



Shropshire Safeguarding
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Children's Safeguarding Partnership Minutes

Wednesday 25th of September 2024 – 2:00 pm to 4.00 pm Via Microsoft Teams

Name	Organisation	Job Title
Tanya Miles (TM)	Shropshire Council	Director of People
Anne-Marie Speke (AMS)	Shropshire Council	Head of Service – Healthy Population
Elena Lloyd (EL)	Shropshire Telford & Wrekin Integrated Care Board	Designated Nurse for Safeguarding
Sarah Browne (SB)	The Shrewsbury and Telford NHS Trust	Specialist Nurse for Safeguarding Children
Lorna Tilley (LT)	West Mercia Police Youth Justice Service	Head of Service
Claire Hughes (CH)	Shropshire Community Health Trust	Safeguarding Team
Helen Cooper (HC)	Shropshire Community Health Trust	Divisional Clinical Manager for Children, Families and Planned Care
Tim Compton (TC)	Shropshire Council	Children's Services Data Lead & Interim Business Improvement Team Lead: Children
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
Siobhan Hughes (SH)	Shropshire Council	Service Manager
Lindsay Armstrong (LA)	Shropshire Virtual School	Assistant Head
Paul Kelly (PK)	Shropshire Council	Housing Services
Claire Histed (CH)	Midlands Partnership NHS University Foundation Trust	Head of Strategic Safeguarding Services

Not in Attendance

Edyta Szpila (ES)	Robert Jones and Agnes Hunt Orthopaedic Hospital	Named Nurse for Children's Safeguarding
Sue Carroll (SC)	Shropshire Council	SEND Strategic Lead
Charlotte Percival (CP)	Shropshire Council	Safeguarding Officer, Early Years Team
Stephanie Kelly (SK)	Shropshire Council	Team Manager



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Zoe Price (ZP)	The Connexus Group	Unknown
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
Cezar Sarbu (CS)	Shropshire Council	Service Manager, Adult Social Care
David Shaw (DS)	Shropshire Council	Assistant Director for Education and Achievement

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Jane Rose (JR)	SSCP Business Unit Manager
Lisa Charles (LC)	SSCP Development Officer
Ben Leach (BL)	SSCP Business Unit Administrator

Item	
1.	<p>Welcome & Introductions</p> <p><u>Apologies</u> Donessa Gray – Shropshire Council (Represented by Siobhan Hughes) Wendy Bulman – Shropshire Council Julie Harris – Shropshire Community Health Trust (represented by Sarah Rock) Jo Kelly – Shropshire Council (Represented by Lindsay Armstrong) Amanda Hughes – The Children’s Society Lee Davies – West Mercia Police Sonya Miller – Shropshire Council (Represented by Siobhan Hughes) Tamsin Waterhouse – Shropshire Council Vanessa Whatley – Shropshire, Telford & Wrekin Integrated Care Board (represented by Elena Lloyd) Teresa Tanner – Shrewsbury and Telford Hospital Trust (represented by Sarah Browne)</p> <p><u>Conflicts of Interest</u></p> <p>No conflicts of interest were declared by the Partners.</p>
2.	<p>Update from Partners</p> <p>The members of the Partnership introduced themselves and gave an update on their agencies work in Safeguarding Children at this time.</p>
3.	<p>Relevant Actions from previous Children’s Safeguarding & Protection Practice Oversight Group meeting</p> <p><u>Accuracy of Minutes</u></p>



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	<p>The minutes were agreed as an accurate representation of the previous meeting.</p> <p><u>Action Tracker</u></p> <p>JR agreed to go through all the actions from the previous action tracker from the Safeguarding Children Oversight Group and then all actions would be marked as complete and new actions would be agreed going forward.</p> <p>TM went through the action around the OFSTED visit in November 2023 and the progress and improvement noted in the report for the benefit of Partners.</p>
4.	<p>SSCP restructure</p> <p><u>Scene setting</u></p> <p>JR went through the new structure for the benefits of the Partners present who had not yet had sight of it.</p> <p><u>Terms of reference & membership</u></p> <p>TM explained that she and JR were working on the Terms of Reference and was planning on basing it on the model provided by the Telford & Wrekin Safeguarding Partnership as some Partners attended both meetings.</p> <p><u>Face to face/Hybrid/Teams/Alternate</u></p> <p>TM confirmed that all meetings going forward would be held face to face and that there would be no option to join the meeting virtually.</p>
5.	<p>Partnership Performance reports</p> <p><u>Dashboard update and Consider response/remedial action?</u></p> <p>TC gave an update on the current dashboard for the benefit of Partners.</p> <p>JD asked about the relevance of the data and whether Partners could compare themselves to other areas. TM was able to go through some comparisons between Shropshire and other areas.</p> <p>JD highlighted Police protection orders and said that when training was provided then there tends to be an uptake in these areas and TM agreed that this should be looked at more closely as most protection orders seem to take place during the day.</p> <p>Action: JD to put TC in contact with data analysts working within West Mercia Police to help obtain data from the Police for the dashboard.</p> <p>SH identified there were raised contacts to 'no further actions' following children/young people/parents etc. coming to the front door and receiving signposting and advice and that this is having an impact on contacts with Children Social Care. SH acknowledged that there is a focus on children under the age of five and the importance of understanding why they are coming into Children's Social Care and the relationship with Early Help.</p> <p>TM asked Partners what information they held as Partners that should be included in the dataset and what actions needs to be taken as a Partnership. SJ suggested adding the data from the National Drug Treatment</p>



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Monitoring System which is a national system and some of the indicators which look at vulnerability and suggested Jayne Randall should be able to extrapolate that data.

