



## WIGAN SAFEGUARDING CHILDREN BOARD

26 FEBRUARY 2007

### Present:

#### Representatives of Wigan MBC

Mr G Rowney (Chair)	Director of Children & Young People Services
Mr S Atkinson	Children and Young People Services
Mrs S Astbury	Connexions
Mr J Blott	Deputy Director of Adult Services
Ms S Bond	Youth Offending Team Manager
Ms T Culshaw	Democratic Services
Mrs S Goodall	Children & Young People Services
Mr G Meehan	Deputy Director of CYP Services
Mr D Roberts	Legal and Property Services Department
Councillor B Wilson	Observer

#### Representatives of Other Agencies

Dr E Abbas	Wrightington, Wigan & Leigh NHS Trust
Mrs J Barton	Wigan & Leigh Housing
Ms C Boyd	Probation Service
Mrs A Burt	Designated Nurse Child Protection
Superintendent McIver	Greater Manchester Police
Ms H Mackenzie	Shevington High, Secondary School Representative
Ms L Melling	Hindley HMYOI
Mr D Seshadri	Wrightington, Wigan & Leigh NHS Trust
Mrs J Skorupka	CAFCASS
Ms R Walkden	Wigan and Leigh CVS
Ms C Woodford	Wrightington, Wigan & Leigh NHS Trust
Ms S Woolmore	NSPCC

### ACTION

**46 Apologies for absence:** Apologies for absence were submitted by Ms H Fenton (5 Borough Partnerships), Mr J Tankard (Ashton, Leigh and Wigan PCT), Mr P Turner (Ashton, Leigh and Wigan PCT) and Ms K Nelson (Children and Young People Services).

**47 Minutes: 20 November 2006:** The Minutes of the meeting held on 20 November 2006 were approved as a correct record.

## Matters Arising

**Minute 37 (Refers):** Clarification was given by Ms Bond that a named protocol was in existence with the department of education and this should be brought as an agenda item to the next meeting.

**Minute 38 (Refers):** The Chairman informed members that a group has been set up in the east of Wigan on the next stage of the Change for Children and Young people system.

**Minute 42 (Refers):** Ms Barton advised that a meeting had been arranged to discuss the process regarding asylum seeker school children together with migrant workers.

**Minute 44 (Refers):**

NSPCC listening service were still experiencing technical difficulty when identifying calls made using mobile phones, but would continue to keep members updated on progress.

### Capital Bid

Mrs Burt advised that she 'supported' 5 Borough Partnerships in its bid to secure funding of £56k.

### CRB Checks

Mr Roberts advised that there was no legal basis for CRB checks to be carried out on officers or members of the WSCB.

### **48 Children WW&L Trust (NHS) audit presentation**

Dr Abass delivered a presentation on the aims, objectives and recommendations of the Child Protection Two Year Audit. The information provided considered the robustness and quality of information recorded directly from a child who received attention by the hospital for injuries incurred. The information recorded was compared against the previous year.

Agreed: Members support the current proforma being used.  
Dr Abass to issue a copy of the proforma to members of the Board.

Dr Abass

### **49 Sub group meeting feedback:**

#### **a) Evaluating Effectiveness**

The subgroup met on 11 December 2006 and 24 January 2007. Ms Boyd reported on the self assessment audit; key concerns and action plans. Feedback had been positive.

Resolved: Members note the comments and recommendations.

#### **b) Policy and Procedure**

The subgroup met on 16 June 2006 and 20 February 2007 and was scheduled to meet again on 16 March 2007. Mr Roberts informed members that the group had been discussing updating procedures and developing a host of procedures linked to PAN Greater Manchester. The subgroup had also been considering NSPCC policy work and a protocol for children missing from care.

Superintendent Mclver circulated a summary indicating children reported as missing from family based/care homes 10 times, or more. A review of the protocol had been carried out and the findings would be circulated to members.

Supt Mclver

Resolved: The Board recommends a group, led by Ms Nelson, be set up to monitor and make recommendations on the protocol to the Board.

Ms Nelson

### **c) Training and Communication**

The sub group met on 18 December 2006 and 22 January 2007.

Mrs Goodall informed members that the group was pursuing revenue on sales of the CD's and gave an update on CAF training 2008/09.

Resolved: Members note the comments and recommendations.

### **d) Death Overview Panel**

Ms Skorupka advised that the terms of reference would be amended and brought back for Board approval at the next meeting.

Ms J  
Skorupka

Ms Woolmore was to attend the Dfes North West Regional Seminar before the next meeting of the subgroup and feedback to the sub group.

Ms S  
Woolmore

Resolved: Members note the comments and recommendations.

### **50 Cases/issues that meet MAPPA criteria:**

Ms Boyd thanked Ms Bond for her expertise with a case.

