

## Meeting Information

<b>Title:</b>	Notes of the BHR Safeguarding Partnership Meeting
<b>Date:</b>	03 August 2020
<b>Chair:</b>	Mark Gilbey-Cross, Deputy Nurse Director, BHR CCG
<b>Secretariat:</b>	Lesley Perry, Manager, Redbridge SCP & SAB
<b>Venue:</b>	MS Teams

## Attendance

Name	Title	Agency
<b>Attendees:</b>		
Mark Gilbey-Cross (MGC) for JH	Deputy Nurse Director (Acting)	BHR CCGs
Adrian Loades (AL)	Corporate Director of People	LB Redbridge
Kate Dempsey (KD) for RS	Principal Social Worker (PSW)	LB Havering
Teresa DeVito (TDV)	Head of Safeguarding and Quality Assurance	LB Barking & Dagenham
Hazel North-Stephens (HNS) – Item 9/Observer	Lead Commissioner – Community Safeguarding	LB Havering
Lesley Perry (LP)	Partnerships Manager	Redbridge SCP & SAB
Geoff Tachauer (GT) for JC	DCI Safeguarding Investigations	EA BCU, MPS
Martin Wallace (MW)	Partnerships & Learning Manager	LB Havering
<b>Apologies:</b>		
Elaine Allegretti (EA)	Director of People and Resilience	LB Barking & Dagenham
John Carroll (JC)	Detective Superintendent – Safeguarding	East Area BCU, MPS
Jacqui Himbury (JH)	Nurse Director	BHR CCGs
Robert South (RS)	Director of Children’s Services	LB Havering

## Notes

- 1 Welcome**  
MGC welcomed all to the meeting. Apologies had been received as above. All agencies represented.
- 2 Notes of Previous Meeting – 05 June 2020**  
The draft notes of the previous meeting had been circulated along with a summary version for publication. Agreed with one minor correction in title. Agreed that future notes to be in summary form for publication.
- 3 Action Log 2020 - 2021**  
An updated version of the Action Log was presented.  
Action 1 – publication to be confirmed by Local SCPs – Havering & Barking & Dagenham – then close.  
Actions 2 – 6, and 9 were marked as closed.  
Action 7 – C/F AL is awaiting a response from the VRU.

Action 8 – C/F – copy of referral form awaited from and confirmation of any London pilot JC.

#### 4. **Update from Partners on Impact and Response to COVID-19**

##### **LB Barking and Dagenham**

- Volume of referrals and S47s did start to rise, along with complexity, but have now tailed off as usual due to school holiday. Staff will be continuing to work from home until at least the end of September. The Local Authority participated in research relating to COVID-19 – [Managing through COVID-19: the experiences of children's social care in 15 English authorities, Kings College \(July 2020\)](#).

##### **LB Havering:**

- No immediate plans for staff to return to the office in large numbers. Continuing to see S47 children face-to-face. DV referrals are up. Looking at placement stability and the impact on that. Quality assurance in place to check consistency across response to children and families. Working with Making Research Count (MRC) Kings College on research projects.

##### **LB Redbridge:**

- Referral numbers on run up to school holidays were nearly back to normal but then dropped as is usual. Complexity of need is increased and there are some concerns that not seeing lower level issues. Planning has taken place to ensure the system can meet increased referrals in September. LAC numbers stables. Work to engage adolescents continues with activities across the summer which have been proving positive. A smaller number of young people going missing but more often, particularly those placed in Redbridge from outside into local semi-independent providers. LBBDD reported that young people weren't going missing but drugs and gang activities concerning.

##### **MPS**

- Lull experienced during lockdown has ended and demand is increasing. The challenges are mainly outside of safeguarding e.g. spikes in violence but impact on staff resources. Have put additional resources in CAIT Referrals Desks for the first two weeks of school re-opening and joint agency visits. Have more recently seen a reduction in DA. Had a spike in sexual offending which now seems to have reduced.

##### **CCG**

- All Designated Nurses in place. No plans to move back to the office until at least October. Mindful that other flus and second spike in COVID-19 which may push this back to the New Year. All BHR care homes were offered Infection Prevention (IPC) Training, with approximately 156 taking this up and the remaining commissioning their own. NELFT and CSU colleagues have developed a business case for ongoing IPC training. Waiting for the final outcomes within each Local Authority. Conversations relating to funding to take place. Reviewing of community support around winter planning and hospital admission prevention, with particularly emphasis on responses to nutrition, hydration and pressure ulcers. The detail is awaiting sign off.
- CDOP Manager and Administration posts have been recruited to subject to usual recruitment checks.

