

Children Who Sexually Harm Steering Group

Wednesday 19th April 2006, 9.15 am – 11.15 am
Boardroom, The Forest

Present: Joe Foley, Pat Harty, Jonathan Page, Brian Beasley.
Apologies: Sam Sykes, Clare Staley, Brian Isham, Pam Rosseter, Bev Mundle

Matters Arising

NB. Brian Isham should have been listed under apologies for the last meeting.

Training

Went ahead in January as planned, it was well attended. Points were raised as per last minutes. The list of all trained staff has now been circulated.

Head 2 Head

Joe has not received the summary of referrals from Sam Sykes & is unsure if the pro forma has been devised by the Head 2 Head team. Joe to liaise with Sam Sykes.

Action: JF

Procedural Issues

Arrest Lists

Jonathan advised that Mark Illingworth (YOS T.M.), with the YOS Police Officer, has managed to once again produce relevant information for Mansfield & Ashfield. Brian Beasley to look into this with YOS Police Officers and replicate for Newark, Bassetlaw & BGR. (Brian to discuss with Tony Cutts and Matt Daintry)

Action: BB

Notifications

Police haven't yet raised the issue again with divisional officers via weekly orders. Brian to look at including on 'splash page'. Brian will also remind officers of the need to discuss all CSH cases with CAIU.

Action: BB

Brian confirmed that the unit has a role in advising and monitoring conclusions of all such cases. Agreed that this may be the most effective way of ensuring a consistent and appropriate response by division.

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Statistics

Jonathan confirmed that currently referrals aren't being specifically categorised as CSH cases so framework can't provide information on numbers. Any such development would have to go to the SSD B.U.G group. Joe to discuss with Mike Lee and Pam Rosseter.

Action: JF

Framework can however provide information on the number of CSH meetings held. According to this only one multi agency meeting has been held over the last quarter. From information from Child Protection coordinators, Jonathan believes that there have been between 10 and 15 referrals across the County over the same period. It is unclear why these have not been brought to meetings. Jonathan believes that some in his area have been delayed at allocation and at initial assessment stage. Agreed for further discussion outside of meeting, in terms of how to pursue this.

Action: JF

Meeting agreed there was a need to 're-launch' the procedures now that we have a new tranche of trained staff and the procedures are on the intranet. Agreed, email to the localities and YOS drawing attention to the procedures etc.

Action: JF

CPC's to proactively raise with LMT's.

Action: CPC's

Joe to discuss with head of YOS.

Action: JF

Joe to discuss issues with PR / HR

Action: JF

Brian to address front end issues with division as said earlier.

Action: BB

Review of Procedures

Confirmed plan to review procedures as previously agreed. Given current low numbers and lack of Police information recently by which we could track cases (since Autumn '05) that retrospective reviews would be limited. It was proposed that a review is carried out over the next two quarters once arrest lists are up and running again. This would mean holding a review towards the end of the year. If this is agreed then clearly current concerns regarding the operation of these procedures would need to be picked up by managers in the normal way. Agreed Joe to discuss this proposal with SSD / YOS and also raise a part of report to NSCB. (possibly May Executive). If agreed for future discussion at next steering group meeting.

Training

Social Services have a small amount of money for further training this year. This will now have to be 'in house' given budget limitations. This will need to cover the turnover of current trained staff. Further thought is needed as to the content and delivery of this and the inclusion of YOS. JF to discuss with Sharon Mundle (L&D)

Action: JF

Role and Function

Discussed. strong feeling that the group was still valid and once current procedural issues resolved, group should broaden its attention to other areas e.g. issues for education and health. Agreed JF to circulate terms of reference to group for comment.

Action: JF

Date of Next Meeting

27th July 2006, 9.00 am – 11.30 am, Meeting Room 2 at The Forest.

