



Shropshire Safeguarding  
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### Children's Safeguarding Partnership Minutes

Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> of November 2024 – 2:00 pm to 4.00 pm Via Microsoft Teams

Name	Organisation	Job Title
Tanya Miles (TM)	Shropshire Council	Executive Director of People and DCS
Elena Lloyd (EL)	Shropshire Telford & Wrekin Integrated Care Board	Designated Nurse for Safeguarding
Lorna Tilley (LT)	West Mercia Police Youth Justice Service	Head of Service
Claire Hughes (CH)	Shropshire Community Health Trust	Safeguarding Team
Sonya Jones (SJ)	We are With You	Service Manager and Safeguarding Lead
James Dunn (JD)	West Mercia Police	Superintendent
John Rowe (JRo)	Shropshire Council	Head of Education, Quality and Safeguarding
Amanda Atherton (AA)	Midlands Partnership NHS University Foundation Trust	Deputy Head of Safeguarding
Paula Mawson (PM)	Shropshire Council	Assistant Director – Integration & Healthy People
Nadia Ayub (NA)	The Children's Society	Service Manager
Sonya Miller (SM)	Shropshire Council	Assistant Director of Children's Services
Tamsin Waterhouse (TW)	Shropshire Council	Quality Assurance Lead & Principle Social Worker – Adult Social Care
Jess Edwards (JE)	Shropshire Council	Public Health Intelligence Manager
Ivan Powell (IP)	Shropshire Council	Independent Chair
Mark Trenfield (MT)	Shropshire Council	Public Health Intelligence Analyst
Raqeebah Agberemi (RA)	Shropshire Council	Population Health Management Senior Analyst
Kirstie Hurst-Knight (KK)	Shropshire Council	Counsellor for Bridgnorth East & Astley Abbots
Ella Baines (EB)	Shropshire, Telford & Wrekin Integrated Care Board	Named GP for Safeguarding Adults & Children
Lee Davies (LD)	West Mercia Police	PVP Lead – DCI
Teresa Tanner (TT)	Shrewsbury and Telford Hospital Trust	Lead Nurse for Safeguarding Children and Young People
David Shaw (DS)	Shropshire Council	Assistant Director for Education and Achievement



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Jo Kelly (JK)	Shropshire Virtual School	Virtual Head Teacher
Edyta Szpila (ES)	Robert Jones and Agnes Hunt Orthopaedic Hospital	Named Nurse for Children's Safeguarding
Julie Pugh (JP)	Shropshire Council	Performance and Research Analyst

**Did Not Attend**

Kayley	The Connexus Group	
Tracie Watson (TW)	Shropshire Council	Leaving Care Team Manager
Daniella Logan (DL)	West Mercia Police	Harm Assessment Unit Supervisor
Sue Green (SG)	YSS	Safeguarding Lead
Mark Onions (MO)	Shropshire Community Health Trust	Operational Lead, Children & Families Services
Charlotte Percival (CP)	Shropshire Council	Safeguarding Officer, Early Years Team
Stephanie Kelly (SK)	Shropshire Council	Team Manager

**Shropshire Safeguarding Community Partnership Business Unit**

Jane Rose (JR)	SSCP Business Unit Manager
Ben Leach (BL)	SSCP Business Unit Administrator

<b>Item</b>	
1.	<p><b>Welcome &amp; Introductions</b></p> <p><u>Apologies</u></p> <p>Lisa Charles – SSCP Business Unit  Paul Kelly – Shropshire Council  Claire Histed – Midlands Partnership NHS University Foundation Trust – represented by Amanda Atherton  Anne-Marie Speke – Shropshire Council (represented by Paula Mawson)  Amanda Hughes – The Children's Society (represented by Nadia Ayub)  Wendy Bulman – Shropshire Council  George Branch – The Probation Service  Leanne Lowe – West Mercia Police  Sally Burns – Shrewsbury &amp; Telford Hospital Trust  Tim Compton – Shropshire Council</p> <p><u>Terms of Reference</u></p> <p>TM asked Partners for comments on the draft Terms of Reference and the following comments were made:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>PM noted that the Terms of Reference made no reference to the Early Help Partnership and Prevention Board which had been agreed to feed into this Partnership. PM asked for it to be referenced</li> </ul>



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in the Terms of Reference and asked for a member of that Board to be represented at the Children's Safeguarding Partnership.

- IP raised that there was reference to a Children's Safeguarding Board when it should be referred to a Safeguarding Children's Partnership and asked that this was amended.

**Decision: Following the addition of the amendments raised by IP and PM the Terms of Reference were agreed by the Board.**

**Action: The Business Unit to update the Terms of Reference following the suggestions from IP and PM and share them with the members of the SSCP Safeguarding Children's Partnership**

2.

