exploitation has been identified as a cross-cutting theme for the SSAB, SSCP and CSP. All 3 Boards have agreed to take the lead for their area of safeguarding. The ToR, Strategic Workplan and joint Strategy have been developed.
- The Legal Framework is unclear and guidance was developed to assist, this guidance is in the process of being refreshed and once finalised training will be arranged for the workforce
- More feedback is being obtained from people who have lived experiences and this is captured through a variety of avenues
- The effectiveness of the safeguarding arrangements continue to strengthen
- There is a large focus and promotion on Think Child – Think Adult – Think Family approach and this will continue to be strengthened

#### **9. SSCP Business Managers Update/Risk Register**

The Business Managers report summarises all the activity that has taken place over the last financial year and includes:

- Four risks cited on the Risk Register
- Lots of progress has been made in respect of the recommendations in the New Working Together to Safeguard Children guidance. The Workplan is nearing conclusion and an assurance report will be brought to the December Partnership meeting
- The Power of the Partnership event will be held Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> October 2024 and the agenda is structured around the chapters within the WT guidance. Once the agenda is finalised it will be shared with guest speakers/facilitators
- The Warrington Peer Review had to be postponed and will now be held Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> October 2024. The results of the peer review will be brought to the December Partnership meeting
- The SSCP Annual Report and the Summary have been developed, these reports have been included in today's papers. Please can members review the documents and send any comments to Kate Pollard by Monday 16<sup>th</sup> September 2024 in readiness for approval. The report is to be published September 2024. The SSCP Participation lead will consider a child friendly version of the Annual report.
- The Northwest Regional Improvement Programme pilot is being led by Emma Ford and Salford SCP have been invited to contribute and share good practice that is taking place locally. This group will seek to create consistency and to improve practice across the northwest. All leads and delegated safeguarding partners across the North West will be invited to contribute to this workstream.

Melissa asked for clarification in respect of the purpose of the group and Emma Ford's role. Kate will forward the briefing note which illustrates the details, the current position and the plans going forward.

It was noted that the Chief Executives would not have sight of the operational detail and it was proposed that the DSPs attend the meetings rather than the Chief Execs.

- Work is ongoing to create a standard performance data set for regional collection; this is progressing and Salford are contributing
- The GM Safeguarding Children and YP Alliance will provide collective leadership and deliver mutual assurance of strategic and operational safeguarding partnership arrangements. This will be discussed

in more detail at the September Exec meeting to clarify the LSP, DSP and local governance arrangements

Lots of work has been undertaken in respect of prevention and this has been a focus for all subgroups to strengthen the whole system approach. Highlights include:

- Professionals have greater awareness of safeguarding babies. There has been a reduction in serious incident notifications involving infants. The pre-birth assessment pathway and process has been strengthened and this has initiated assessments being undertaken in a timely manner
- There has been a reduction in repeat domestic abuse cases involving children. There have been an increase in self-referrals to support services, this is a result of the comms activity which was co-ordinated by the partnership
- The Neglect Subgroup have held Recognising and Responding to Neglect conferences with a focus on how to use the Thriving Families Tool. Thriving Families Tool Briefing sessions have also been held and will continue to be integrated on the SSCP Training Programme and courses will be held every quarter. This activity has resulted in an increase of TFT assessments being undertaken. There has been a reduction in child protection plans under the category of neglect
- The Exploitation Subgroup have developed a joint strategy and multi-agency approach to tackling exploitation.
- As discussed earlier the CSA Subgroup have undertaken a TNA. Findings from the Section 11 survey indicate that professional feel more confident to recognise and respond to child sexual abuse
- Ofsted ILAC Inspection reported that the multi-agency working with children is very effective and leads to improvement in children's lives

The Chair thanked Kate for her very comprehensive report which clearly sites the positive work/activity being undertaken/completed.

Kate thanked the SSCP Business Unit for their support formatting the full Annual Report and summary.

