

Minutes

Meeting Name:	Suffolk Safeguarding Partnership Board (Children's)
Meeting Date & Time:	Monday 20 March 2023 11.00 – 13.00h
Meeting Venue:	MS Teams Meeting

Attendees

Role	Organisation
Independent Chair	Suffolk Safeguarding Partnership
Corporate Director	Suffolk County Council
Designated Doctor	ICB
Head of Safeguarding	Suffolk County Council
Designated Nurse	Suffolk & Northeast Essex ICB
Professional Advisor	Suffolk Safeguarding Partnership
Deputy Chief Executive	Babergh & Mid Suffolk Councils
Partnership Co-Ordinator	Suffolk Safeguarding Partnership
Partnership Manager	Suffolk Safeguarding Partnership
Director of Nursing	Suffolk & Northeast Essex and Norfolk & Waveney ICBs
Director - Children, Young People and Maternity	Norfolk and Waveney ICB and Norfolk Children's Services
Councillor	Suffolk County Council
Detective Superintendent	Suffolk Constabulary
Training, Safeguarding and Quality Standards Development Officer	Community Action Suffolk
Assistant Director: Early Help, Safeguarding, MASH, QEPD, Resource and Support	Suffolk County Council
Group Head of Welfare and Safeguarding	Eastern Colleges Group
Detective Inspector	Suffolk Constabulary
Comms & Engagement	Suffolk Safeguarding Partnership
Education Officer	Education Services

Role	Organisation
Service Manager	Cafcass
Assistant Director	Public Health
Safeguarding Lead	Probation Services
Associate Director of Nursing	Suffolk & Northeast Essex ICB
Head of Safeguarding	West Suffolk Foundation Trust
Director of Nursing, Patient Safety and Safeguarding.	NSFT
Head of Safeguarding Families	NHS Foundation Trusts
Executive Chief Nurse	West Suffolk Foundation Trust

In Attendance

Role	Organisation
Head of MASH	Suffolk County Council

Apologies

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Chief Executive	Community Action Suffolk
Deputy Designated Nurse Safeguarding Children	Norfolk and Waveney ICB
Consultant	Public Health
CEO	Healthwatch Suffolk

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1.	<p>Minutes and Actions from the last meeting held on 14 December 2022.</p> <p>The minutes from the last meeting were agreed and the actions were updated as below:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Data Dashboard- The Board were updated on discussions with Eastern Region Board colleagues about what data they provide their Boards. The majority were producing data by exception, and reporting on specific issues the Board were interested in, opposed to producing a static dashboard of data collating information that is already readily available via other routes (e.g., in Suffolk, the MASH produces a data report for partners each month). • Operational Oversight Group- This Group is working well and it was confirmed that this has improved working relationships between agencies. <p>Actions/Decisions</p>

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Data Dashboard- The SSP will produce data for the Board on topical issues at the Boards request.
2.	<p>Live Updates ICB Financial position- The funding position of the ICB over the next four years was explained to the Board, reporting that NHS England has asked the ICBs to make a 20% saving in the years 2023/2024 and a further 10% saving in the years 2024/2025. The ICB is currently looking at how these savings can be made. The same principles apply to Great Yarmouth & Waveney ICB. The ICB were asked to produce a Safeguarding Impact Assessment for the next Board meeting, showing where these savings will be made.</p> <p>Actions/Decisions</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The ICB will feedback to the Board on the principles of these savings once they are identified. • The ICB will produce a Safeguarding Impact Assessment for the June Board meeting.
Agenda Items for Discussion	
3.	<p>Update on Addenbrookes, Police & Coroner meeting</p> <p>It was confirmed that the ICB had received an email from Suffolk Constabulary stating that they are looking into the issues raised about SUDIC practice. This will be followed up by the ICB.</p> <p>Suffolk Constabulary explained that there have been no issues recently and the change in practice seems to be working.</p>
4.	<p>Introduction and pilot of Contextual Safeguarding Conferences in Suffolk</p> <p>It was explained that the overarching Criminal Exploitation Plan has been running for a while now and from this, the Multi-Agency Child Exploitation Panels (MACE) panels were introduced. The next steps are to introduce the Contextual Safeguarding Conference to the process. Currently, these are being piloted across the country and will be introduced in Suffolk soon. The referral for these conferences will come from the MACE panels. It was confirmed that the lines of communication between all agencies are open and working well, this will help to stop any silo working by one agency.</p> <p>It was reported that Community Action Suffolk has its annual safeguarding conference on 28 June for the VCSE and it is based on Contextualized Safeguarding. 'Places, Faces. Spaces.' Opening for bookings 4th April, and professionals from any partner agency are welcome.</p>
5.	<p>SSP's focus on Co-Production and Engagement</p> <p>The SSP presented the Board with a copy of the drafted SSP Communication Strategy. The idea behind this was to bring together some of the documents already produced by the SSP, such as the Openness Statement and the Inclusion Strategy.</p> <p>It was explained that various methods of communication with the public are being considered. Outreach events are being held across the County by the Partnership to reach out to the general public and gauge their views on safeguarding, and co-production and lived experiences will feature at the heart of our work and priorities.</p>
6.	<p>Update on LIG Task and Finish groups</p> <p>The Professional Advisor for the SSP reported that there had been three Task and Finish groups held in the last few months. The focus of these groups were as follows:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Information Sharing- This task and finish group included discussions with the Police Service and GPs. Their understanding of safeguarding was very good. It was reported that they knew how

