

Minutes

Meeting Name:	Suffolk Safeguarding Partnership Board (Children's)
Meeting Date & Time:	Wednesday 14 December 2022, 13.00 – 14.30h
Meeting Venue:	MS Teams Meeting

Attendees

Role	Organisation
Independent Chair	Suffolk Safeguarding Partnership
Designated Doctor	Suffolk
Head of Safeguarding	Suffolk County Council
Designated Nurse	Suffolk & North East Essex ICB
Education Officer	Suffolk County Council
Professional Advisor	Suffolk Safeguarding Partnership
Deputy Chief Executive	Babergh & Mid Suffolk Councils
Partnership Co-Ordinator	Suffolk Safeguarding Partnership
CEO	Healthwatch Suffolk
Acting Board Manager	Suffolk Safeguarding Partnership
Director of Nursing	Suffolk & North East Essex and Norfolk & Waveney ICBs
Clinical Quality & Governance Lead	Public Health
Director - Children, Young People and Maternity	Norfolk and Waveney ICB and Norfolk Children's Services
Councillor	Suffolk County Council
Detective Superintendent	Suffolk Constabulary
Operational Manager Prevention and Safeguarding Manager	Suffolk Fire and Rescue Service
Training, Safeguarding and Quality Standards Development Officer	Community Action Suffolk
Deputy CEO	Suffolk Family Carers
Assistant Director: Early Help, Safeguarding, MASH, QEPD, Resource and Support	Suffolk County Council

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Assistant Director - Education, Skills, and Learning	Suffolk County Council
Medical Director	Suffolk GP Federation
Group Head of Welfare and Safeguarding	Eastern Colleges Group

In Attendance

Role	Organisation
Head of Children's Social Care Fieldwork	Suffolk County Council

Apologies

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Service Manger	Cafcass
Assistant Director	Public Health
Head of Quality, Engagement and Professional Development	Suffolk County Council
Deputy Headteacher	Suffolk County Council
Chief Executive	Community Action Suffolk
Deputy Designated Nurse Safeguarding Children	Norfolk and Waveney ICB

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1.	<p>Minutes and Actions from the last meeting held on 21 September 2022. The minutes from the last meeting were agreed and the actions were updated as below:</p> <p>Data Dashboard- This work is still under review; thoughts are being given as to what is the best way to share and present this data. The SSP will contact the Norfolk Safeguarding Data analyst in the hope that they can share learning.</p> <p>Addenbrookes- A meeting had been arranged between the Police, the Senior Coroner and Addenbrookes to ensure the correct processes are in place when communicating information. The Board will receive a report back at a future meeting on the progress of this work.</p> <p>Case JP- The published report for this case can be read here: Joe-Pooley-Safeguarding-Adults-Review.pdf (suffolksp.org.uk) An update was given on how the Professional Advisor for adults, has been working with JPs mum to add her perspective to the learning from her son's death. The SSP are now working with families in different ways to amplify their voices as part of the learning process and dissemination to a multi-agency workforce.</p>

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2.	<p>The State of Safeguarding in Suffolk. The Board should consider the question is Safeguarding working well in Suffolk? As there is little public understanding of what safeguarding professionals do. A piece of work will be undertaken showcasing some good case studies of safeguarding in Suffolk. The SSP will work on a plan for this piece of work over Christmas and the New Year.</p> <p>It was suggested that using the voice of the child as a starting point to share some positive experiences.</p> <p>Action/Decisions</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Further thought will be given on the way forward with this piece of work. • The SSP will give an update on progress to the next Board in March.
3.	<p>Update on Case Review Learning SC gave the following update on children’s cases within the partnership:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • No new cases have been published since the last Board meeting. • The Thematic Review Webinar was held in September with over 420 attendees, a format that seems to be working well and generating positive feedback from front line practitioners. • Young Person ■ - This case will be published in the next few weeks. The review has made 11 recommendations on PEG tube management, curiosity around non engagement from parent, voice of the child, thresholds and remits, and transitions. • The SSP are finding new ways of taking rapid learning from reviews where the case doesn’t meet the threshold criteria for a full LCSPR but there is still multi-agency learning identified. The themes from these reviews will be incorporated into the SSPs work on how best to apply learning. • A new LCSPR is starting, this is a cross-cutting process as it is also a LeDer Review, a Child Death Review, and a Domestic Homicide Review. Thought will be given to how these processes can be co-ordinated to ensure sharing of relevant information and best practice. • The current themes being seen in reviews are information sharing between agencies, records not being kept up to date, people suffering with mental health issues and the impact on the wider family network, and missed opportunities to involve health agencies in planning.
4.	<p>Equality Impact Assessment It was suggested that in some case reviews that the Partnership conduct and publish, an Equality Impact Assessment could be undertaken. All Board members were happy to agree to this recommendation.</p> <p>Actions/Decisions</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • EIAs will be conducted on a new case review to test the process, and if successful, implement for others moving forward.
5.	<p>Suffolk’s response to the National review into children with disabilities This National Review was presented to the Board and an explanation given as to how this has been followed up in Suffolk.</p> <p>It was reported that a national review into safeguarding children with disabilities and complex health needs revealed serious failures at three residential special schools registered as children’s homes. The independent review looks at the experiences of 108 children and young adults living at Fullerton House, Wilsic Hall, and Wheatley House, located in Doncaster and operated by the Hesley Group. Following this,</p>