**Action: Kate Pollard to forward the Briefing Note for The Northwest Regional Improvement Programme to Melissa Caslake**

#### **10. Performance Update – How are we doing – Sayma Khan**

Key headlines consist of:

- There was a delay in the CIN assurance report due to additional activity being undertaken. The CIN review will be discussed in more detail under item 12
- There will be routine oversight of Contact Challenge activity
- QA Panel findings in respect of parental mental health and actions identified. There is good understanding of the child's needs and response to a parental mental health needs. It is recognised that further promotional work and training is required
- Engagement of families Early Help has improved since the family partnership model has been embedded
- Increased level of activity in the Bridge Team in May 2024. It was noted that this increases/decreases month on month.
- Reduced performance for MASH timescales for June 2024, this is because the Bridge have waited for key information to ensure children receive the correct level of support/service
- Elective home education has reduced, this is a positive outcome. School attendance, exclusions and suspensions is showing improvement
- The process for child protection medicals has been revised and timescales are positive



- Increases in number of Open Crimes related to CSE, this will be considered by the exploitation subgroup
- Operation Encompass audit undertaken with schools, results conclude that the process is not fully embedded. Work is being undertaken to address this issue
- Timescales for Independent Child Protection Conferences are lower than expected; this has improved recently. An assurance report will be submitted to the next P & QA group meeting
- Further assurance is required from the Bridge Oversight Group which will include information regarding the alignment to EDT governance and the impact. This report will be presented at a future SEG meeting
- There has been an increase in demand for LADO services this is in response to the changes in Keeping Children Safe in Education. LADO training is a feature on the induction programme for new starters.

#### **11. Neglect Spotlight Report – Jane Slinger**

The Neglect Strategy (2023-2026) sets out clear priorities in relation to response and prevention.

The Neglect Subgroup have strengthened their work to measure the impact of neglect and the positive outcomes:

- Neglect Champions have been identified in children’s social care and consultations are offered to practitioners to discuss neglect cases, findings and actions. There has been an increase in social workers accessing these consultation sessions
- Thriving Families Tool Assessments has been introduced onto liquid logic. 125 TFT have been completed and a further 129 forms are open
- Welfare Rights and Debt Advice Service provide consultation support to the Salford Schools Partnership meeting; where families are identified to benefiting from specialist debt advice, the service provide intervention at the earliest opportunity. There has been an increase in families accessing/receiving specialist debt advise which has led to de-escalation of referrals to children’s social care
- Neglect members have assured the subgroup that their single agency neglect training offer is relevant
- The education representative has targeted the Jewish community to help them understand how to recognise and respond to neglect issues
- Neglect System Leads continue to drive practice within their services
- Neglect conferences are held every 6 months and include activities on how to complete the Thriving Families Tool and how the tool improves practice. The events are targeted at multi-agency professionals and are well attended
- Multi-agency Thriving Families Tool briefings and lunch bowls are held. The Briefings are a feature on the SSCP Training Programme and will be held each quarter. There was an increase for places on the briefing following the March Neglect conference
- A multi-agency neglect audit is being undertaken and will be completed by the end of the year.
- An impact report will also be developed. Delegates from previous conferences/briefings will be contacted to demonstrate the impact on their practice and the lives of children since attending neglect training events. This will provide a clear understanding of impact and outcomes for children and families
- Safeguarding Housing Lead has completed work and training with the various housing providers
- The Neglect Chair is attending the Youth Summit September 2024; feedback on ‘you said we did’ and their views in respect of neglect will be captured to strengthen the voice of the child in the strategy
- Neglect Z Cards continue to be promoted by agencies and can be downloaded on the [SSCP Website](#)
- There has been a reduction of the number of children subject to a child protection plan under the category of neglect. This indicates the positive early help work being undertaken. This will be monitored over the next 12 months

- There is a decrease in the number of children subject to repeat plans, this will continue to be monitored through the P & QA group
- The Thriving Families Tool is predominantly being completed by children's social care, however there has been an increase in tools completed by health colleagues. There remains resistance from other agencies. It was acknowledged that more work is required to encourage partner organisations to engage; this will be addressed by Neglect System Leads
- Thriving Families Tools that are being completed at an early help level however these are not captured through the front door so it is difficult to attain the full data

The Chair thanked Jane for her thorough report and stated that the work/activity being undertaken is extremely positive.

## **12. CIN Reviews – Jane Slinger**

The multi-agency CIN Review was conducted in response to the updated Working Together 2023; relevant multi-agency partners were involved/contributed to the review.

The review selected a number of cases for children who have been on long term plans and those receiving early help support.

The audit considered what was working well and areas that required strengthening.

The results of the review have been collated and a detailed report has been developed and this has recently been presented at the Safeguarding Governance group, the full report will be presented to the Partnership Meeting in due course.

Jane provided a snapshot of findings and collated data which can be referred to in the CIN PowerPoint Presentation (below).

