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

Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> January 2024 – 10.30 am to 12.30 pm Via Microsoft Teams

*The Shropshire Safeguarding Community Partnership minutes will take note of actions, they will not be a full minutes of the meeting.*

Name	Organisation	Job Title
Tanya Miles (TM ) (Chair)	Shropshire Council	Executive Director for People in Shropshire
Elena Lloyd (EL)	Shropshire Telford & Wrekin Integrated Care Board	Designated Nurse for Safeguarding
Emma Harding (EH)	Shropshire Council	Safeguarding Officer, Education Improvement Service
Charlotte Percival (CP)	Shropshire Council	Safeguarding Officer, Early Years Team
Wendy Bulman (WB)	Shropshire Council	Domestic Abuse Development Officer
Anne-Marie Speke (AMS)	Shropshire Council	Operational Lead Health Protection
Claire Histed (CH)	Midlands Partnership NHS Foundation Trust	
Laura Powell (LP)	Shropshire Telford & Wrekin Integrated Care Board	Designated Nurse for Safeguarding Children
Stephanie Kelly (SK)	Shropshire	Team Manager
Nicola Wilkinson (NW)	Shropshire Domestic Abuse Service	Prevention Service Manager
Sarah Rock (SR)	Shropshire Community Health Trust	
Dannielle Logan (DL)	West Mercia Police	Harm Assessment Unit Supervisor
Danielle Logan (DL)	West Mercia Police	Detective Inspector
Siobhan Hughes (SH)	Shropshire Council	Service Manager, Early Years
Suzanne Marsden (SM)	Robert Jones and Agnes Hunt Orthopaedic Hospital	Named Nurse for Safeguarding Children
Teresa Tanner (TT)	The Shrewsbury and Telford NHS Trust	
Donessa Grey (DG)		
Lorna Tiley (LT)	Youth Justice Service	

#### Shropshire Safeguarding Community Partnership Business Unit

Ben Leach (BL)	SSCP Business Unit Administrator
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**Not in Attendance**

Tracie Watson (TW)	Shropshire Council	Leaving Care Team Manager
Sue Green (SG)	YSS	Operations Manager

Item	
1.	<p><b>Welcome &amp; Introductions</b></p> <p><u>Apologies</u>            Paul Kelly – Shropshire Council            Tim Compton – Shropshire Council            Sue Carroll – Shropshire Council            Jo Kelly – Shropshire Council            Tamsin Waterhouse – Shropshire Council            Marc Millward – Shropshire Fire &amp; Rescue Service            Julie Mellor – Taking Part            Tracy Ryan – West Mercia Police            David Shaw – Shropshire Council            Sonya Jones – We are With You</p> <p><u>Conflict of Interests</u></p> <p>No conflicts of interest were declared 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 are agreed to be an accurate representation of the meeting.</p> <p><u>Action Tracker</u></p> <p><i>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.</i></p> <p>AMS suggested that this action be sent to Gordon Kochane and TM asked for BL to send this action to him for an update. Action ongoing.</p> <p><i>FD suggested getting the Neglect Screening tool and GCP2 onto the Integrated Care Board agenda.</i> TM informed Partners that this will be raised at the next meeting of Shropshire Integrated Place Partnership Board which will feed into the Health &amp; Wellbeing Board agenda. Action complete.</p> <p><i>SSCP Business Unit to raise the issue with the partnership around the inconsistent attendance from health at the Disabled Children’s Triage.</i>            This action was chased with Steve Ladd and there had been no update since the last meeting, therefore BL will chase again. Action ongoing.</p>



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*SH to provide the full report on Children Looked After who were on a Child Protection Plan for Neglect.*

SH informed the group that a new Quality Assurance lead had started in post on the 22/01/2024 and SH will discuss this action with Jennie Lowe to bring up to date. Action complete.

*Agencies to provide the feedback on the frontline practitioner's usage on the Neglect Screening Tool.*  
This action was added to the agenda for this meeting. Action complete.

*The Business Unit to ensure that agencies are included with the roles in the membership list in the Terms of Reference.*

BL agreed to chase up whether this action had been completed. Action ongoing.