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	<p>all Local Authorities were asked to conduct reviews into children in their areas who are in specialist placements.</p> <p>Suffolk have assured themselves that the 5 children placed outside of Suffolk in a residential placement are happy and doing well in a high-quality placement. The report written for Suffolk will also be shared with the Corporate Parenting Board and shared with the SSP (circulated to Board Members with these minutes).</p> <p>In Norfolk, both in and out of county placements were reviewed and an action plan was compiled to regularly review these moving forward.</p> <p>Secure settings will be looked at as part of the LIG Task and Finish groups. The national report will be used as the basis for this.</p> <p>Action/Decisions</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • This report for Suffolk will be shared with Board members.
6.	<p>Combatting Drugs Partnership Update</p> <p>The PowerPoint for the new 10-year strategy focusing on combatting drugs was shared with the Board. Public Health are the owners of this strategy.</p>
7.	<p>LIG Task and Finish Groups- Training Subgroup</p> <p>The Professional Advisors for Adults and Children confirmed they had been progressing the LIG Task and Finish Groups which cover the following topics:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A review across adults and children’s secure settings - (ensuring that checks and balances are in place, following on from Panorama documentaries highlighting gross, systemic abuse of vulnerable residents). A meeting is to be held with NSFT in December to discuss their secure settings. Then SSP will visit the secure processing centre at Felixstowe Port in December which when seen by the SSP in 2020 was an extremely poor facility. Consideration will also be given to secure educational establishments/ PRUs and other secure settings where Mental Health is present. • S42 enquiries and financial abuse - Audits will be undertaken, alongside a survey on Executive Capacity. Board Members are asked to complete this survey by January 2023. https://forms.microsoft.com/e/dz9dJjBZf2 • Information sharing – A common theme found throughout multiple case reviews. Initial meeting will be held with leads in statutory partners to begin a process of exploration with front line staff about what the barriers are to information sharing and understanding level of expertise, which will inform next steps for this T&F group. <p>The Training and Development subgroup will be re-instated, and the first meeting will be in January 2023 where Terms of Reference, membership, and an action plan will be agreed. This group is being reinstated to give an oversight to safeguarding training and was requested by partners through the SSPs recent consultation process.</p>
8.	<p>Learning about Safeguarding under pressure</p> <p>The Board discussed ongoing issues practitioners report about learning under pressure. Priority for the SSP to disseminate and help partners embed learning across services, so continuously looking for better ways to disseminate, e.g., through webinars and podcasts, as well as written content.</p> <p>The SSP webinars are reaching a wide range of audiences and have high attendance rates. The podcasts will be picked up again when the new Comms and Engagement Officer is in post. This has been recruited too and it is hoped the new team member will join us in January 2023.</p> <p>Actions/Decisions</p>

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Comms and Engagement Officer to continue with the work on Podcasts for the SSP, and new ways of disseminating learning.
9.	<p>SOP for Health Participation in Section 42 and Section 47 Enquiries</p> <p>All Board Members were happy to sign this off.</p>
10.	<p>Launch of SSP Website</p> <p>The new SSP website was shared with the Board. It is hoped this new site will go live by the end of the month. There will be a period of settling into the new functionality, and we welcome feedback / comments ongoing of how this can continuously be improved. There was a request for a drop-down menu to change the language on the website.</p> <p>Actions/Decisions</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The SSP will contact with the website developers to add a drop-down menu to change languages on the website.
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9.	<p>Any Other Business</p> <p>Update from the Operational Oversight Group – It was reported that an Executive decision was made to have adults and a children’s operational oversight group made up of statutory partners, who will be the main points of contact inside their own agency. The role description for this will be sent to Board Members and a further update will be given at the next meeting.</p> <p>Industrial Action by RCN Members- No organisations in Suffolk will strike on 15th or 20th December but there may be strike action in January.</p> <p>Industrial Action by the local Ambulance Trust - The threshold for striking was not met in Suffolk but mutual aid will be given by the East of England Ambulance Trust to other areas who are striking which will in turn lead to some local shortages.</p> <p>Actions/Decisions</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> A further update on how the Operation Oversight Group is working will be given at the next meeting.