



WIGAN SAFEGUARDING CHILDREN BOARD

4 JUNE 2007

Present:

Representatives of Wigan MBC

Mr G Rowney (Chair)	Director of Children & Young People Services
Ms S Astbury	Connexions
Mr S Atkinson	Children and Young People Services
Mr J Blott	Adult Services
Mrs K Tonks	Democratic Services
Ms S Goodall	Children and Young People Services
Ms K Nelson	Assistant Director, Children & Young People Services

Representatives of Other Agencies

Dr E Abbas	Designated Doctor, Wrightington, Wigan & Leigh NHS Trust
Ms A Arnold	Hindley HMYOI
Mr A Baddeley	Chief Inspector, Greater Manchester Police
Mrs A Burt	Designated Nurse Child Protection
Ms H McKenzie	Chair of Secondary Heads, Shevington High School
Ms J Skorupka	CAFCASS
Mr P Turner	Ashton, Leigh & Wigan PCT
Ms R Walkden	Wigan & Leigh CVS
Ms S Woolmore	NSPCC
Ms C Woodford	Associate General Manager, Named Nurse Child Protection, Wrightington, Wigan & Leigh NHS Trust

Observer

Councillor B Wilson Cabinet Member, Wigan Council

ACTION

71 Apologies for Absence: Apologies for absence were submitted by Ms J Barton (Wigan and Leigh Housing), Ms T Culshaw (Democratic Services), Supt P McIver (Greater Manchester Police) and Mr D Robert (Legal Services Department).

72 Minutes: 24 April 2007: The Minutes of the meeting held on 24 April 2007 were approved as a correct record.

Matters Arising: There were none.

73 Sub Group Meeting Feedback:

Child Death Overview Panel

The Subgroup Chair informed members that Mr Atkinson had been seconded to ICS project till end March 2008. Ms Skorupka raised the issue of whether the sub group chair should be independent.

Members were also advised the domestic homicide rates have risen and a workshop on domestic violence post pregnancy was to take place 29 June at Whelley Hospital for those wanting to attend.

Resolved: The Board accepts the report.

Evaluating Effectiveness

The Subgroup Chair updated Members on the last meeting. Mrs Nelson raised the issue of school audit and SW volunteered to arrange school contacts and this will be the focus of the next meeting.

Resolved: The Board accepts the report

Policy & Procedures

No further meetings had taken place. Mr Rowney to discuss the status of the group with the Subgroup Chair.

Mr G
Rowney

Resolved: The Board accepts the report.

Training & Communication

The Subgroup Chair advised a meeting took place on 20 April 2007. Items of discussion:-

- Post of Training Manager
- Successful sales of the DVD's and income generated

Resolved: The Board notes the report.

74. Cases/Issues that meet MAPPA Criteria:

There were no cases for discussion.

75. End of Year Report (training):

Members of the Board welcomed the amendments made to the booklet which was distributed at the meeting by Mrs Goodall and were requested to email Mrs Goodall for further information if required. Ms Woolmore raised the issue of links between children and animal abuse.

The Chair thanked Mrs Goodall for her achievements and wishes her every success for her future venture.

Resolved: Members note the report.

76. Feedback from the Away Day:

Despite low attendance the day was considered very useful and a very good opportunity for member to work together with expert

guidance. Facilitator to be booked for next year.

Mr G
Rowney

Resolved: The Board notes the report and agrees to another day to be arranged for 2008.

77. Future Arrangements for LSCB:

Mr Atkinson is compiling a report on the future arrangements for the LSCB incorporating possible funding and management costs which will be presented to the next meeting.

Mr S
Atkinson

Resolved: The Board notes the report.

78. Children are Unbeatable Alliance and Allegations of Professional Abuse:

Members discussed ways to promote equal protection for children and children rights as human beings.

Board Members discussed the potential for signing up to the Alliance on an individual organisational basis but not signing up as a Board.

Resolved: (1) Ms Woolmore to prepare a statement which encourages parent organisations sign up to the Children are Unbeatable Alliance.

(2) Members of the Board take back the prepared statement to their parent organizations.

78. Any Other Business:

- Dr Abbas advised of the Central Manchester Hospital Pilot Study and will update members at a future meeting.
- Chair advised that the Children Missing from Care report by the GM Police will be updated and the final draft will be available by the next meeting.
- The Board wishes to congratulate Mr Blott on his new role at Liverpool City Council and thanked him for his services.
- The Chairman announced his departure to Stoke-on-Trent City Council and thanked the Board for their friendship and support and the work which had been achieved.

79. Dates and Time of Next Meeting:

Monday, 30 July 2007, in the Conference Room at Progress House at 2.00pm.

There were no further items.

CHAIR

Meeting started: 2.00pm
Meeting ended: 4.00pm