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

No update from SM had been received prior to the meeting, therefore this action was left as ongoing.

*All partners to confirm at the next meeting that their agencies have completed the feedback from frontline staff using the neglect screening tool survey. Business Unit to resend Survey to Partnership mailing list with deadline for completion on the 8th of September 2023.*

This action was on the agenda to be discussed during this meeting. Action complete.

*To form an urgent Task & Finish Group to examine the amount of local Child Protection procedures in Shropshire and their availability on the West Midlands Procedures Page, to be attended by EH, DL, SC and Lisa Charles.*

EH explained that this action had been updated following a conversation with TM as there will now be a single meeting around the Threshold document. This would be organised by EH which has not been carried out at this time due to capacity. Action complete.

*All Partners to share at least two examples at the next meeting of the Group where Safeguarding Children has not been done right within their organisation and what changes need to be made to correct these issues.*

This action was on the agenda to be discussed during this meeting. Action ongoing.

*Education colleagues to follow up on correcting a single point of failure regarding Operation Encompass notifications in order to identify and implement a sustainable solution as soon as possible.*

EH explained that a new post has been approved within the Education Access service which will improve access to Compass, but this post is not yet in place. The current staff member covering this area of work is currently off sick and will hopefully be returning this week. EH added that the post has not gone out to advert yet, but the need for the post has been recognised and TM asked EH to update her when this has been completed. Action complete.

*AS to update TM on the new arrangements which would result in increased Health representation at Strategy meetings.*

This action was updated prior to the meeting and was therefore marked as complete as a new action was needed as there is an ongoing piece of work being carried out by LP with the Compass Health Team. This is incorporating how this is married up with the Public Health Nursing Team to ensure there is no duplication. Action complete.

**Action: AS 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.**



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*The reviewing of the Threshold document will be included on the agenda for the next meeting of the Children's Practice Oversight Group*

EH reminded the group that it had been agreed to put this action on hold until after Working Together 2024 had been released and then discuss the Threshold document as part of that discussion. It was agreed that this would be placed on the agenda for the next meeting of the group and this action would be updated after that point. 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 Childrens Practice Oversight Group.*

BL explained that there was an issue with him accessing Google Analytics, but other members of the Business Unit did have access and therefore he would ask one of them to obtain this information before the next meeting as well as chasing IT to see if his access could be arranged. Action ongoing.

*Voice of the Child resources to be delayed until the next meeting of the Children's Practice Oversight Group.*

This action was added to the agenda for this meeting. Action complete.

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

It was agreed to leave this action as ongoing so that BL can chase with TC to attend a future meeting. TM asked for the Police, Health services and Youth Justice if there was any data they felt needed to be captured on the dataset to send that to Tim Compton over the next couple of weeks.

*All to feedback to TM thoughts and suggestions of how to improve this group, their role on it and any agenda items, including WB's suggestion regarding our role regarding children affected by domestic abuse.*

TM asked for members of the group to please send her this information as well as propose future agenda items as she had not yet received any feedback. EL offered to carry out a presentation as to where the Group is and what the future position would be which TM agreed would be greatly appreciated. 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.*

CH informed the Group that she hadn't had a full handover from Sharon Conlon around this action and BL agreed to link up CH and Donna Chapman in order to progress this action. Action ongoing.

*WB to share the details of the workshops that are being run around Domestic Abuse and the program of questionnaires and follow ups with managers informing them who has attended the workshops with the group.*

WB informed the Group that these workshops are being run regularly so this action was marked as completed on the understanding WB would require appropriate updates when required.

*NW to assemble an impact report on the work by the Shropshire Domestic Abuse Service support service for families within the service to see if the Local Authority and Integrated Care Board can support this service.*


NW apologised for the delay submitting this report and explained it was due to a cyber attack over the Christmas period.



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	All other actions were marked as complete without any further discussion.
3.	<b>OFSTED Inspection Feedback</b> TM gave an update on the recent OFSTED inspection for the information of the group. <b>Action: TM will share the OFSTED Implantation Plan with the Group when it is possible to do so.</b> There were no further questions or actions agreed by the group.
4.	<b>Child Neglect</b> DL gave an update on the changes the Police are making to Pit Stop in Compass they are working on with Jeanette Hill and asked for the below document to be shared.  Child risk assessment VOICE a  <a href="#">Risk Register and Neglect Screening Tool / Neglect Screening Tool survey.</a> Neither of these agenda items were discussed as part of the meeting.
5.	<b>Examples of when Children have not been Safeguarded correctly within Partner organisations.</b> <b>Action: 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.</b>
6.	<b>Voice of the Child resources</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• <a href="#">The Voice of the Child</a></li><li>• <a href="#">Voice of the Child Guidance and Resources toolkit</a></li><li>• <a href="#">Cafcass Top Tips for Professionals</a></li><li>• Decision as to what to include on the SSCP website.</li></ul> <b>Action: TM to contact Corinne Chidley to request the development of a seven-minute briefing on hearing the Voice of the Child.</b> <b>Action: 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.</b>



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	No decision was made on what resources to include on the SSCP website; therefore this will be raised when the website is discussed during the next meeting.
7.	<b>Data Presentation on Children's Safeguarding in Shropshire</b> <b>Action: Partners to contact TC to highlight areas they feel should be covered in the data collected around Child safeguarding in Shropshire.</b>
8.	<b>Update from Strategic Governance Group</b> TM gave an update from the previous meeting of the Strategic Governing Group and the workshop around Working Together 2023.  Agenda Item 3g Drug and Alcohol St <b>Action: BL to share the Working with Self-Neglect in Shropshire Guidance with the Group once it has been signed off by the Adult's Safeguarding Practice Oversight Group.</b>
9.	<b>Strategic Action Plan Review</b> No actions or decisions were agreed by the Group.
10.	<b>Children's Statutory Case Review Group Update</b>  Agenda Item 4b Children's Statutory EH raised a concern that this was the second meeting where an update had not been provided and TM requested that the update from Strategic Governing Group was shared with this Group. EL assured colleagues that as she was taking over chairing the Children's Statutory Case Review Group from Sarah Hollinshead-Bland that she would be able to provide updates going forward. <b>Action: 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.</b> <b>Action: LP to challenge the Children's Statutory Case Review Group that instead of looking at an individual theme per case that there could be multiple themes and triangulating all of the information presented.</b>
11.	<b>Risk Register</b>



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	No risks were raised by the group to be added to the Risk Register.
12.	<p><b>Matters to be Raised to Strategic Governing Group</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• TM to raise updates from Strategic Governing Group being disseminated through agencies.</li> </ul>
13.	<p><b>What was discussed today that makes a difference to people's lives?</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- The update on Neglect and Early Help.</li> <li>- Capturing the verbal and non-verbal Voice of the Child, how other areas are doing this and how it can be implemented across the system.</li> <li>- The open and honest reflection and helpful challenges throughout the meeting.</li> <li>- Conversation around the shared understanding around what the Group means by Neglect and the Voice of the Child.</li> <li>-</li> </ul>
14.	<p><b>Any Other Business</b></p> <p>No other business was raised by the Group.</p>
15.	<p><b>Next Meeting</b> <b>Agenda items:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Working Together 2024 and the Threshold Document.</li> <li>• SSCP Website</li> <li>• Child Protection Data in Shropshire</li> <li>• OFSTED Feedback on Partner Feedback in Multi-Agency Meetings</li> <li>• West Mercia Police to present an update on the Pit Stop programme (set to launch March 2024)</li> <li>• Reoccurring themes in Local Child Safeguarding Practice Reviews</li> </ul> <p><b>Date of meeting</b> Wednesday 27th of March 2024 – 10:00am – 12:00pm Monday 20th May 2024 – 3:00pm – 5:00pm Monday 29th July 2024 – 2:00pm – 4:00pm Wednesday 25th September 2024 – 2:00pm – 4:00pm Wednesday 27th November 2024 – 9:30am – 11:30am Wednesday 29th January 2025 – 10:00am – 12:00pm Wednesday 26th March 2025 – 9:30am – 11:30am</p>