

**MINUTES OF SAFEGUARDING CHILDREN'S BOARD MEETING HELD ON THURSDAY,  
16<sup>th</sup> June 2016 AT 10AM IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBER'S CONFERENCE ROOM**

<b>Present:</b>	Mr Paul McGinnety	Acting Chairman	Assistant Chief Secretary
	Mr Mark Charters	Member	Director of Safeguarding (DOS)
	Miss Lisa Rhodes	Representing	Nursing Officer (LR)
	Mrs Wendy Tinkler	Member	Detective Inspector (DI)
	Mr Matt Breeze	Member	Police Inspector (MB)
	Ms Lolly Young	Member	Education Directorate (LY)
	Ms Stephanie Jones	Member	Acting Team Manager Children & Families (SJ)
	Lieutenant Coral Yon	Member	Salvation Army (LCY)
	Miss Nikita Crowie	Representing	Legal Officer
<b>Invited:</b>	Jennifer Stephenson		Physiotherapist/Counsellor (JS)

**Introduction**

Acting Chair welcomed all members as well as invited guest Jennifer, and introduced himself as Acting Chairman.

**1. Apologies**

Ms Samantha Dunn – Overseas.  
Mr Sean Burns – Overseas  
Ms Christine Scipio-O'Dean  
Mr Nicholas Stevens

**2. Counselling Service Presentation**

JS - gave a short presentation on her counselling service on the island, the feedback she has received and why it is a good reason for the service to continue. Some of the points raised were.

- To date there are 59 referrals, with 10 on a waiting list.
- More self-referrals, people feels the service is important.
- More referrals from women than men.
- Mostly saint referrals.
- The service is not set up for anyone under the age of 12, as their counselling needs are being met by Jodi Joshua.

Some of the feedback were:

- Chair – The post was mainly conceived for short term basis to deal with the Wass Inquiry and it is clear that the post has benefited a wide section of the community. The presentation should be shared with the Core Leadership Group and a business case should be produced quickly to ensure continuity of the service. Funding may exist within existing budgets. **Action** – Jenny to circulate presentation and Jenny and DOS to complete business case that will have Board support.
- All were in agreement about the positive impact the service has had on the community and commended Jenny on her work.
- A local officer will study counselling in the UK commencing this September and will return in three years fully trained
- LY – Student has been in touch about studying adult counselling in University.
- Board agrees for the Counselling post to remain open subject to funding.

### 3. **Confirmation of minutes**

- Confirmed minutes to be published on the SHG Website. **Action** - Secretary

#### **Feedback of last minutes:**

- Nicholas Stevens to be contacted with regards to the parental permission letters for screening. **Action** - Secretary

### 4. Chair – Informed New Horizon's contract has been renewed for a period of 12 months.

### 5. **Matters arising**

- Housing to be invited to the next SCB meeting. **Action** – Secretary

### 6. **SHG Child Safeguarding Action Plan:**

#### **- Police Directorate**

MB gave an update to the board. Some of the points raised were.

- Visa system to come online, when the flights are in place, however the systems is working on the RMS.
- Prove-It cards are now in action. Chair – informed the board will support the communications through the projects media budget.
- MB – Leaving to go to Ascension, will undertake some training while on island.
- Wass action plan covered and included 'troubled families' who are accessing a range of services. It was agreed that to effectively support these families a multi-agency approach will be taken which will start with a mapping exercise. SJ – informed the Board that regulations are being met through MAPPA, but a recording system will support this further. **Action** - Each Directorate to do mapping of service users, collect information of the 5 higher risk families and meet in 3 weeks. **Action** - Arrangements to be made for this meeting to take place – Secretary.

#### **- Children's Service Report**

SJ gave an update to the board. Some of the points raised were:

- There had been a high level of referrals for the month of April
- Referrals for the month of May had dropped, some cases for the month of June were able to be closed, can now do more work on Safer Families, Incredible Years, Early interventions. This is done as voluntary work with some parents and some due to court requirements.

