

Voluntary & Community Sector Safeguarding Forum

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

14.03.19

Present Chris Cook (Chair), Claire Shepherd (HDC), Sally Kendall (LSCB Board Manager), Kerrin Page (CWS Mind), Sharon Howard (CEO Safe in Sussex), Louisa Gisby (Safe in Sussex), Susan Brumpton (Crawley CVS), Zoe (Rape Crisis Surrey and Sussex), Jenny King (Kangaroos)

Apologies Dan Jenkins (Chichester Diocese), Jon Jolly (Arun Youth Project), Bernie Reilly (Independent Lives), Bridget Richardson (Homestart), Julia Beckett (MSVA), Liz Roe (Homestart), Lynn (Life Centre), Pete Crawford (Sussex Wildlife Trust), Sue Edgson (MSVA), Sarah Prust (Electric Storm)

Agenda	Notes	Action
1. Welcome & Introduction	Chris welcomed all to the meeting and introductions were made.	
2. Minutes of 14.12.18	<ul style="list-style-type: none">The minutes were agreed and signed.	
3. Actions Arising	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Governance/Forum – Carry forward for structural changes given changing landscape. Proposed that CC to continue as Chair for time being, unanimous agreement. KP and JJ are on Steering Group.MASH visit laterLook at Lucy Short's feedback later	
4. Safeguarding Trainers	<p>Notes by Lucy Short's from WSSCB circulated – training for up to 12 VCS reps to help cascade training. Working Together 2018.</p> <p>Sussex Clubs will open it up, as will the CVS's to their wider membership.</p> <p>No comments on the ToR. Only returns required are numbers trained. Requirement to use the Learning Gateway.</p> <p>General view is that there is definitely interest, SK will feedback to LS.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">Question about when it may happen? – likely to be a range a dates. Likely to be within 3 months (June 2019).	CC

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<p>5. WSSCB Restructure</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • SK will forward a one side paper re: Wood Review and legislative changes – see this for details. • Deadline for publishing is 29th June, with a 3-month implementation window. • Would like to think about how to engage with the safeguarding forum – Practitioners Forum, Voice. Keen to have much more involvement of CYP and families. • All to think about developments and how to engage. Action – All to sign up to Safeguarding Board newsletter. CC will continue to circulate for interim. • Section 11 – Statutory return for certain agencies to demonstrate how they are safeguarding children. Huge piece of work – 81 standards. Too much to ask VCS to complete but does allow organisations to self-assessment and identify gaps. General feeling that having something could be helpful. • JJ has previously sent the NSPCC self-assessment questionnaire. UK Youth have a framework as well. Could also consider a peer-challenge? • Action – SK will circulate standards via CC. • Question about what can we do as a forum to support the Board and influence partnerships? Would be good to get feedback from the front line. • The Board have yet to agree business plans and priorities. Board has had messages from partners about getting back to basics. • Rape Crisis may be able to offer some partnership training – SK to put Zoe in contact with LS. 	
<p>6. VCSi Alliance</p>	<p>SB reported that 18 months ago, challenge from WSCC to 4 CVS's to come up with a response (i.e. Community Works, Voluntary Action Arun and Chichester, Crawley Community and Voluntary Sector, Mid Sussex Voluntary Action).</p> <p>Formed into an Alliance, a merger would be more expensive. Working together more closely. Some things e.g. 1:1, advice, training – needs to be local. Some things may be benefit e.g. training programme, forums – could be West Sussex wide?</p> <p>Needed plan for 1st April, but have next 12-months to start working on this, and how can work together and benefit from the Alliance.</p> <p>In February informed that the money for Horsham (via Horsham District Council) is being handed to the Alliance – now starting to look at what this means. Need to work out how the Alliance can work alongside HDC.</p>	

