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### Children's Safeguarding & Protection Practice Oversight Group

#### Minutes

Monday 29<sup>th</sup> July 2024 – 3:00 pm to 5.00 pm Via Microsoft Teams

Name	Organisation	Job Title
Anne-Marie Speke (AMS)	Shropshire Council	Operational Lead Health Protection
Alfie Evans (AE)	Shropshire Community Health Trust	Nurse Specialist – Safeguarding Children
Elena Lloyd (EL) (Chair)	Shropshire Telford & Wrekin Integrated Care Board	Designated Nurse for Safeguarding
Teresa Tanner (TT)	The Shrewsbury and Telford NHS Trust	Named Nurse for Safeguarding
Nadia Ayub (NA)	Children's Society	Attending on behalf of Amanda Hughes
Edyta Szpila (ES)	Shropshire Community Health Trust	Named Nurse for Children's Safeguarding
Jennie Lowe (JL)	Shropshire Council	
Sue Carroll (SC)	Shropshire Council	SEND Strategic Lead
Lorna Tilley (LT)	West Mercia Police Youth Justice Service	Head of Service
Mark Onions (MO)	Shropshire Community Health Trust	Operation Lead – Children and Families Services
Karen Pountney (KP)	Shropshire Community Health Trust	Unknown

#### Not in Attendance

Charlotte Percival (CP)	Shropshire Council	Safeguarding Officer, Early Years Team
Wendy Bulman (WB)	Shropshire Council	Domestic Abuse Development Officer
Jo Kelly (JK)	Shropshire Council	Virtual Head Teacher
Helen Cooper (HC)	Shropshire Community Health NHS Trust	Unknown
Jess Edwards (JE)	Shropshire Council	Public Health Intelligence Manager
Stephanie Kelly (SK)	Shropshire Council	Team Manager
Zoe Price (ZP)	The Connexus Group	Unknown



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David Shaw (DS)	Shropshire Council	Assistant Director for Education and Achievement
Cezar Sarbu (CS)	Shropshire Council	Service Manager, Adult Social Care
Tracie Watson (TW)	Shropshire Council	Leaving Care Team Manager
Sonya Jones (SJ)	We are With You	Team Manager
Daniella Logan (DL)	West Mercia Police	Harm Assessment Unit Supervisor
Lee Davies (LD)	West Mercia Police	Detective Inspector
Sue Green (SG)	YSS	Safeguarding Lead
Donessa Gray (DG)	Shropshire Council	Assistant Director, Children's Social Care

**Shropshire Safeguarding Community Partnership Business Unit**

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

Item	
1.	<p><b>Welcome &amp; Introductions</b></p> <p><u>Apologies</u></p> <p>Emma Harding – Shropshire Council Tamsin Waterhouse – Shropshire Council George Branch – The Probation Service Tim Compton – Shropshire Council Marc Millward – Shropshire Fire &amp; Rescue Service Tanya Miles – Shropshire Council Paul Kelly – Shropshire Council</p> <p><u>Conflict of Interests</u></p> <p>No conflicts of interest were recorded by the Group.</p>
2.	<p><b>Relevant Actions from previous Children's Safeguarding &amp; Protection Practice Oversight Group</b></p> <p><u>Accuracy of Minutes</u></p> <p>The minutes were recorded as an accurate representation of the meeting.</p> <p><u>Action Tracker</u></p> <p><u>Jayne Randall and John Foster to discuss including in the data set information on drug and alcohol new presentations coming to services where a parent is living with children</u></p>



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AMS confirmed that Ian Houghton is no longer in post and EL said that she would follow up this action. Action ongoing.

SSCP Business Unit to raise the issue with the partnership around the inconsistent attendance from health at the Disabled Children's Triage.

KP confirmed that 0-19 was part of a rota which covered this meeting, and that the rota was covered by Children's SDG once a month. Action closed, but EL added that this will need to be escalated if it becomes an issue again.

SM to investigate whether concerns around online harm are coming to Children's Services or whether this is being dealt with within schools.

EL suggested that the Group speak to Emma Harding to see if there is a way of tracking and monitoring online harm within schools. Action ongoing.

BL to find and share the numbers of staff who had accessed the SSCP website within the last three months and share them with the Children's Practice Oversight Group.

BL explained that this has been an ongoing issue with IT services to arrange and remains ongoing.