**Update from Partners**

- SJ gave an update on the Exploitation Risk Assessment tool as the tick box had been previously labelled for Climb but now We are With You is now included. There will now be fast track access to the service for young people who have been exploited involving drugs and alcohol. SJ added that We are With You are taking the lead on referrals to Youth Justice for young people who have issues with drugs and alcohol.
- DS shared an update from the first meeting of the Shropshire Education Partnership Board meeting and the Safeguarding sub-group.
- JR expanded on the update from DS, updating on the three Education Quality Advisors and their focus on picking up on emerging safeguarding concerns which require input for OFSTED, MP's or other organisations.
- TM raised the [BBC article which was released on the 26<sup>th</sup> of November](#) around the School for children with autism and the use of seclusion rooms. TM had spoken to DS that morning and DS gave an update on how schools in Shropshire are monitored. DS explained to Partners that the Education Quality Advisors had been deployed and have eyes across state run and independent specialist schools sectors. They have been focusing on practice, consistency, safeguarding and the culture in these settings. DS has seen a number of their report and suggested that one of the reports be brought to the Partnership so members can see some of the information that is shared.

**Action: JRo to arrange for one of the reports provided by the Education Quality Advisors to be brought to the next meeting of the SSCP Safeguarding Children Partnership to give some assurance to Partners following the BBC report into a school for children with autism.**

- DS also gave some insight into the backgrounds of the Education Quality Advisors for the benefit of the Partners. DS added that he had spoken to SM about connecting work from Education into individual settings or group settings in individual schools to develop a program in the new year to be more responsive to demand to become more pro-active. DS concluded that none of the settings that were visited showed an sign of that type of practice but will continue to observe Education settings and asked for any Partners who had any intelligence to share it with JR.
- EL informed Partners that in October a Health Workshop was held around Early Help which included the Local Authority where each provider gave a presentation. EL is working with Laura Powell and wanted to show that both Shropshire and Telford & Wrekin were working to develop this area of work.
- JK said that the Working Together pilot developed with SM and DS to provide an integrated approach for looked after children and CP who don't have a suitable education and aims to enhance integrated learning based on data provided on a fortnightly basis. The objective of the program is to reduce the amount of children being referred due to a lack of education.
- TT informed Partners that the Trust's Director of Nursing is leaving on 27/11/2024 and a new interim Director (Paula Bradbury) will be starting on 01/12/2024 until February.



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3. **Relevant Actions from previous Children's Safeguarding & Protection Practice Oversight Group meeting**

Accuracy of Minutes

The minutes of the meeting were agreed to be an accurate representative of the previous meeting.

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**JD to put TC in contact with data analysts working within West Mercia Police to help obtain data from the Police for the dashboard.**

JD confirmed that he had sent through the information to the Business Unit and JE added that the data had been received from the Police. Action complete.

**The Partnership to send out a communication across the Partnership on the concerns around the increasing number of babies being put on Child Protection plans and the services which are available to support staff and new parents.**

TM asked for JR to pick up this action with Siobhan Hughes and to then share with EL and TM prior to being sent out across the Partnership. Action ongoing.

**SH and EL to raise the increase in newborns being put on Child Protection Plans at the Early Help Board and to ask Maternity to provide a presentation on their services to the Children's Safeguarding Partnership.**

EL informed Partners that she had not been invited to the last Early Help Board, but had contacted Kim Williams and Sally Burns about providing a presentation to this Partnership. EL had also spoken to Sally Burns to ask her to liaise with Siobhan Hughes to arrange workers from Early Help to visit the neonatal unit and Midwifery Clinic to talk about the service and the referral process. PM assured EL that she would ensure that this was included on the agenda for the next meeting of the Early Help Board and that EL would be invited. Action ongoing, to be completed by the next meeting.

**The Business Unit to arrange a Multi-Agency Case File Audit across the Partnership around CLA 0-4 years before the next meeting of the Children's Safeguarding Partnership.**

EL explained that she could share a draft on the audit and as this was on the agenda of this meeting it would be discussed later in the meeting. Action complete.

**Business Unit to send out the Carol Brookes review report with the next SSCP newsletter.**

BL confirmed that the review was not shared in the SSCP Communication Update but had been shared with the members of the Partnership. Action complete.


**Partners to prioritise updating actions on the SSCP Statutory Case Review combined action plan within the next two weeks (by 09/10/2024).**

EL updated Partners and said that hour long meetings were being booked in to discuss the action plans to get the actions closed. EL said that she was aiming for this action to be completed within two months and TM requested that it be completed by the end of 2024 and requested that Partners commit to attending these meetings. Action ongoing.

All other actions were agreed to be closed without any further discussion.