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7. IPEH Review	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Dates have been circulated. CC suggested it would be good to go and influence how it can work for safeguarding, and organisations locally. 	CC
8. Open Discussion	<p>Open discussion re: forum. Comments:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Useful way to find out about developments in safeguarding hear what others do. Good to have support as safeguarding can be a lonely role. Discussion about the balance between local and county wide. How to get more safeguarding leads around the table? Can we get more people around the table. Small groups don't have capacity, training may be a better root for some of them. How can we use our networks to make sure that knowledge is shared? WSSCB are happy to be involved as often as required. What would be good to see forum do? <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Learning about what is happening/what's new. Sharing good practice. Meeting and networking with other organisations, developing partnerships. Always good to have experts in – to really understand what is going on, e.g. feedback from MASH. 	
9. Updates from members	<p>Safe in Sussex: Lots of developments:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Littlehampton – Orange House model. Open refuge in community, one of a kind in UK. About to deliver “Up to You” training. Freedom Programme – Running across 6 areas. For women, free. 12-week programme re: the tactics and personas of an abusive programme, breaking this down. Amazing to see the impact. Follow on recovery toolkit. ACES – Adverse Childhood Experiences course, and tool kit. Funded by PCC. Have funding to run a drop in service across the county – will set it up in each of the districts across the county e.g. in libraries, other community hubs. Not signposting, IDVA based service. Healthy Relationships Programme – Being delivered across schools. Domestic Abuse Awareness Training in the Community delivered. Recruiting a BAME worker. Discussion that My Sister's House are delivering the DART programme. Action - SH will share details with CC for circulation. 	

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	<p>CVS:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Community newsletter – spring edition is planned. • Next Children and Families programme is imminent – date TBC. • Young Crawley Training day is coming up. Some uncertainty given the IPEH review, so lobbying around this. May merge with the Crawley Emotional Resilience project? Relaunch and look at funding. <p>CWS Mind:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Families in Mind Project has funding for 3 years, and will expand to cover Adur. The model is being redeveloped to have more of a community focus, and will be developed over the coming months. See: https://www.coastalwestsussexmind.org/mental-health-support/support-for-families • Merger with The Corner House (Southwick) has been formally agreed by both Boards and is now proceeding – anticipated to take approx. 6 months. Hoped to be a really positive development and allow both Charities to reach more people. • Through Pathfinder CWSM have funding to open a Pathfinder Hub in Chanctonbury. Manager has been recruited, and will then be recruiting a Coordinator and Support Workers. There has long been a gap for community mental health support in the area, so this is a positive development: https://www.pathfinderwestsussex.org.uk/ • CWSM has funding to recruit Primary MH workers (3.6 fte) to cover GP Surgeries in Worthing, and Untied Response are covering Bognor. It is hoped this model will roll out further in time. More info to follow in future meetings. • Training programme is available for professionals and parents/carers, see: https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/o/coastal-west-sussex-mind-8288439768 <p>Kangaroos:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 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. • Currently having an evaluation of service and recommendations – this will inform doing things differently. • New 16-hour Communication Coordinator. • 	
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	<p>Sussex Clubs:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Horsham Matters notified that they are withdrawing from Community Youth Work – this is now being taken on with partners. Recruiting and training staff – 24 clubs per week in a few months time. • Lots of struggles around governance at the moment in the membership, having to put lots of time into this. Growing concern around this. <p>Rape Crisis:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Violence Against Women and Girls Forum on the 19th March (all day) – all welcome. • Consent workshops running. • Recruited new counsellor, offering 12-month free counselling, to address waiting lists. Developing follow on group support. • Funded to run Women of the World group once per month – broader focus. • Looking to start a drop in service in E.Surrey, and thinking about something in W.Sussex. • Waiting to hear about Ministry of Justice funding for the future. • ISVA – has seen a large increase in referrals. Court waiting times of 16/17 months mean this is a lot of work. • Have an FGM specialist who can deliver training. <p>Horsham DC</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 2 Training sessions in Horsham – Food Hygiene, Even Safety. • Faith in Action event soon. • Starting community pop ups – 20th March in Storrington is first – advice and support for groups, and info for individuals. • Feature a local group every 2 weeks in newsletter, so send in groups if you would like this. 	
<p>10. Any Other Business</p>	<p>None</p>	
<p>11. Dates of next meetings</p>	<p>All meetings 10am-12.30pm. Venues to be confirmed</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Wednesday 12th June 10am Maybridge Keystone Centre, Worthing • Thursday 19th September 10am Mid-Sussex TBC • Tuesday 10th December Wickbourne Centre 	