

**MINUTES OF SAFEGUARDING CHILDREN'S BOARD MEETING HELD ON THURSDAY  
10 AUGUST 2017 AT 10AM IN THE ATTORNEY GENERAL'S CHAMBERS CONFERENCE  
ROOM**

**Present:**

Mr Matt Ansell	Chair	Director of Safeguarding (DoS)
Mrs Coral Yon	Member	Salvation Army (CY)
Mr Dave Honan	Member	St Helena Police (DS)
HE Governor Lisa Phillips	Member	Governor's Office (GO)
Ms Christine Cooper	Member	Crown Counsel (AGO)
Ms Stephanie Jones	Member	Team Manager, Children's (CF)
Hon Christine Scipio-O'Dean	Member	Children's Champion (CC)
Lolly Young	Member	Education Directorate (LY)
Lisa Niemand		Health (LN)
Mr Mike Rodden	Secretary	Child Services Safeguarding (SEC)

**Apologies:**

Ms Tracy Thomas	Member	Housing (TT)
Hon Christine Scipio	Member	Children's Champion (CC)

1. **Welcome:** DoS welcomed everyone to the meeting.
2. **Budget** – DoS advised that he had spoken to the Financial Secretary and it was agreed that finance is not to sit with the Children's Safeguarding Board. There will be some promotional costs. The focus of the Board will be on Children's issues.
3. **Minutes of Previous Meeting**

Minutes from the previous meeting of the board were confirmed.

4. **Matters Arising**

Calendar campaign – no updates have been received by the Secretary. A reminder to send any calendar updates of events or key dates to be sent to the Secretary.

Confidentiality Agreement – Final copy available. Secretary to ensure all members sign this and hold a copy on file (Governor's Office).

**Action: SEC**

Disability toilet – LY to follow up and email SEC with update & completion time. DS advised that he had had a recent tour of the school and it is not completed yet. DoS advised that we need to keep pushing for this.

**Action: LY**

Independent Review Officer – CF advised that Safeguarding is rotating chairing of meetings between Adult & Children's Services to get some aspect of independence. Not ideal, but only option at present. DoS advised that he was talking to people in UK and other Islands. Will work with CF and bring back to the Board.

**Action:**

**DoS/CF**

Signs of Safety – DoS advised that we have funding if we want to do this. A vacant TC role will cover the cost. GO suggested a Pilot possibly and agreed to speak to the Statistician as he may be able to assist.

**Action:**

**GO**

DoS to send research paper, which he has, to members.  
**DoS**

**Action:**

Chair of SCB – DoS to discuss this issue with HOGO on her arrival.  
**DoS**

**Action:**

## **5. Child Employment Legislation Update**

Does the SCB make representations to Elected Members? Are we satisfied this is okay around the children in Bars or Licensed Premises (playing music) issue.

GO advised that we should be consistent with Ascension Legislation. Change age to 16 years.

DS advised that employment is an issue and we have to take into account the welfare of children and how they are supervised which is probably by a parent. Considered “not for reward” an issue.

AGO – There may be some inconsistencies, like it is okay to listen to music, but not to play it.

Agreed AGO to draft a form of words for the Social & Development Committee around 15 year olds and age 16.

**Action: AGO**

Entrance policy for Bars briefly discussed.

## **6. Sub – Committees - QA & TOR**

To be discussed at next meeting and be placed on the agenda.

**SEC**

**Action:**

## **7. Strategic Plan**

### **Strategic Priority 1**

DoS asked the Board to peruse a draft copy of the Strategic Plan and advise SEC of any amendments.

CF advised the results of the school lunch analysis. Cost would be expensive based on a ranges of prices estimated, however there are benefits.

DoS proposed that we align ourselves with DoH’s Consultants whom he is bringing in to look at Health issues. CF agreed to speak to DoH about this.

**Action: CF**

ESH – Mike Harper looking at meals on wheels and the cost. He will be discussing details with local providers & farmers. LY concerned about the carbo hydrates loaded meals which the locals eat and this tends to be a cultural thing. As well some children go to school without breakfast.

Agreed that linking in with DoH a sound approach.

AGO concerned about going through her and the Board.

Agreed to get on with it. Working groups are good and reporting back.  
Elected Member could attend for continuity.  
The Board agreed to continue rather than be constrained.

## **Strategic Priority 2**

DS would like to see the Board lend support for a dedicated alcohol service on the Island.  
This Board should support this for the children in the community.

LY & CF would support this because of the effect of alcohol addiction on school pupils & CS cases.

It would be a remit for the Adult Services Board but SCB can support an initiative. DoS advised children are affected by this issue.

LY & CF to document what has been said and send draft comments to DoS by 15 August

**Action: LY & CF**

DoS to distribute comments to Board by 17 August.

**Action: DoS**

DS to send out comments on behalf of ASB by 17 August.

**Action: DS**

CF to talk to Ian Rummery re alcohol & drugs being the underlying issue.

**Action: CF**

DoS to talk to DoH about preventative services.

**Action: DoS**

Feedback on Strategic Plan to SEC by 7 September 17      **Action: DoS, LY, CF, DS**

## **8. Critical Updates from Directorates**

### **Housing**

DoS to write to Director ENRD about sitting on the Safeguarding Children's Board.

**Action: DoS**

CF concerned about allocations of housing and wondered whether a MAPPA approach could be used so that there is a transparent approach and is supported by a wider multi agency group.

CF willing to approach TT.

### **Education**

Inclusion still looking for premises. Current one is not ideal and inconvenient for children & staff.

This should be included in Directorates Strategic Plan.

There is a genuine concern for children excluded from education for a number of years.

DoS to speak to LY for details with a view to ascertain what can be done to find a solution to this issue.

**Action: DoS**

## **Children's Services**

CF has a Young Person with autism, who is unable to be managed and is asking for commitment from all agencies. Is concerned that we are not learning from previous lessons and we are not meeting his needs. Raises moral, ethical & some legal issues. Have we got the staff to deal with this etc.?

LY – there is a need to invest early i.e. training etc. There is no legal requirement to attend school.

Currently is being monitored by Mental Health.

DoS – support from the Board important and what the legal issues are. Also where do we stand legally with funding and does it commit SHG for life?

AGO to investigate.

**Action: AGO**

Already we have one person in care in UK

Governor will investigate what other O/Seas Territories do.

**Action: GO**

DfID Rep has asked about the possibility of being a member of the SCB. DoS to ask what she can bring to the Board and circulate a response.

**Action: DoS**

One young person in care turns 16 today. There is a transition plan in place until she is 18.

## **Police**

DS pushing for outcome 2, particularly safety on the roads. We should lobby for seat belts for children and a lower drink drive level.

Need to look at the proposed regulations.

AGO suggested that we should pick the change that is compelling.

Express our views to EXCO & LEGCO.

DS to draft a letter to the Council and bring back draft to CSB for the scrutiny of the Board & advice from AGO.

**Action: DS**

DoS thanked all those present. The meeting closed at 12.00hrs.

Next meeting to be held at 10am on 21 September 2017 in the AG Chambers, The Castle.