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4.	<p><b>Partnership Performance reports</b></p> <p>SM went through the performance data for the benefit of Partners.</p> <p></p> <p>SSCP%20Children's %20Safeguarding%:</p> <p>Whilst SM was going through the data on 'Crimes with CSA marker' IP raised that it had been discussed in the Safeguarding Adult's Board and that Partners needs to understand the granularity of the data as a crime may have a child sexual abuse marker, but this may not indicate an offence of child sexual abuse. IP added that the data needed to be separated between child sexual abuse within the family environment and other child sexual abuse offences which is not clear in the data. TM asked for the data to be added as to why children are brought into care as there is a rise in Shropshire of child sexual abuse.</p> <p>EL added that this had been brought up in recent Rapid Reviews as well as parents who were victims of abuse and how this affects how they act as parents. EL suggested that the Partnership investigate how child sexual abuse is recorded across different agencies. JR asked for some clarity on the offences and whether they had been perpetrated by adults or were child on child abuse and TM asked if that level of data was available and JD has seen different levels of data from Police, Health and Local Authority and whilst he did not think it would be that simple but that it could be achieved and JR commented that it had been done on the Child Sexual Exploitation problem profile.</p> <p>After SM went through the data on 'Crimes with a CSE marker' JR asked if the markers were correct as this had been an issue elsewhere. SM said that the data had come from the Police and JD agreed to investigate whether the markers were correct and would arrange for the analysts to speak to Tim Compton.</p> <p><b>Action: JD to arrange for the Police data analysts to speak to Tim Compton to ensure that the markers are correct on the data around Crimes with a Child Sexual Exploitation.</b></p> <p><b>Action: JE to speak to Tim Compton about how to arrange bringing together Partnership data together to include Health Visiting data and how many referrals are received from Adult Services into Children Services.</b></p> <p>TM highlighted her concerns around Child Sexual Exploitation and suggested setting up a small task and finish group which would report back to the Partnership around this issue. EL supported the idea of the sub-group and raised the discussion that had taken place around commissioning a review into child sexual abuse which could tie into the work of the group. JD suggested that LD led on this group as the data had come from the Police.</p> <p><b>Action: Lee Davies to co-ordinate a Task and Finish group to investigate Child Sexual Abuse in Shropshire with support from the Business Unit.</b></p>
5.	<p><b>Children and Young People Joint Strategic Needs Assessment</b></p> <p><b>Action: TT and the Business Unit to promote the Stakeholder survey that is open to professionals involved with pregnant women until Friday the 6<sup>th</sup> of December 2024.</b></p>




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6.	<p><b>Exploitation in Shropshire Discussion</b></p> <p>JR and LD gave an update to Partners on Child Exploitation in Shropshire and the Exploitation Pathway.</p> <p>JR raised Transitional Safeguarding and that there was some further work to be done between the Adult's Board and Children's Safeguarding Partnership and TM suggested that a task and finish group be established to bring together representatives from both.</p> <p><b>Action: JR to co-ordinate a Joint Task &amp; Finish Group on Transitional Safeguarding between the SSCP Adult Safeguarding Board and the SSCP Children's Safeguarding Partnership.</b></p>
7.	<p><b>Pit Stop</b></p> <p><b>Action: JH to attend the January meeting of the Children's Safeguarding Partnership in order to discuss Pit Stop.</b></p>
8.	<p><b>Transforming the System – Turning the Curve Report</b></p> <p>TM gave an update on this agenda item for the benefit of Partners and advised the LSP had approved next steps including system workshops in the New year and spotlight sessions facilitated by Carole Brookes. Dates to be circulated and all partners to attend.</p>
9.	<p><b>Feedback from Multi-Agency Audit – Children Looked After 0-4 Years</b></p> <p>It was agreed that EL would provide an update on the audit at the January's meeting of the SSCP Children's Safeguarding Partnership.</p>
12.	<p><b>Statutory Children's Case Review Group Update</b></p> <p>This agenda item was not discussed due to time constraints.</p>
13.	<p><b>Quality Assurance work</b></p> <p>This agenda item was embedded throughout discussions in the meeting.</p>
14.	<p><b>Learning &amp; Development Activity/Requirements</b></p> <p>Embedded throughout agenda</p>
15.	<p><b>Communications and key messages</b></p> <p>All partners agreed to cascade the themes from today's to all</p>



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16.	<b>Risk register</b>  This agenda item was not discussed due to time constraints.
17.	<b>Any Other Business</b>  LC had requested prior to the meeting that the following information was shared with the Partnership.   Move%20to%20tri.x %20-%20initial%20c  No other business was raised by Partners.  <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• <b>Agenda Setting for next meeting</b><ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>○ West Midlands Safeguarding Policies and Procedures</li><li>○ Case Reviews for sign off</li><li>○ Child Mortality Workshop update</li><li>○ Safeguarding Children in Elective Home Education</li><li>○ Preparing for a Joint Targeted Area Inspection (JTAI)</li><li>○ Pit Stop</li><li>○ Feedback from Multi-Agency Audit – Children Looked After 0-4 Years</li></ul></li></ul>
	<b>Upcoming Meetings</b>  Wednesday the 29 <sup>th</sup> of January 2025 – 1:30pm – 3:30pm Tuesday the 25 <sup>th</sup> of March 2025 – 2:00pm – 4:00pm