#### 5. **Statutory Responsibilities Table – Exceptions**

The table was presented highlighting the exceptions that still required decisions/agreement, itemised on the Agenda for discussion (Rapid Review/CSPRs; Quality Assurance Audits).

#### 6. **Response to Recommendations for BHR Safeguarding Partnership in [Redbridge LSCB Serious Case Review \(SCR\) 'Baby T' Report](#)**

The recommendations were generally agreed as appropriate, although some elements were more applicable to some agencies than others. TDV and KD suggested either a Learning Event or learning resource to be made available to ensure learning gets into practice.

**Action 2020/10:** table to be developed by LP/AL to monitor notifications, Rapid Reviews and any CSPRs with recommendations split to identify which agencies they were applicable to. The Baby 'T' SCR to be added to the table and brought back to the September meeting.

## 7. **Rapid Review/CSPR Proposal**

TDV presented the current process in LBBB which could be adapted for the Safeguarding Partnership. There was a consensus that decision making would be localised but ratified at BHR Safeguarding Partnership level with learning shared. Also shared was the document on cases that didn't meet the criteria for a CSPR.

**Action 2020/11:** all agencies to consider and feedback comments to TDV by 14 August 2020.

TDV advised that LBBB had two SCRs which had ended but could not yet be published as the criminal investigations had not concluded. Conversations with the National Panel were taking place as we get nearer to the deadline in September for any SCRs commissioned by LSCBs to be published.

**Action 2020/12:** TDV to share tracking document for adapting to monitor Rapid Reviews and CSPRs across the BHR Safeguarding Partnership.

## 8. **Multi-Agency Quality Assurance Audits**

Previous planned audit put on hold in March. Agreed to review and relaunch in October.

**Action 2020/13:** Add to Agenda Forward Plan for October.

## 9. **Domestic Abuse – Presentation of Partner Responses**

**LBBB:** Presentation by HNS - available via SWAY.

<https://sway.office.com/sdMZrrFJsRckyS19?ref=Link>

**LBR:** have been working with the perpetrator whilst still in the family which has worked well.

**Action 2020/14:** AL to share information on the Reach Out Service.

**LBH:** Working across adults and children delivering services and training based on the NICE Guidelines on domestic abuse.

**Action 2020/15:** KD to share information via e-mail.

**MPS:** – Has launched 'Domestic Abuse in a Day' which is linked to findings from research that outcomes are more positive when the perpetrator is arrested immediately or at least within 24 hours, which is impactful but challenging. Working on response speed and making best use of custody time, relying less on bail.

## 10. **CAHMS Tier 4 – Response to Self-Harm and Eating Disorders**

MGC highlighted increase of referrals to CAMHS since COVID-19. Conversations continue between CCGs and providers of all mental health services across BHR – particularly CAMHS, in anticipation of schools going back and funding. This is being led by Sharon Morrow, Director of Commissioning. TDV has seen on Twitter concern of people experiencing eating disorders feeling that the Government focus on calorie continue in their drive against obesity is not helpful. AL said that there is a general feeling of insufficiency for Tier 4 provision but when it is available it can be life-changing. He felt it would be worth lobbying for additional capacity at Tier 4 as funding on secure or sub-optimal residential placements to keep young people safe was high. MGC agreed that there were insufficient acute beds in the system and the referral criteria was high and relates to niche needs. KD said that a Lead Member had brought up the 'challenges' of self-harm. Public Health guidance recently had warned against raising the profile of these.

**11. Report from the CSPR Panel - [Sudden Unexpected Death in Infancy where families are considered at risk of significant harm](#)**

MGC provided a brief overview of the report and the findings, based on a summary document – [NSPCC CASPER Briefing](#).

KD felt that there was learning and development opportunities e.g. 7-Minute Briefings. TDV said that this would be a good report to be considered by CDOP. MGC said that the message can be too generic and could be targeted at children at risk where families and professionals may need some specific guidance, for example, for those using drug and alcohol services.

**Action 2020/16:** MGC to share with CDOP/CDR Manager when in post.

**12. Agenda Forward Plan**

The current version of the Agenda Forward Plan for the remaining meetings for 2020 – 2021 was reviewed and amended.

**13. Any Other Business**

- No AOB.

**14. Dates of Future Meetings**

Meeting dates had been agreed as follows:

- 09 September 2020 @ 15:00 – Chair - JC
- 15 October 2020 @ 09:00 – Chair – EA (TBC)

The rotation would then begin again with LBH.