LT said that she could add what support was offered by Police to children to add to that part of that child's journey and TM asked for LT to contact TC to add that data. EL asked if the dashboard which is shared with providers could be shared with Partners and agreed to share a blank version with TC. JD asked where Missing Children was covered in the dashboard and TC said that they had some data and agreed to add that to look at side by side. JRo asked if some of the geography could be shown as to where there may be a training need or other input from the Partnership to support schools and TM explained that there was a 'heat map' which was being worked on the Early Help Partnership Board.

TM asked what the data has told Partners during this meeting and what actions have been developed and highlighted SH saying that there is a much higher number of newborns being put on Child Protection Plans and the need to understand why and whether all the members of the Partnership understand the universal offer and the work around the integrated hubs. TM added that Partners need to understand if other Partners also understand the offer, such as Health staff and teachers and AMS asked about whether these babies being put on Child Protection plans are discussed at Swan and may not be being referred into Maternity, so they are on a targeted pathway. SH said they may be in Health visiting services, but their vulnerabilities are not understood.

Action: The Children's Safeguarding 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.

EL suggested asking Maternity Services to do a presentation for the Partnership and that some work is done around the follow up from Early Help to ensure whether any referrals have been completed and support has been accessed. EL proposed working with Maternity services to ensure that midwives understand what Early Help is and what services are available.

Action: 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.

Action: The Business Unit to add the [Get to Know the Family Information Service](#) video on the SSCP website and include it in the next SSCP newsletter.

Action: 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.

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Statutory Children's Case Review Group Update



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EL gave an update for the benefit of Partners.



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	<p>TM explained why the Carole Brookes review was commissioned and the importance of professionals understand their role in the Safeguarding system. JR suggested that the report was sent out again across the Partnership to highlight the importance of the Review that was conducted.</p> <p>Action: Business Unit to send out the Carol Brookes review report with the next SSCP newsletter.</p> <p>Action: Partners to prioritise updating actions on the SSCP Statutory Case Review combined action plan within the next two weeks (by 09/10/2024).</p>
7.	<p>The Launch of Early Help</p> <p>SH gave an update on the launch of Early Help for the benefit of Partners and there were no queries or any actions generated.</p>
8.	<p>Working Together updates</p> <p>JR gave an update on the work around Working Together 2023 for the benefit of Partners and there were no further actions generated. TM did highlight that the recommendations in Working Together were not only for the Local Authority to take forward and when JR makes requests of information from Partners for Partners to respond quickly. SH added that there is likely to be a Joint Targeted Area Inspection on Domestic Abuse in children under the age of four coming at some point where how the work under Working Together will be examined in detail.</p>
9.	<p>Child Sexual Abuse Response Pathway from Centre of Expertise on Child Sexual Abuse</p> <p>LC gave an update on the pathway for the benefit of Partners and requested that any responses to the questions posed could be returned to the Business Unit.</p> <p>Action: Partners to respond to the Business Unit request around the Child Sexual Abuse Response Pathway by 01/10/2024.</p>
10.	<p>Quality Assurance work</p> <p>There were no additional actions or discussion around this agenda item.</p>
11.	<p>Learning & Development Activity/Requirements</p> <p>There were no additional actions or discussion around this agenda item.</p>
12.	<p>Communications and key messages</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The services available from Early Help, especially around newborns. • That a Joint Targeted Area Inspection could be announced in the next 12 months and Shropshire and Partners should be prepared.



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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Professionals understanding their place in the Safeguarding system following the review into Case Reviews by Carole Brookes • That a Multi-Agency Case File Audit into CSA 0-4 will be carried out by the Partnership. • That Partners will be adding their own data into the dashboard and looking at what the data shows the Partnership about safeguarding children in Shropshire.
13.	<p>Risk register</p> <p>JR explained to Partners that the Risk Register would be started again following the change in the SSCP structure and TM asked Partners if they had anything they wished to add to the Risk Register.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • AMS suggested that Shropshire having the highest numbers of looked after children should be included on the Risk Register. • CH raised the lack of GCP2 trainers when staff are being asked to complete their GCP2 training. • EL asked for outstanding actions for case reviews be added to the Register.
14.	<p>Any Other Business</p> <p><u>Agenda Setting for next meeting</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Preparing for an upcoming Joint Targeted Area Inspection (JTAI) • Update on Child Mortality workshops (for discussion at the January 2025 meeting) (AMS) • Policy & Procedures (LC) • The Heat Map for highlighting vulnerability factors across Shropshire (SH) <p><u>Membership</u></p> <p>JR asked if the independent scrutineer should be invited which was agreed and AMS asked if Maternity should be invited to join the Partnership.</p> <p>TM suggested that representatives from Primary Care could be invited, and EL said that she would speak to Pria George if she would attend.</p> <p>Action: EL to speak to Pria George to see if she would attend future meetings of the Children’s Safeguarding Partnership.</p> <p>Action: The SSCP Independent Scrutineer and Sally Burns from SATH (Maternity) to be invited to the future meetings of the Children’s Safeguarding Partnership.</p>
	<p>Upcoming Meetings</p> <p>Wednesday the 27th of November 2024 – 2:00pm – 4:00pm Wednesday the 29th of January 2025 – 1:30pm – 3:30pm Tuesday the 25th of March 2025 – 2:00pm – 4:00pm</p>