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	<p>to share information and where to go but the GPs did want to raise the feeling of being overwhelmed with little easily accessible routes to sharing information about risk.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Secure Settings- The two NSFT and two special needs schools were reviewed along with Felixstowe Port. It was found that the understanding and safeguarding support provided was really good, although, in the two NSFT settings, there wasn't any information about safeguarding visible. TM explained that the facilities at Felixstowe Port are not adequate, and a letter from the SSP has been written twice now outlining the concerns. The SSP will chase up a reply to the letter sent to the Port. A meeting will be held between EDS and the Port of Felixstowe to help ease the process flows for migrants entering the country. The question was asked how many children are coming through the Port of Felixstowe. AD explained that the numbers are currently low, in the region of one a month or less. • Training and Development Subgroup revival- The reinstated Training and Development subgroup has been running for 6 months and two meetings have been held. The group has highlighted some key issues in multi-agency training uptake which will be escalated at the Executive Group. Additionally, the Subgroup has re-branded as Learning and Development, and the ToR slightly amended to focus on more embedding of learning from reviews and adapting how we train an already stretched workforce. <p>Actions/Decisions</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The SSP to chase up a response from Felixstowe Port to the letter sent by the SSP. • A meeting between the Port of Felixstowe and the EDS service will be held to ease process flows.
7.	<p>Annual Report 22/23 and SSP Strategic Business Plan 2023-25 The SSP explained that the draft Strategic Business Plan has been circulated to the Board for comment, which outlines the SSPs priorities for 2023-25. The main themes in the Business Plan are as follows:</p> <p>Learning and Engagement- This includes SSP webinars, podcasts, co-production and the Safeguarding Explained report.</p> <p>Scrutiny and Assurance- There was a desire from partners for the SSP to identify what they do in the scrutiny space.</p> <p>Supporting Practice Improvement- More assurance around safeguarding packages and how effective is the learning from Safeguarding reviews.</p> <p>Board Members were asked to look at the priorities and send any comments to the SSP if required.</p> <p>Actions/Decisions</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Board Members to review the SSP Business plan and send comments to the SSP by close of play 31st March 2023.
8.	<p>Safeguarding in Suffolk explained It was explained that the SSP is drafting a report to explain safeguarding practice in Suffolk to the public. More work is needed on the draft, along with some further fieldwork in Lowestoft and Mid Suffolk. Contributions from some students in a school and some residents in a care home will also be sought. Some key findings/figures from the research so far:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 89% of people spoken to know where to go to get help. • 94% of people spoken to trust in services to help them. • People we spoke to in the West of the county are concerned by county lines • People we spoke to in the East are more concerned with homelessness.

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	It is expected the draft to be available in time for the next Board meeting.
Any Other Business	
9.	<p>Any Other Business</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • S47 Enquiry Threshold- It was reported that a piece of work around the thresholds for S47 enquiries had been undertaken. In comparison, Suffolk thresholds were slightly higher than neighbouring authorities. It has been established that there is a problem applying the threshold to cases coming through the MASH.