

**MINUTES OF SAFEGUARDING CHILDREN'S BOARD MEETING HELD ON THURSDAY,
5th May 2016 AT 10AM IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBER'S CONFERENCE ROOM**

Present:	Mr Sean Burns	Chairman	Head of Governor's Office (HoGO)
	Mr Angelo Berbotto	Member	Attorney General (AB)
	Mr Darren Clarke	Member	Director of Health (DoH)
	Mr Matt Breeze	Member	Police Inspector (MB)
	Ms Lolly Young	Member	Education Directorate (LY)
	Ms Stephanie Jones	Member	Acting Team Manager Children & Families (SJ)
	Mr Paul McGinnety	Member	Acting Director Of Safeguarding (DoS)
	Lieutenant Coral Yon	Member	Salvation Army (LCY)
	Hon Christine Scipio-O'Dean	Member	Children's Champion (CC)
	Mr Nicholas Stevens	Member	New Horizons (NH)
Invited:	Ms Lisa Phillips		Governor (LP)

1. Introduction

Chairman welcomed all members and Governor Phillips to the Committee.

2. Apologies

Ms Samantha Dunn – Overseas.

3. Confirmation of minutes

- Once the minutes are confirmed they will be published on Government Website.
Action: Secretary

Feedback of last minutes:

- MB – the probation officer was working with offenders and had advertised for a local post to build local capacity.
- MB – Approval had been granted for the Age Variation Cards, which will prove the cardholder's age. The cards will help licensed premises and businesses to ensure they comply with the law, making sure alcohol and cigarettes are only sold to customers aged 18 years and over. CC suggested that the public is informed promptly. MB asked CC for help with ideas promoting the scheme.

4. Matters arising –

- LP - Key is to maintain the momentum of the good work in relation to the Wass Report recommendations.

- LP – asked if there was any prevention work or help for potential offenders – was there a pathway to seeking some intervention or treatment at an early stage? There was a useful NSPCC report that she would circulate.
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- LY – Working with a small group of children in relation to the Child Sexual Exploitation (CSE), however schools are only aware of the registered sex offenders. SJ – Children's Services are working with families who are at high risk of sex offenders by offering St Helana's safer families programme, which seeks to educate families around the danger of sexual offender and how to protect their children more effectively.
- After some discussion it was agreed that housing should be invited to attend the meetings in future. Action – Chair. –

5. **SHG Child Safeguarding Action Plan:**

- **Police Directorate**

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

- Awaiting IT to install OTRICS network.
- Prove it Cards – NS reported that alcohol was still being sold to people underage. Pubs were not challenging people enough. He asked if a pub can be closed down to set an example. MB – there was a similar problem with the shops and older persons buying alcohol for under aged children. There was currently no power to close down a pub. **Social Services Report**

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

- Bus Shelter at Longwood will be transparent.
- Mark Charters, Safeguarding's new Director arrives on 12th May 2016.
- Samantha Dunn is off island and hoping to attend some training.
- Supreme Court will take place in June.
- Student Social Worker is on island. April Lawrence is doing her second placement in Germany and her Masters and will be back in 2 years.
- CC – asked if the £1.2 Million ring-fenced budget had been spent? DoS responded part of the £1.2 million had been spent on job posts and has been broken down as £175, 000 – equipment (system for Children's Services), £7,000 – training budget and £53,000 – grants and projects. **Action:** Mark Charters to take forward and circulate a budget update.
- DoS - There is £53, 000 for this board in relation to grants.
- LY – asked if there were funds for a backup vehicle for disabled people. There was only one disabled vehicle and when it is in the garage the CCC blue bus is not always available. HoGO – there is not enough money in the SCB budget but suggested that SHG be approached to help. CC – an alternative vehicle is needed as there are a large number of disabled people in the community. Councillors would help with this need/type of funding although there has not yet been a council meeting.

