

CYP VCS Representative's Feedback Report

Introduction:

The LSCB Policy and Procedure sub group; responsible for development and review of multi agency policy and procedures

Standards of the VCS Engagement Partnership

- Representatives will be ratified by the Partnership to represent collective views.
- Child and young person centred focus on services.
- Equal Voices around the Table
- Engagement of the Voluntary and Community Sector in any public sector strategy from the outset
- Commitment to Cohesion, Equality and Diversity

Meeting Assessment - Please answer \checkmark or X	\checkmark or X
1. Were papers received 5 working days prior to the meeting?	\checkmark
2. Was an executive summary provided for documents over 15 pages?	N/A
3. Were all the papers in plain English, free from acronyms and jargon?	\checkmark
4. Was the time and venue of the meeting convenient?	\checkmark
5. Did the meeting start and finish on time, and last for under 2 hours?	\checkmark
6. Did you feel that the meeting was inclusive and respectful?	\checkmark
7. Did you feel that you had the opportunity to have your say?	\checkmark
8. Did you feel that you were able to have influence on decisions?	\checkmark
9. Where papers were tabled did you have time to read them before decisions were made?	N/A
Total score – out of 8 points	
Please tell us why you put X or any other comments:	
No documents were over 15 pages and no papers were tabled	

Name of Group: (eg: Parenting Implementing Change Group) Local Safeguarding Board: Policy and procedure sub committee	Name of Representative: Barbara Fox
Date of Strategic Meeting: 19/11/2009	Ratified by Engagement Partnership? Y
Overview of Meeting: (agenda) <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Introduction and apologies 2. Young People and Sexual Activity/Pregnancy in Young Girls 3. Moving forward from Hackney – workshop 4. Safeguarding Children and Young people from Sexual exploitation 5. Missing Persons 6. Multi Agency Referral Form 7. Process for Enhanced Protection for Victims of Human trafficking 8. Disagreement with Manager's Decision 9. Safeguarding Children involved in Prostitution 10. Policies 11. Disabled Children Practice Guidance and Young Runaways Action Plan 12. Bruising in Babies under 6 months 13. Violence in Teenage Relationships 14. Referrals from PPU and Probation in Relation to Sexual Offences 15. Minutes from Last Meeting July 2009 – Accuracy and Matters Arising which are not agenda items 16. Any Other Business 	
Agenda Item 4 – this was looked at countywide but most cases were from Stoke. A task and finish group has being set up, inaugural meeting on 12/1/2010 to discuss terms of reference etc Carol Preston did not attend the meeting so no further feedback.	

Item 6 Multi Agency Referral form has been accepted by Stoke but Staffs still have some amendments to discuss. It is on the LSCB website but may change depending on Staffs as a countywide referral form is preferred. Organisations are advised to check the website regularly so that the correct form is used. Consent form must be signed by a parent/guardian before the referral will be accepted although health visitors can get the red book signed off

Item 7 HM Government Document 'Safeguarding Children who may have been Trafficked'

Item 10 Policies – A number of policies were signed off as it was felt that they could not keep being taken forward and no further comments had been fed back. It was noted that new guidance on forced marriages is coming out in the New Year.

Item 11 Young Runaways Action Plan is to be reviewed and linked to missing persons. Missing persons, trafficking, sexual exploitation and young runaways all seem to form a group together and maybe should be linked.

Item 14 Bruising in Babies under 6 months – trying for a joint protocol with Staffs

Item 16 AOB – A question was asked concerning Baby P case review section 4.1.7. which stated that a social worker had not divulged information at a case review because the parent was present and they felt uncomfortable and it may also have jeopardised the relationship with the parent.

Some clarification was requested about this at the meeting. The general consensus was that as professionals we should be able to deal with these situations at the case reviews and if unable to do so then training and supervision is required. We would not want to go back to the old system of exclusion where decisions are taken behind closed doors with out parents being present. The parent/s concerned should always be told that information will be disclosed concerning safeguarding the child/children. Not to divulge information is putting the relationship with the parent/s before the needs of the child with, as we have seen, disastrous results.

A lot of the agenda items required feedback from Carol Preston who did not attend the meeting.

Please return this within 7 working days following the meeting. If you have minutes available please attach even if they were from the previous meeting. Please let us know of any input you require for the next meeting.

To be completed by VAST support worker

Date Received: 24th November 2009

Date circulated to Engagement Partnership Members: 24th November 2009

Details of other mechanism of communications – to be agreed with the Representative:

Feedback received:

Date feedback provided to Representative: