

NORTH YORKSHIRE CHILDREN'S TRUST

Agenda Item Cover Sheet

TITLE OF PAPER: North Yorkshire Safeguarding Children Board Report

DATE OF MEETING: 19 July 2010

ORGANISATION/SUB GROUP: North Yorkshire Safeguarding Children Board

RELATED CYPP IMPROVEMENT PRIORITY: 2.1 – Safeguarding Children

RELATED PERFORMANCE INDICATOR(S):

MAIN RECOMMENDATIONS OF PAPER:

- To accept the report

IMPACT ON RESOURCES: None

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1.0 Purpose of Paper

1.1 The purpose of the report is to update the Trust on the work of the LSCB over the past quarter.

2.0 Recommendations

2.1 The Trust accepts the report.

3.0 Background

3.1 The purpose of the report is to inform the Trust about the progress made on the LSCB Business Plan and to update the Trust on any significant changes that have taken place in the last quarter.

4.0 Progress

4.1 The LSCB continues to make progress against its objectives. The Sub Groups continue to meet and provide information to the LSCB on a quarterly basis.

4.2 Training:

A new Training Plan came into operation in April. Information regarding courses is provided on the LSCB website. The new non attendance charge has been highly successful. LSCB courses tend to be over subscribed so this has allowed us to fill courses rather than have course places empty due to non attendance.

4.3 Performance:

The integrated data set is beginning to produce valued data for the Board. The next step is to move to exception reporting. This might take a little while to take effect but it is hoped that in the long run the Board will have data from each of its constituent agencies which will help it to challenge and scrutinise the work of Board partners.

4.4 Operational Practice Sub Group:

The group continues to address issues around E-safety, Workforce, and Private Fostering. We have now a new task group "Children and Young People who display Sexually Harmful Behaviour." This is in line with national initiatives. At present we have a Private Fostering Campaign and an E-safety campaign underway.

4.5 Serious Case Reviews:

We have one Serious Case Review ongoing and that process will come to an end in August. An Executive Summary and an LSCB Action Plan will be available.

4.6 Child Death Overview Panel:

The joint panel with York and the PCT are running a Safe Sleeping Campaign. This is in response to the four reportable deaths last year through overlaying.

4.7 Information:

After the General Election a number of changes were made to the work of the Board. The Department of Children Schools and Families became the Department of Education. The National Safeguarding Unit was closed and all work attached to Safeguarding is now undertaken by the Safeguarding Unit at the Department of Education. Professor Eileen Munroe has been asked to produce a report by April next year with an interim report in September regarding social work practice and vulnerable children and young people.

4.8 The new Working Together 2010 was produced at the end of April 2010. There are a number of new additions. Briefing sessions are taking place around the county for all staff and partner agencies.

4.9 There have been changes to Working Together since it was published around SCRs. From 10 June 2010 all Overview Reports, Executive Summaries and Action Plans are to be published. This is not retrospective and therefore the one North Yorkshire is undertaking will not need to be published in full.

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