

Voluntary & Community Sector Safeguarding Forum

Minutes of the meeting at Park Barn, North Street, Horsham

12.06.19

Present Chris Cook (Chair), Jenny King (Kangaroos), Lynn Fever (Blue Bird Community Transport), Beverley Knight (WSSC Community Safety), Claire ?? (Exploitation WSSC), Jon Jolly (Arun Church), Lucy Short (WSSCB), Sharon Howard (Safe in Sussex), Bridget Richardson (HomeStart Arun)

Apologies

Agenda	Notes	Action
1. Welcome & Introduction	CC welcomed all to the meeting and introductions were made.	
2. Minutes of .03.19	The minutes were agreed and signed.	
3. Actions Arising	Covered in the items below.	
4. Train the (Safeguarding) Trainers	<p>Lucy Short updated on progress. Has been agreed to go forwards and plan to train 12 people to deliver Working Together to Safeguard Children Training (full day and half day refresher).</p> <p>VCS Forum have identified 12 people to do the 2-day 'Train the Trainer' training. Should be free to train, LS to check. Next training is August, then October. Anyone with existing experience or qualifications in training/teaching do not need to do Train the Trainer.</p> <p>The 12 trained people will then need to do a half-day training on the Working Together. Options for training include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Monday 9th September – 9:30-12:30 • Wednesday 18th September – 1-4pm • Tuesday 24th September – 9:30-12:30 <p>LS offered people could also come and observe one of the sessions, or co-lead initially. LS will provide list of resources to trainers.</p> <p>Trained people can offer the training to other orgs, but should report back numbers trained to VCS forum/WSSCB. LS to confirm if orgs are able to charge for training.</p> <p>Prevent duty</p> <p>CS asked about Prevent training. LS confirmed this is not covered in Working Together, but the training is often undersubscribed. VCS should promote awareness of this.</p> <p>Beverley Knight confirmed she holds the lead at WSSC for 'Prevent'. There are different ways/options for engaging with VCS. New team starting who can help. Part of the Prevent duty is community engagement, which is a challenge for WSSC to raise awareness.</p>	LS

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	<p>JK asked around how to flag concerns over Prevent, BK suggested this goes through Safeguarding lead and the usual channels. ?? highlighted a recent Hollyoaks storyline that deals with Prevent duty. Both Coronation Street and EastEnders have also covered CSE topics.</p> <p>Challenge is making sure referral pathways are up to date. BK to circulate flow charts for referral pathways.</p>	BK
5. Ofsted Report for WSCC	<p>The forum acknowledged the report and damning critique of WSCC social care.</p> <p>Discussion over specific examples where charities are triaging referrals from IPEH, and having to refer to MASH or escalate. The forum expressed concern over this and recommend feeding this back to the forum. LS highlighted a practitioner forum being developed as part of board changes.</p>	CC
6. Tackling exploitation	<p>Claire gave background on the new exploitation strategy. Aim was to avoid dictating approaches, but to create a vision for dealing with exploitation. Vision document created with aim that everyone is free from exploitation. 5-year commitment. Various high-level objectives including:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Raise awareness of risks • Raise profile of preventative work • Will follow up perps • Will provide support <p>Covers extra-familial exploitation inc. child sexual exploitation, criminal exploitations (county lines, cuckooing), etc. It doesn't cover familial harassment and domestic violence – these are being developed separately.</p> <p>Action plans for each level. Will be published soon and sent via the VCS forum.</p> <p>Contextual safeguarding – new term to describe awareness of how aspects of people's life effects their wellbeing and safety. Enables practitioners to think about different ways to engage with those at risk by looking at different support services, providers and opportunities rather than just focussing solely on the individual.</p> <p>“Contextual Safeguarding is an approach to understanding, and responding to, young people's experiences of significant harm beyond their families. It recognises that the different relationships that young people form in their neighbourhoods, schools and online can feature violence and abuse. Parents and carers have little influence over these contexts, and young people's experiences of extra-familial abuse can undermine parent-child relationships.”</p> <p>WSCC Safeguarding Team have thematic leads. Claire leads on CSE and Contextual Safeguarding.</p>	

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	<p>BK explained they need to work with VCS to increase confidence of VCS in dealing with radicalisation and anti-terrorism. What is the best way to support VCS and disseminate information?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Posting links and info online (e.g. twitter) • Sharon suggested adding sessions to their existing programmes at Safe in Sussex. • CC suggested having sessions available for young people in youth clubs • Jk suggested coming to staff meetings to update team • JJ asked for posters and resources to have available at venues <p>Gave examples of social networks being actively used by far-right groups to recruit. Fast moving agenda. Schools have duty under prevent. Want people to be aware, notice and report. Need more informal routes rather than just training.</p> <p>Lynn raised issues around specific training. Was encouraged to address concerns and consider using the escalation policy.</p> <p>CC updated that NCVO are lead on the national Safer Social Sector Partnership and there will be training, info and grants available soon</p>	
7. Voice of the child	<p>CC highlighted Children and Families Engagement Strategy (CaFES) events and the feedback that this was confusing for those that attended. How do we at VCS capture the child's voice and feed it back?</p> <p>BR explained this was discussed at the last Arun IPEH Board meeting. Often VCS practitioners do pick up and gather the voice of the child through engagement and observation, but do not always realise they are doing this. There are questions around how we can record this. 'Voice' of the child is misleading.</p> <p>Lynn talked of her experience with doing restorative justice workshops and Forum Theatre where the audience participate in the performance to explore key issues through the drama. Potentially could offer this as training. CC to follow up.</p> <p>Voice of the Child is the theme for the Education Safeguarding Conference this year.</p>	CC
8. Neglect	To be carried over to September's meeting	
9. Annual Report	CC circulated the simpler Annual Report template. ALL to complete and return by 28 th June in order for CC to collate and return to the WSSCB.	ALL
10. Updates from members	<p>HomeStart</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Supporting 90 children in 45 families. • Are doing their annual safeguarding update on 28th June 	

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 1-day parenting workshop in Autumn including arts, forest school and more. Date TBC. <p>Safe in Sussex:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Started an outreach service with BME workers in north and south of county. • Recently run a group on supporting those with Adverse Childhood Experiences (ACES). More groups to run in future including in school. Take participants via referral. • Also run a group for couples of behavioural change. <p>Arun Church</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Starting detached youth work in the Littlehampton area in partnership with Arun Community Safety Partnership. • Putting some youth workers into Littlehampton Wave Leisure Centre on Friday nights to engage and support young people at the Friday Night Project <p>Blue Bird Community Transport</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Currently cover Mid-Sussex, Crawley and Horsham at the moment, but hoping to expand. • Highlighted that they do group hires and transport for community groups at reduced rates. The purpose is to stop social isolation through transport. <p>Kangaroos:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Recently had a service evaluation and now planning to make strategic changes to the service. • Anniversary project – Memories of a lifetime – 2 trips to Disneyland Paris. And some exclusive days out for people who can't manage an overnight stay. • New 16-hour Communication Coordinator. <p>Sussex Clubs:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Lots happening and growing! Delivering more youth work and struggling to recruit experienced youth workers. • Exploring ideas with Community Transport, sharing resources and training midas drivers. 	
11. AOB	None	
12. Dates of next meetings	<p>All meetings 10am-12.30pm. Venues to be confirmed</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Wednesday 18th September 10am Mid-Sussex TBC • Tuesday 10th December Wickbourne Centre 	