- **Education Report**

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

- PAS School has a safeguarding policy. The Primary schools policies were in the process of being drafted and would be completed by September.
- In terms of training, most PAS staff number had completed their training. All staff at St Pauls School had completed the training but at Pilling Primary school they were experiencing problems with laptops and internet connectivity. CC – responded internet/laptops shouldn't be any problem as she put forward for the money to be spent on an upgrade of all schools. The schools were encouraged to contact IT for assistance.
- Children are being tested for sugar diabetes as there have been concerns from the teachers.
- AB – asked about CCTV cameras, as he had been approached about it and wondered what the reason was for this. LY – It was mainly down to unsavoury behaviour at the weekend.

- **Health Report**

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

- Money had been approved for children who need glasses. Public Health will pay £60 towards the cost. Around 500 letters have been sent. CC – questioned how quickly these letters had been despatched. . DoH – due to an administrative error, the letters have been delayed.
- Sexual Health Campaign brought forward and approval had been made by Public Health Committee for free screening and free treatment if tested positive.
- Approved by Public Health Committee for all children up to 18 years of age to receive free treatment prescription. CC – questioned if parents will be informed about this change. DoH – it will be advertised, but should have been in the constituencies meeting. CC – attends these meeting and nothing has been mentioned so far.
- CC – can there be more free condoms placed in Public areas. DoH – they have been distributed around the island although they were currently low in stock.

6. Crèches and Childminders

- LCY – Safeguarding has started with their inspections although it was noted that nobody had attended from Education.
- LY – Holidays will be used for staff to assist. The shortage of teachers makes it very difficult during school terms.
- Safeguarding will lead on this with education there to support.

7. Other

- NS – Health Team did a great job with their STI advert but had started to screen children without parental permission. NS had no objection to this but asked that in future parents to be informed first. AB – Parental responsible decreases as the child get older. He advised that it would be preferable if screening was done at the hospital and not New Horizons. **Action:** NS to send out parental permission letters
- LY – The CSE group will be running a campaign for 15 – 18 year olds. Workshop will be running for 2 hours at the Jamestown Community Centre. A piece of drama will be done with the children which will cover, grooming, boyfriend models, and sexting.

- Circular to be sent to government personnel for some financial implications for media services, transportation, refreshments in relation to the STI Campaign. CC – public relations and a bus contractor are available and requested who is on the board for the CSE group. LY – Dave Honan – Chair, Penny Bowers & Cheryl Bedwell – School Reps, Nicky Adams, Jenny Stephenson and Louise Scott – members. NS – It is equally important to cover HIV.
- NS - Sex Offender had apparently been seen at PAS on Athletics day. MB – If sex offenders have no restrictions on them they are a normal member of the public. SJ – Safeguarding connects with sex offenders through MAPPA.
- LCY – Salvation Army – supported 3 families with household items such as curtains, finances and food hampers.

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8. Draft Annual Report

- HoGO – All members agreed for the annual report to be placed on the SHG website.

9. Funding - Business Case for Mobile Phone

- MB – asked for possible for funding for a new device which will give the Police the ability to interrogate persons and their mobile phones. It will allow them to check numbers, who messages were sent to, etc. Small stag device, the phones are not modernised enough on the island, the device won't process, it can only work on the Smartphones. The new device will cost approximately £3000 and will work for all phones.
- DoS - £175,000 is available for equipment, however not sure what will be left. HoGO – Good device for £3000, the board approved subject to the money being available.

10. Funding - Business case for Protection Coordinator (Matt Breeze)

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

- MB – Public Protection Coordinator is already supported through MAPPA/MARRATS, Police officers were supporting this role, however are unable to continue to do so. For a period of 2 years the job will cost £10'000. The new employee will help to clear some of the work load. HoGO – all has agreed if the money is available it will be conserved.
- AB – Laura McMullan will be arriving as Counsel at Crown Chambers.
- HoGO – Next meeting Individual Subgroups needs to submit their reports.
- HoGO – Thanked AB and DoS as it was there last SCB meeting and stated he will be off island from 22nd May.

Next meeting is scheduled for Thursday 16th June 2016, 10am at AG Chambers.