Ask Tim Compton to liaise with police/health/WMYJS to pull all data together into one place

EL confirmed this is ongoing and LT explained that there has been a delay as the Youth Justice Service have a new IT system and is waiting to hear back from TC about what he needs and the frequency. EL has met with TC on what data is required, so this action is awaiting an update from the Police. Action ongoing.

SC to share the details of the Health Safeguarding Training Platform with DC to prevent duplication of training and with WB to explore the Domestic Abuse content.

EL confirmed Claire Histed is covering for Sharon Conlon but was unsure how this has progressed and EL said that she would contact Claire to find out where this work is at present and would put her in contact with Wendy Bulman. Action ongoing.

EL to update the group on the review into the Compass Health Team in the April 2024 meeting of the Children's Safeguarding and Protection Practice Oversight Group.

EL gave the Group an update and it was agreed that following an unannounced inspection which revealed very positive feedback that this action could be marked as closed.

TM will share the OFSTED Implantation Plan with the Group when it is possible to do so.

As no Partners has had sight of the Plan and OFSTED were currently inspecting the Local Authority at the time of this meeting this action was marked as ongoing.

All Partners to review the escalation processes within their organisations and look at how this is disseminated to their front-line employees with Partner agencies, especially Education settings.

The Group received updates from EL, KP, LT and TT and EL asked for the action to remain open to await updates from the Police and Education services.

TM to contact Corinne Chidley to request the development of a seven-minute briefing on hearing the Voice of the Child.



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JR was unaware of TM contacting Corinne Chidley but would chase with her. Action ongoing.

DL to share the West Mercia Police guidance document on the Voice of the Child for the information of the group and to potentially be shared on the SSCP Website.

The Business Unit had not received anything from Danielle Logan and therefore this action remained ongoing.

EL to challenge the Children's Statutory Case Review Group on why there has been such an increase in Rapid Reviews/Local Child Safeguarding Practice Reviews and whether this is due to increased awareness, reoccurring themes or just more Children being harmed and/or abused in Shropshire.

EL asked that this action be closed due to the independent review being carried out by Carole Brooks.

TM will share the improvement plan from the Ofsted visit with the group.

This action was suggested to be a duplication of a previous action and EL agreed to chase this with Tanya Miles. Action ongoing.

The Business Unit to add key dates to all case reviews to allow chasing completion of case reviews.

BL was unsure if this action had been completed and agreed to chase this with Lisa Charles. Action ongoing.

AMS to provide the data for 0-4-year-old visits on a monthly basis and not provide on a quarterly basis.

AMS has spoken to Tanya Miles outside of the meeting and it was agreed that this not possible due to regularly changing data and wouldn't provide any further information. Action closed.

JE to check the data around the children under four with injuries within Shropshire for the last couple of years going into hospital with injuries.

AMS confirmed that a review of the dataset has been carried out and there is further data that needs to be examined and work out how the data is recorded with the Shrewsbury and Telford Hospital Trust to separate the data. Action ongoing.

Police and AMS to ensure Craig Kynaston, Julie Stiff and Matt Stiff is invited to the Task & Finish Group.

AMS was unsure as to who Craig Kynaston was and EL agreed to follow this up and find out who this practitioner was. Action ongoing.

EH to be included into the feedback from the independent review so it can be included within the Threshold Document.

EL agreed to ensure that this feedback would be sent onto Emma Harding. Action ongoing.

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

3. **Children's Safeguarding Data (How do we monitor impact as a Partnership and what actions do we need to take?)**



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	<p>JR gave the Group a short update on the work on the data and agreed to arrange for Jess Edwards to send the current framework to the members of the Group.</p> <p><b>Action: JR to speak to Jess Edwards and arrange for the current data Framework to be sent to the members of the Children’s Safeguarding Oversight Group (prior to the Group becoming the Children’s Safeguarding Board).</b></p>
4.	<p><b>Launch of Early Help (How do we monitor impact as a Partnership and what actions do we need to take?)</b></p> <p>Siobhan Hughes and Tanya Miles were not present at the meeting, but JR was able to give the Group an update on the discussions currently taking place. AMS also highlighted the launch of the 0-5 Early Help team which is already receiving referrals.</p> <p><b>Action: The Launch of Early Help to be included on the agenda for the next meeting of the Children’s Safeguarding Board for discussion and to invite Siobhan Hughes to discuss the impact of the service and how to develop the service on a multi-agency level.</b></p>
5.	<p><b>Impact of the Children’s Oversight Group</b></p> <p>JR gave an update on the decision by the Strategic Governing Group for the Oversight Group to be changed into the Children’s Safeguarding Board with a new Action Plan, priorities and Task &amp; Finish Groups to be established under the Board.</p> <p><b>Action: JR to discuss with LT which Boards the Youth Justice Service would need to attend and who from the Service would be best to attend the relevant Boards.</b></p>
6.	<p><b>Case Review Actions</b></p> <p><u>Emotional impact on children</u></p> <p>EL gave the Group on the review being carried out by Carole Brooks and the theme which were identified in the Joint Case Review which is currently ongoing which was expanded on by JR. There were no additional questions or actions raised by the Group.</p>
7.	<p><b>Children’s Statutory Case Review Group Update</b></p> <p><u>Reoccurring themes in Local Child Safeguarding Practice Reviews</u></p> <p>This agenda item was covered when discussing Agenda Item 6</p>
8.	<p><b>Threshold Document</b></p> <p>JR confirmed that Emma Harding has been leading on this work and drafting the document and while it needs some more work EH is going on Maternity Leave. EL asked if another member of the Group could pick up this work when EH is on leave and as there were no volunteers it was suggested that JR and Tanya Miles could send out a communication to request one of the Partners to pick up on this work.</p>



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	<p>LT also asked that the Group acknowledge the work that Emma Harding had done on this document which was reflected in the comments by the Group.</p> <p><b>Action: JR to speak to Emma Harding about taking the Threshold Document work further once she goes on long term leave.</b></p>
9.	<p><b>SSCP Website</b></p> <p>BL went through the work that had been done in the past on the SSCP website and the future plans to improve it for all service users, not just practitioners. EL suggested waiting for the new structure comes into operation and for Carole Brooks review to be released.</p> <p><b>Action: BL to send links to the pages of the website which require Partner input to the members of the Group to provide their input before the first meeting of the Children’s Safeguarding Board, starting with the Neglect page(s).</b></p> <p><b>Action: BL to present to the Strategic Governing Group the specific areas which require Partner input at the next meeting of the Strategic Governing Group.</b></p> <p><b>Action: EL to speak to Partners who work with young people to see if they would be willing to test to the website and provide their input.</b></p>
10.	<p><b>Update from Strategic Governance Group</b></p> <p>JR gave an update from the last meeting of the Strategic Governing Group and there was no additional discussion or actions.</p>
11.	<p><b>Strategic Action Plan Review</b></p> <p>JR suggested that the Action Plan needed reviewing to see if the Priorities are still currently relevant. The Group discussed the current Action Plan and agreed that many of the actions were now out of date or was not written like a Strategic Action Plan but more like a workplan. It was agreed that JR, EL and Tanya Miles would look at the Action Plan and would then seek the Children’s Safeguarding Board’s advice on how the Board should move forward.</p> <p><b>Action: EL, JR and Tanya Miles to meet to discuss the Strategic Action Plan and the Risk Register to agree an updated version of the Plan prior to the first meeting of the Children’s Safeguarding Board.</b></p>
12.	<p><b>Risk Register</b></p> <p>The Group looked at the Risk Register and acknowledged that the Risks had moved on in some areas relating to the Group and the action agreed in the previous agenda item would be updated to include the Risk Register. LT also raised the path of escalation in the new structure as the LSP will cover both Shropshire and Telford and to ensure the same Risk Matrix is used.</p>



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	<b>Action: JR to speak to Telford &amp; Wrekin Safeguarding Partnership about the Risk Register to ensure that both Partnerships are using the same Risk Register / Risk Matrix.</b>
13.	<b>Matters to be Raised to Strategic Governing Group</b>  No issues were identified by the Group to raise to the Strategic Governing Group.
14.	<b>What was discussed today that makes a difference to people's lives</b>  - The changes to the structure to the Partnership to ensure the system works better for children and families in Shropshire and taking on feedback from those groups to improve the service provided.
15.	<b>Any Other Business</b>  TT asked if there was going to be any campaigns around farm safety from Public Health and AMS wasn't aware of any but assured TT that she would raise it with the Public Health Communication Team to interweave it with any other summer safety campaign. EL asked if those messages could include the importance of supervision of children around water, parks and workplaces (such as farms).  Action: AMS to speak to the Public Health Communications team to include Farm Safety and the importance of supervision of children and young people in the Public Health Summer safety campaign.
	<b>Next Meeting</b> <b>Agenda items:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• The Launch of Early Help</li></ul>