

# MINUTES OF SAFEGUARDING CHILDREN'S BOARD MEETING HELD ON THURSDAY, 1 DECEMBER 2016 AT 10AM IN THE ATTORNEY GENERAL CHAMBERS CONFERENCE ROOM

## Present:

Ms Judi Leon (HOGO)	Chair	Head of Governor's Office
Mr Paul McGinnety (DoS)	Member	Acting Director of Safeguarding
Mr Darren Clarke	Member	Director of Health (DoH)
Miss Laura McMullan	Member	Crown Counsel (LM)
Ms Steph Jones	Alternative Member	Asst Team Manager (SJ)
Miss Samantha Dunn	Member	Team Manager/Minute Taker (SD)
Mr Nicholas Stevens	Member	New Horizons (NS)
Ms Lolly Young	Member	Education (LY)
Ms Coral Yon	Member	Salvation Army (CY)
Ms Tracey Thomas	Member	Housing (TT)

## Invited:

Mr Mike Rodden	Finance Manager, Safeguarding Directorate (FM)
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## 1. Welcome and Apologies

DCI Wendy Tinkler	Member	DCI
Cllr Christine Scipio	Member	Children's Champion

HOGO welcomed everyone for attending the meeting. Agenda circulated. Welcome to TT who has just joined the board. Thanked SD for taking the minutes.

## 2. Budgets

DOS stated that we are on budget with slight under spend which will be forwarded to Financial Secretary towards the IT system. Awaiting invoices from two barrister/solicitors who were recently on island which is our biggest area of spend. Will be able to come back in February to clarify. Where it stands currently is that legal costs on track with sensible estimate.

Discussion with regards to Forest School and potential into future to ensure continuity. DoS explained funding to continue support for New Horizons and In+Ventive, and £30k for grants of around £1k for community projects. Agreed to advertise scheme for the latter, which would also encourage bids to support accessibility projects and activities in the school holidays. DoS offered to circulate draft wording for the Board's comments, and assessment of outcomes for this FY's grant recipients.

**Action:**

**DoS**

## 3. Minutes and matters arising

The Chair reminded members to inform the Secretary if they wish to remove any confidential information contained in the minutes prior to publishing on SHG web site. It was agreed that the October minutes could be posted on the webpage.

Education report: Action amendment corrected to LC as pointed out by LY. Alternative education provisions progressing well. There is a need to establish a PRU and education are trying to source a building.

Quality Assurance sub group: HOGO - asked if auditing is happening by Directorates. DoH had forwarded theirs. SD confirmed they audit all files before they close and 10 a month.

ToRs: HOGO confirmed DFID do not have sub group ToRs; HOGO will ask FCO. Agreed to discuss value of sub groups at next Board. **Action: HOGO**

AOB: DoS asked about campaigns and it was clarified Police are running campaigns currently including drink drive campaign.

#### **4. Updates from Directorates**

##### **Children's Services**

SD updates through the report.

DoS - New Director has been appointed. Also appointed a Speech and Language Therapist across services adult and children's.

HOGO - Asked about information sharing. After discussion, accepted protocols are needed, some by February if possible, otherwise by mid next year. Action to be taken by relevant parties offline.

##### **Education Services**

LY updated child in school with whole host of professionals supporting alternative provision. Is working on sensitive reintegration. They still lack a building. TT asked to be kept informed. Worry about how to provide stable accommodation. DOS explained is looking for housing for vulnerable adults also but difficulties with trying to rent privately.

LY praised the equality and diversity training. Worked with colleagues in other directorates. Asked how it could be shared further including to higher level colleagues in SHG and Councillors. DoS explained focus was on training locals to support long term change. Directors had been asked to nominate staff who could cascade learning to colleagues.

LY said they may bid for financial support for disabled child transport. Other children/young people arriving on island and will need support. SD and SJ talked about children incoming to the island. DoS explained transport costs will be mainstreamed next FY. Need to be thinking about capital costs. FAM bid includes bid for new mini bus and additional vehicles, with Councillors to prioritise.

##### **Health**

DoH updated on recruitments. Audiologist returned to island and over 70 hearing aids fitted. Want Ear Nose and Throat specialist to visit at same time next year. Update on strategic planning update and key to focus on early intervention. Alcohol is still an issue.

Need dietician to address obesity, data shows is greater than 70% of workforce which is high. NS questioned if the data was correct with local population. DoH stated they are reviewing this.

Discussion with HOGO and others about the awareness raising for wearing seat belts and DOH stated that Health is keen to contribute to promoting positive message. DoS stated campaign for children from January. LY stated that Ascension have had in place for some time and perhaps we should look there for information. Agreed by all. Issue of new road which could cause issues. LY raised how this should be considered for school buses.

NS is concerned that there is a rise in reports of cannabis use. He will work with Wendy Tinkler and others on a campaign. He has had informal discussion with children.

## **5. Sub-group updates**

HOGO - Training Sub-Committee to meet next week.

DOH - Circulated audit reports for QA sub-committee.

## **6. Decisions to be taken to counter cyber bullying, sexting, grooming including potential media and communications**

HOGO asked about the extent of these issues, what is being done by the different agencies and whether more should be done as a Board.

TT said it is an increasing problem. NS explained they monitor, the police previously delivered four talks a year at New Horizons. DOS said the community is trusting and work needs to be done with parents on the risks. LY knew it was being raised with children at Prince Andrew School but will check with primary schools.

SD went over specific programmes delivered in community which were poorly attended. SJ explained 10 week CSE (child sexual exploitation) programme for young people affected by this issue. The police took part in a radio interview about IT and using IT safeguards etc. NS saw value in increasing safety and awareness. Perhaps festive periods but ongoing.

Agreed to send details or proposals to DoS by 5 December for a campaign over Christmas/New Year, targeting children, youth and parents, who would ask SHG Comms team to design building on last year's campaign. Potentially involve IT (Craig Williams), NCA materials, Jamie Hollis's presentations, Internet Watch Foundation etc.

**Action: All/DoS**

NS talked about increasing access for children with disabilities into sport which is an aim for commonwealth games.

DOS clarified that there is a bid to increase accessibility for disabled persons to access services and work place and other services into work and sport.

## **7. AOB**

DOS - Thank you to all Directorates who contributed to the White Ribbon event and messaging. NS - Concerned that message still has not get through and will need ongoing effort. DOS - Spike in referrals following event. TT - Working hard from housing and a zero tolerance on domestic abuse. LY - Affects children and need to continue as impacts on children's engagement in school.

HOGO - Thanked all for input to FAM. DOS - Team listened to presentations. In past not funded sufficiently. Need to make clear that slipping back is a shared risk and we are asking for reasonable needs.

HOGO - Whilst the Board needs to focus on strategy, the size of the community means individuals can be identified from discussions. Will work with LC on a confidentiality agreement for members.

**Action: HOGO/LC**

HOGO – Thanked SD for all she had done for safeguarding on St Helena during her time here and wished her well in TCI.

Next meeting in January 2017, date to be circulated.