Strengths and areas for development were identified

Strengths:

- Good multi-agency working practice. Partners were clear in respect of their role, the strength of the CIN plans and the value of consistency of members of the group
- Duty and Assessment support families with CIN meetings at the earliest opportunity
- Professionals have good knowledge of resources and tools that assist in CIN meetings
- Assessments are good quality and regularly audited
- Professionals form positive relationships with children and families
- Family engagement is generally good and families feel included however feedback wasn't maximised as some families did not want to be involved.

Areas of development and next steps

- Co-production of plans. Practitioners predominantly develop the CIN Plans. Further work will be undertaken to encourage families to identify their own goals, strengths and weaknesses using the Family Partnership Model
- Feedback from families. A Participation Charter will be developed to ensure feedback is captured
- Language in respect of 'voluntary engagement'; non-engagement of some families as they see this as a choice rather than considering taking the lead role and identifying their needs and necessary support

- Strengthen the role of the Lead Practitioner. Further work is being undertaken to develop this and training will be provided
- Strengthen timescales of meetings and plans, these will be reviewed
- SMART planning – this area needs strengthening and further work required
- Processes and FPM. Processes will be reviewed and use of the FPM by all agencies will be promoted and encouraged

Q: The focus has been on considering processes opposed to the impact, experience and outcomes for families; will the voice and views of the family be measured in more detail going forward?

A: Yes, families will be encouraged to provide feedback on their experiences going forward.

It was noted that it is extremely positive that there is a focus on the step-down process and ensuring that key professionals are identified to continue support with the family. This work will align from learning from case reviews.

There will be opportunity at the Power of the Partnership event to look at the results in more detail.

Salford are also considering process in place in respect of co-production with neighbouring authorities.

The Chair acknowledge that this is creative/innovative activity and there has been extremely positive work undertaken/progressing. The Chair thanked Jane and the QA team for their thorough work for progressing on this.

### **13. Any Other Business**

#### **a. HMIC Inspection Update**

The HMIC Inspection was conducted across the whole force rather than district specific; the Inspection has now concluded.

Several members of the partnership were interviewed during the inspection process and reported that it was a positive experience.

A de-brief was held for GMP staff and initial feedback highlighted leadership strengths and good partnership arrangements across GM.

The Chair requested that once the final report is published this be brought to the Partnership meeting for discussion.

The Inspection will also be included on the September Executive meeting agenda for discussion.

**Action: Kate Pollard to include the HMIC Inspection Update on the Exec agenda**

#### **b. Safeguarding Animated Video Proposal**

The proposal is to raise awareness and improve understanding of what safeguarding is and to encourage the community/professionals to seek help earlier where they may be concerned and to promote available services.

There will be a variety of short snappy videos which will be co-produced with the Parent Panel and Youth Council. Focus areas will include:

- Neglect
- Adverse childhood experiences
- Self neglect
- Mental health
- Domestic abuse
- Sexual abuse

Due to capacity issues it has been agreed that a service will be commissioned to develop the animations and approval is sought from the SSCP, SSAB and CSP to agree to the proposal and to contribute £1000 each to commission the service.

Kate confirmed that there is money available from the DfE grant funding if the proposal is approved.

The Chair stated that the content focuses on risk and reporting rather than building resilience, talking to trusted adults, communication and it is important to create the right balance and promote a positive approach. Consideration should also be given to the target audience.

It was agreed that Debbie will be feedback today's comments to Comms group and the proposal will be reconsidered. Once developed the revised proposal will be circulated to members.

**Action: Debbie Blackburn to revise the Safeguarding Animated Video proposal and circulate to SSCP members**

**c. SARC Commissioners Alert – Self Testing for Sexual Assault**

An alert was disseminated via NHS England; a website was identified which was promoting and targeting specific audiences in respect of do it yourself rape swab kits. There were concerns regarding the lack of safeguarding messages and misinformation that do it yourself kits would lead to successful prosecutions in court.

A check has been conducted and the website has been removed from the Internet.

**d. Self-Flagellation**

Northern Care Alliance are considering self-flagellation safeguarding issues and the agencies response to this particular issue.

At present this a concern for NCA however could present as a multi-agency safeguarding children issue if cases are identified.

The Chair stated that if a child is incited to commit these acts this will be a criminal issue however clarity is sought in respect of adults engaging in this activity.

Context was requested, Audrey explain that this is practiced within specific religious groups, there are blurred lines as victims are stating they gave permission for this activity to be done to them. However it was noted that victims may feel under immense pressure to participate.

It was acknowledged that this is a complex matter and there will be learning for all agencies in the future.

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**Minutes Approved by:**            **Melissa Caslake, Executive Director – Children’s Services, Salford City Council**

**Date:**                                **30 Sept 2024**