



**WESTERN BAY SAFEGUARDING CHILDREN BOARD**

**Exploitation Meeting formally CSE/MISPERS WORKING GROUP MEETING**

**Boardroom, Neath Civic Centre**

**15<sup>th</sup> February 2019**

**9:30am – 10.30am**

**Attendance:**

Samantha Jones (Chair)	SJ	Safeguarding Lead Education Neath Port Talbot Council
Rebecca Shepherd (Minutes)	RS	WBSB
Rachel Dixon	RD	NPTCBC
Sharon Wareham	SW	Barnado's
Elizabeth Walton-James	LWJ	Bridgend CBC
Claire Jackson	CJ	ABMU Health
Anne Pitman	AP	Gower College
Sarah-Jane Davies	SD	Barnado's
Nigel Morgan	NM	South Wales Police
Gareth Richards	RS	Student Social Worker
Russel Willey	RW	HMP Park/YOS
Alison Mathias	AM	Swansea City Council
Chris Frey-Davies	CFD	NPTCBC
Kelly Shannon	KS	Swansea CBC
Phillipa Dendal	PD	NPT CBCB
Sian Jones	SJ	NPT Colleges

**Apologies:**

Damian Rees	Swansea CC
Daniel Morgan	YOS
Stephen Evans	South Wales Police
Stuart Johnson	South Wales Police

Katharine Thomas	ABMU
Sarah Thomas	
Lisa Collins	Swansea CBC
Justine Davies	WBSCB

### 1. Introductions and Apologies

Introductions were made and apologies noted.

SJ noted that the level of attendance at the meeting was an improvement following the last and thanked everyone for prioritising and attending the meeting.

### 2. Action Register

The action register was updated at the meeting.

Closed Action 28/34/35/36/37/38

Action 35 – Ongoing SJ and CFD have met to discuss the data and how it is going to be presented. Justine Davies and SJ need to meet to take this forward.

LWJ queried if there was any Welsh Government data requests that we have to adhere to before we can change, CFD advised that we are still following the original template with additional information that is relevant to Western Bay.

SJ advised the group that Bridgend will be leaving WB on 01/04/2019 to join the Cwm Taf Safeguarding board.

SJ commented on the excellent attendance of today's meeting and asked that the BMU circulate the TOR to all new members.

**Action:** BMU to circulate TOR to all new members

### 3. CSE Headline Data

The group were unable to discuss the headline data due to BMU sickness and data not received so unable to collate. SJ apologised to the group and asked if there were any updates from the Safeguarding leads.

CFD gave update on NPT. Of the current children subject to the protocol 3 are out of county children. Linking associations if difficult and we need to look at contextual safeguarding and look at data in areas.

CJ asked about contextual safeguarding meetings – Swansea have received funding on this and WB will be included. CFD advised on the Boards priorities going forward.

The plan will be over 3 years and will link in with contextual safeguarding and the new procedures.

AM advised that Swansea are meeting and are trying to plot a map of where the issues are. Processes and paperwork are changing. Children are becoming more involved in the meetings to get them to work more with the services.

PD advised that they have out of county children in the college and have difficulty in accessing their social workers.

Community peers and family are important, we also need to look at disruption factors. All forms of exploitation need to be considered. The vulnerabilities are there and it's important to strengthen peer groups.

Barnado's have been running community safeguarding in schools as children socialise in the same problem areas – cross borders are interlinking.

County Lines was discussed and group asked if Police have a clear picture – NM advised that 'Operation Crystal' has recently come to an end however Police are continuing to work with the Local Authorities to gather intelligence. There was a particular issue with a County Lines case yesterday where an 18 year old was accommodated as a child. The County Lines children are easier to spot it's the criminal exploitation which is proving more difficult. There are lots of supported lodgings in Swansea and these are being targeted. SJ stated that she was happy these meetings are going to be combined and this will be a good way forward. There is currently no criminal exploitation team in Swansea but they are working towards this.

Currently 21 CSE cases open in Swansea. We need to take learning from CSE work and take this forward into CCE. Schools are key and police are meeting with Secondary schools to share data around children involved with drugs.

SJD also advised there is good work being done by NSPCC for those who can't access Better Futures in Barnado's.

The long term focus was CSE and now it's moved to County Lines which is why the scope of the meeting has changed to Exploitation.

It was raised that there is a common issue that boys are never considered as victims. Harmful sexual behaviour is often protecting from the wrong angle.

LWJ advised that Bridgend YOS have done an audit and there are 5 males on the protocol. Mapping hotspots have always been done and all meeting chairs look at exploitation as a whole. Information sharing is crucial. Practitioner days are also important as intelligence is pulled together to help map and analysts will look at the information.

CJ asked how many resources do we have available to map the children and would this be looked at by police analyst. CFD and Simon Belcher are meeting to discuss this next week, NICHE police system link people well which local authorities can't do. Wall mapping helps to visualise information/data.

LWJ Bridgend are doing work with schools around preventative areas as their figure are low they want to continue this. Newsletter is sent to school staff. LWJ is happy to share this with the group.

**Action:** LWJ to send school newsletter to BMU for circulation

SJ advised that a new data set is important and this is why it will help having it in a visual format.

CJ asked if we are also looking into online exploitation as this is the biggest area of exploitation and can be criminalised so lots of cross over. Protocols on this have been written by Sam Clutton and we are awaiting final drafts.

SJ informed the group that Swansea and NPT have highest number of children's homes and out of county children. It's difficult to get hosting authorities to communicate however we need to address this area. SJD has strong links with all the care homes. There will also be new guidance which should make this clearer.

CFD advised that information sharing is difficult as police are often missed.

AP asked how the college would know if the children have any social services or police involvement. The CSE cases in their area are mostly with out of county children. There is a safeguarding issue for the child and the peer group they are involved in. When children are placed in a different county the information isn't always passed over to the college. CFD would be happy to share information however it's the children without a Looked After status that fall through the net and this is bad practice. SJ will be happy to take this forward to other Local Authorities as we need to be promoting this. The transition of these children into adulthood

happens through their college journey so is a very vulnerable time. Local Authority and Police information is very limited and also the child has often moved before it's raised.

#### **4. Terms of Reference**

The Terms of Reference were looked at and updates made to the membership. SJ asked that we check that early intervention services have been invited to the meetings.

**Action:** RS to check with JD that early intervention services are invited to the meetings

#### **5. Practice Guidance**

The document has been written for Swansea but any comments from the group need to be forwarded to the Business Management Unit. The document will then be developed for Western Bay.

#### **6. AOB**

RD updated the group on the Exploitation training that is being designed to include all exploitation themes in a one day course. A train the trainer package is being developed through EAT and has created a lot of interest. The group discussed some possible gaps and SW offered to help and provide any materials to support. Harmful sexual behaviour needs to be included. It was also recommended that the training include grooming. The training has a pilot session on the 28/02/19 and LWJ asked if she and the other safeguarding leads could attend as it's important for them to know what the training covers. SJ/RD will circulate the invite.

**Action:** SJ/RD to circulate invite to Exploitation pilot training day on 28/02/19

RD also informed the group that there is a learning event scheduled for the 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> of April with Junior Smart a reformed gang member turned trainer. There are 50 spaces available for each day and the training department will be circulating the flyer shortly.

End of meeting

