

MINUTES OF SAFEGUARDING CHILDREN'S BOARD MEETING HELD ON THURSDAY 21 SEPTEMBER 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)
Ms Louise McMorran	Member	Head of Governor's Office (HOGO)
Ms Christine Cooper	Member	Crown Counsel (AGO)
Mr Nicholas Stevens	Member	Youth Horizons (NS)
Ms Stephanie Jones	Member	Team Manager, Children's (CF)
Ms Frankie Gonsalves	Guest	Asst. Team Manager, Children's
Hon Christine Scipio-O'Dean	Member	Children's Champion (CC)
Shirley Wahler	Member	Director of Education (DoE)
Dr Akeem Ali	Member	Director of Health (DoH)
Hon Tony Green	Member	Elected Member (EM)
Mr Mike Rodden	Secretary	Children's Services (SEC)

1. **Welcome:** DoS welcomed everyone to the meeting.

2. **Matters Arising from Minutes of Previous Meeting**

- Confidentially agreement signed copies sent to Governor's Office. Secretary to ensure new & returning members their copies.
- Toilet has been completed. Straps & hoist still an issue. DoS to confirm with OT and what has been ordered & any issues of concern. **Action: DoS**
- Independent Review Officer – Adults & Children's Services sharing this role between the two services. DoS looking at a role – IRO and Quality Assurance.
- Signs of Safety – A paper has been forwarded to Board members to read. DoS is looking at future leaders programme to do this as it crosses all services. Funding for this has been covered by a TC vacancy which won't be filled. This will cover a period of 2 years.
- Child Employment Legislation – AGO advised some amendments have been made. Definition of hazardous equipment & fishing issue. To go to EXCO. 16 year old age limit applies to hazardous work & music. Under 16 years is considered light duties/work experience.
- Chairperson – DoS & HOGO have met. Have decided for Matt to continue as Chair for both Safeguarding of Children's Board and Adults safeguarding Board, let it settle in & review later.
- Strategic Plan – School lunches. CF has sent material to DoS who will take it forward. DoS advised Strategic Plan is a live document & there is a continual need to keep reviewing it.
- Housing Rep – DoH to approach Director ENRD regarding the Housing Representative on the Board.

Action: DoS

- Premises for Children with learning difficulties – Need to find a resolution. DoE, LY and DoS to meet.

Action: DoE/DoS/LY

- Young Person – the case concerning a young person with difficulties. DoS & DoH have met. A letter has been sent to Health, Education & Children's Services to complete an assessment first before taking any action. This is due on October 6.
- Minutes Correction – Correct to read there is a legal requirement to attend school. YP is post compulsory school age.
- DfID Rep Request to attend Board Meetings – DfID Rep has responded with reasonable & sensible arguments. DoS to circulate this email to Board members. Some suggestions were to attend 2 meetings & see how things go or invite to attend for particular issues. Agreed to read the email from Matt & respond to him & then we can decide.

Action:

DoS

- Safety on Roads – Draft letter not done as yet. DS sees value in a letter from the Board. CC to investigate where the Committee is at present and email Board Members.

Action: CC

AGO advised that this needs to be thought through carefully. EM suggested a publicity campaign prior to this.

DS advised seat belts an issue as well as alcohol problem. At this stage the Chair welcomed Children's Champion Christine Scipio-O'Dean and Elected Member, Tony Green (following Election).

The minutes were confirmed.

3. Multi Agency Audits – Safeguarding Board

Frankie Gonsalves presented the paper on this.

Themes:

12 meetings reviewed and attendance by Agencies scrutinised.

Audit minutes – Unclear why Agencies did not attend.

Standard of minutes varied.

New recording system will help.

DoH advised one health rep could cover all categories. We would need to be clear what we are asking Health for.

How would it be dealt with – Ofsted paper.

SCB – expertise gaps, joint training, induction.

Serious case reviews - Review training as we have slipped off this.

Updates from Agencies – what data?

SCB – Protocols for the Board/all procedures are multi agency.

Assurance the system works.

Practical issues would be to conduct a serious case review.

4. Serious Alcohol Issue

DS advised a group met, DS, DoS, DoH, Ian Rummary etc.

Agreed on detox issue

Not enough information.

Need to drill down to data to see if we have enough information.

Identified needs – a community worker, a Medical Clinician, Therapy & Counselling. Clinical abilities on the island.

No capacity for justice system to offer alternative rehabilitation systems or community base sentences.

Ongoing approach & meeting again in just over a week's time.

New probation officer strong in YJ system.

Dave to look at putting a paper together. Steph to look into this.

5. TORs Performance & Quality Sub Committee

DoH presented a paper, which had been circulated.

CC & Elected member

Quarterly report from each Directorate

Serious case review

Action: DoS

The Board agreed to confirm the Performance & Quality Sub Committee TORS.

6. JMC Committee

2 elected members attending conference overseas

Response plan on the way.

Action plan has been done.

Suggest DoS & DoH draft a framework in the next 2 weeks.

Draft to SCB by 12 Nov

Action: DoS & DoH

7. Updates

- Police – support from council
- Education – Safeguarding policies being developed and Lolly providing training. Developing policies. Both alternative education high school students back in mainstream. One in primary is almost back.

Level of school refusal is quite high. Currently working with staff. Refusal is stressing to them. Attendance is not optional.

- New Horizons – Tina has achieved a Certificate in Counselling and now studying Youth Counselling. NS to provide documentation of what she is studying. Also to provide details of accrediting agency to DoE and CC. Could link up with Therapeutic Practitioner
- LEGCO – CC alerted the Board to the correct wording of the Board – Safeguarding of Children's Board.
- Attorney General's Office – Currently dealing with Social Services Legislation. It is planned to remove U21's from the responsibility of supporting a household.
- Elected Member – EL familiarising himself how everything works and looking at developing a systems map.
- Children's Services – CF reported that the new electronic recording system would go live Friday. Training has been happening this week. Looks like a good tool.

DoS thanked all those present. The meeting closed at 11.56hrs.

Next meeting to be held at 10am on 2 November 2017 in the AG Chambers, The Castle.