



PETERBOROUGH LOCAL SAFEGUARDING CHILDREN BOARD

BOARD MEETING SUMMARY

<u>Issue/ Theme</u>	<u>Information / Discussion</u>
<p><u>Changes in Board membership</u></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Assistant Chief Constable Mark Hopkins is retiring at the end of the year. As Mark was the Vice Chair for the Board, Dr Emilia Wawrzkowicz was elected by members to take on this position. • Nick Edwards is to leave the NSPCC during August to take on a new role at Kings Lynn Hospital • Andi Epton-Smith will be leaving the Board in August to start a new role at the Fulbridge Academy in September. Further details on what support will be in place for the Board meetings will be announced in due course. • Russell Wate will take up the position of Independent Chair of the LSCB in Cambridgeshire from September. Russell will also remain as Chair person for the Peterborough Board.
<p><u>PSCB Bullying Awareness Category</u></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The PSCB sponsored a category at the Peterborough City Council Children’s Film Award. The category was a Bullying Awareness theme and was the most entered award of the evening with 12 films from 8 different schools. • The top three films were; <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Peterborough School, Stand Up, Step In – Reach Out • The Fulbridge Academy – Where is the love? • Ravensthorpe Primary – Don’t let cyber bullying weigh you down? • The purpose of this is to capture the voice of the child and include these videos in the new PSCB Bullying Resource pack. All of these videos will also be published onto the PSCB website and social media platforms.

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<u>Group & Gang Issue in Peterborough</u>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Detective Inspector Andy Tolley presented a paper from the Safer Peterborough Partnership in relation to group and gang related activity within the city. • The Safeguarding Children Boards across Peterborough & Cambridgeshire will look to create training to raise awareness on recognising the signs of child exploitation in its various forms. • Russell Wate will liaise with the Safer Peterborough Partnership around the strategic planning on this activity. It has also been agreed that the ‘voice of the child’ is also needed in relation to this issue.
<u>Deprivation of Liberty Safeguards (DoLS 16+)</u>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Board have been made aware of the changes being implemented with regards to Deprivation of Liberty Safeguards, known as DoLS. For 16+. • The local authority has a team looking at the impact this is likely to have on services. • The Board will monitor this across both children and adults with an update on the 16+ to be brought back in 6 months.
<u>Review of LSCB</u>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Alan Wood was commissioned to review the role of the Local Safeguarding Children Boards, Serious Case Reviews and Child Death Overview Panel • The report details that LSCB will no longer have to exist in the current form and the overall responsibility for the Boards will sit with the three statutory partners (Local Authority, Health and Police) • The earliest of any change would be January 2018. Russell Wate has reassured members that the Board will continue to meet and hold onto the statutory functions until this time
<u>Under 18's held in custody overnight</u>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Detective Superintendent Chris Mead has informed the Board that operationally the force have made excellent progress on this issue. Senior staff are now receiving daily updates with regards to what worked and what didn't in relation to placing under 18's and rectifying this. • This matter will continue to be monitored by the Board and will be back in January 2017 for an update.
<u>Neglect Strategy for PSCB & Peterborough City Council</u>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Members have formally signed off the Neglect Strategies for PSCB & Peterborough City Council. • The document from the PSCB is the overarching strategy and the PCC document sits below this and provides guidance for Children Social Care (CSC). These documents have been written together so complement each other. • The PSCB and CSC plan to hold a formal launch of the strategy in September. This will feature the introduction of training staff of the strengthening families approach.

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Board will also look to provide training on assessment tools such as the Graded Care Profile, Strengthening Families and Outcome Star.
<p><u>Peterborough Threshold Document</u></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Following a large amount of practitioner consultation and work undertaken by two working groups the new Peterborough threshold document has been approved. This will be officially launched in September alongside an updated joint referral form.
<p><u>Peterborough Safeguarding Children Board Annual Report</u></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The business unit are currently working on the 2015/16 Annual Report, a draft of which was presented at the July meeting. The final report is due to be released in August 2016.
<p><u>Audit of Peterborough MASH</u></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> An audit was undertaken at the beginning of 2016 of the Peterborough Children's MASH hub. A separate audit of the Adults MASH is currently being undertaken. A number of recommendations have been produced which the Business Unit will monitor the progress of these. They include improved information sharing and work with partner agencies to increase the quality of referrals being received