Ms Boyd also explained that YOT's involvement in a second case was also beneficial. It was a difficult balancing act when dealing with children who are also sex offenders.

The Chairman informed members that school involvement had played a vital role.

Resolved: Members accept the report.

### **51 Research in practice:**

Mr Meehan informed members that the Council had an official membership with 'Research in Practice' and there was a range of information available on Safeguarding Children through their website.

Resolved: Members note the report.

### **52 a) Dfes North West regional seminar, 8 March 2007:**

The Chairman informed the Board that he and Ms Nelson had recently attended a North West briefing session. Dfes offered a blanket invitation for seminars but any costs incurred should be paid by the member's agency.

Resolved: Board agrees Ms Nelson, Dr Abass and Ms L Melling

attend the Dfes North West Regional Seminar on 8 March 2007.

**b) Sponsored safer recruitment training:**

The Chairman updated members on the Dfes sponsored safer recruitment training.

Resolved: Members note the reports.

**53 PAN Greater Manchester procedures – Working with sexually active under 18's**

This document was now in final draft. It included extensive consultation with agencies across the region. The need for agreement that, this procedure should be followed to ensure a common approach throughout Greater Manchester was discussed.

Resolved: Members support the use of the PAN Greater Manchester Procedures – Working with sexually active under 18's procedure and also recommend to constituent partners.

**54 Children and the Net**

A new training pack had been issued from the Home Office and it was recommended that it be used by those who worked with children and offenders.

Mrs Goodall and Mr Meehan had recently met with a governor of Fred Longworth High School who produced a paper on risks of online.

Mrs Goodall would be discussing suggestions for use of a basic training pack and would report back of 31 May 2007, taking the governors' report into account.

Resolved: The Members accept the report.

**55 Value Based Interviewing (VBI)**

Mrs Woolmore informed the Board that this was an excellent initiative that the NSPCC had been working on for the last few years.

VBI looked at behaviour and motives, rather than the skills of potential employees. The NSPCC provide free training for other agencies who wanted to implement this system. The closing date for candidates for this initiative had passed but they would still consider WSCB members if they wished to be involved. If Wigan missed this pilot opportunity, the Board could still benefit from the analysis dissemination.

This process would add to, and not replace, any part of the recruitment procedure already in place.

Ms Bond, YOT and Mrs Mackenzie, Head Teacher of Shevington High School volunteered to be involved in the pilot.

Resolved: The Members accept the report.

Mrs S  
Goodall

Ms S Bond  
& Mrs H  
Mackenzie

**56 Hindley HMYOI outcomes of the inspection and ratification of Child Protection Policy and Procedures**

The Chairman would write to the Chief Inspector at Hindley HMYOI to ratify the Child Protection Policy and Procedures.

Mr G  
Rowney

Ms Arnold was requested to deliver the formal outcomes and action plan of the inspection at the next meeting.

Ms A Arnold

The chair informed members that the Governor had been on the local radio and had shared the lessons learned. Ms Melling informed members that there had been issues on bullying staff but improvements had been made since the inspection.

Resolved: The Members accept the report.

**57 Safeguarding children and young people in sport settings**

Mr Meehan informed members that a letter had been received from Greater Sports, Greater Manchester Sports Partnership, requesting access to information in relation to safeguarding children and young people in sport settings. Mr Meehan informed members that access to information for voluntary sectors would be available on the website by end of May 2007.

Mr G  
Meehan

Resolved: The Members accept the report.

**58 Training issues and budgets 2008/09**

Mrs Goodall requested approval to appoint a full time administrative position which would be under her management. The post would cover extra administration required by the Board and the sub groups.

Mrs S  
Goodall

Mrs Goodall also informed members that the DVD's were available and coded. The coding would be used for evaluating purposes and would be available on the intranet by end of March. Each new commission provided would produce some income.

The Chairman announced that the DVD had been well received at the recently attended conference and thanked Mrs Goodall for putting this together.

Resolved: The Members accept the report.

**59 Dates for Future Meetings**

Dates for future meetings were submitted.

Resolved: The Members accept the report.

**60 Any Other Business:**

Case H

The case was discussed involving the imprisonment of Nicola Radford. This process showed excellent joint working between the Police and Social Services, although there were issues of

Evaluating &  
Effectiveness  
Sub Group

communication within the hospital. The Evaluating and Effectiveness sub group were to look at the processes used in this case and report back to the Board on its findings.

The child's safety had been secured, the case will be met before the court later this month.

Equal Protection for Children

NSPCC asked all LSB's to support this initiative. The Board would discuss this item at the next meeting.

**61 Dates and time of next meeting:**

Tuesday, 24 April 2007, in the Conference Room at Progress House at 2.00pm.

There were no further items.

CHAIR