- Social work student's placement ends at the end of June. And has been successful.
- Appointed a Social Worker for 6 months, however not sure how and when she will arrive (this post is to allow safeguarding training to be delivered by the Children's Manager)
- DOS – A contingency plan is needed as there will be one Social Worker on island for approximately a week.
- MB – Informed Suzie could step in, in case of real emergencies to give assistance if required.
- Chair – explained that due to factors that were unforeseen this situation had arisen (officers off island/flights) and that agencies would work together to support each other as and when required.
- DOS – Raised issues regarding the recruitment process.
- Chair – Informed he has previously spoken to the Chief Secretary of this situation and there is likely to be changes. Action – Raise recruitment/process strategy on behalf of board with Chief Secretary – Chair

#### - **Education Report**

LY gave an update to the board. Some of the points raised were:

- The Statutory Guidance will provide the framework for Education Directorate Safeguarding Policies. Schools have been consulted with all Senior Leaders and Head Teachers. The document is now being prepared for presentation to Education Committee for endorsement. All schools will, in line with this statutory guidance update/write their Safeguarding policies this half term.
- Next half term all schools will have in place their Safeguarding Policies.
- Stream lining the process for learning mentors.
- Teaching Assistants/Auxiliary Staff will undertake Level 2 training.
- Alternative education is working well with good support from NGOs, the private sector and SHG directorates.
- Aware of a bullying incident, looking into procedures cascading across to all schools, Primary schools don't have a bullying policy, however a draft policy is being prepared and will be out in the schools this half term.
- Chair – informed her met with Professor Robertson who was pleased to see there have been improvements with agencies/referrals.
- Chair – Education needs to start planning for the DFID visit in relation to SEN and early years to develop business cases for additional resource based on the data we now have. **Action** - LY
- **Action** – Staff member needs to be travelling on the school buses – LY.

#### - **Health Report**

LR gave an update to the board. Some of the points raised were:

- Chair – Congratulated medical team on their medevac procedure. LR – Informed patients is doing well and discharged from intensive care this week.
- LR – Screening has been done on 2% of the island's population. There is an even split of under 25 years old and over 26 years old. Two thirds of the population are over 25's.

- Health received good feedback from the school on the 'Health Presentation'.
- Health did an honest video with the year 11 students as they requested about babies and pregnancies. Unfortunately there are no training babies to be able to show the students.
- **Action** – Find out cost of the 'training babies' and purchase– LR

## 7. Crèches and Childminders Inspections

- SJ gave an update to the board. Some of the points raised were:
- Chair – Thanked Steph and staff for the Crèche and Childminders reports.
- SJ – Thanked Donna Harris for the work and input in organising the inspections to take place.
- Most providers wanted to and were willing to work with Children's Service's. One provider isn't working with Children's services, which now means they would not be certified. Parents are to be advised.
- All providers have had their letters and reports sent to them, they are advised if they have any issues to contact Steph/Donna.
- Chair – Advised SJ to present a media piece to allow parents/guardians to see what Crèches and Childminders are now certified, Kimberley or Kerisha should be able to assist with making of certificate.
- **Action** – Need to register Kinghurst as a holiday club - SJ

## 8. Wass Action Plan

- Chair – Informed Ginny Ferson's report/findings will be going to the House of Commons in London after the EU referendum. Equality and Diversity training is delayed due to logistics.

## 9. Sub Groups

- **Action** – Send round to all sub groups, notify all chairs/leaders of the groups, they are required to produce a report for the next SCB Meeting with progress to date and an overview of action they are taking– Secretary and sub groups.

## 10. Any Other Business

- LY – Questioned about the Duke of Edinburgh Playground. Chair – Informed it falls under Education.
- LR – Informed within the 18 months she has been on the island, the change in everyone working together is remarkable.
- Chair – Informed all that work will commence soon on replacing the bus shelter at Longwood.
- **Action** – Send out confidential policies on MARAC/MAPPA – DI

Chair thanked all in attendance and the next SCB meeting is scheduled for Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> July 2016, 10am at AG Chambers.

