



**Local Safeguarding Children Group (LSCG) – North & Broadland**

**Date: 7th March 2023 10:00-12:00 pm**

**Venue: MS Teams**

**Present:**

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| **Name** | **Title** | **Organisation** |
| Kirsty Pitcher | **Co-Chair**  Interim Chief Operating Officer | Benjamin Foundation |
| Philip Beck | **Co-Chair**  Head of Communities and Partnerships (Great Yarmouth and North Norfolk) | NCC |
| Emma Wyatt | Deputy Head | Sprowston Infant School |
| Helen Brown | Library Locality Manager | NCC |
| Judi Garett | Strategic Commissioner | NCC |
| Lauren Parkinson |  | NSFT |
| Leon McLoughlin-Smith | Head of Norfolk PDU |  |
| Mark Osborn | Safeguarding Intelligence & Performance Co-ordinator (SIPCo) | NCC |
| Mary Thornton |  | NSFT |
| Melanie Perry | Partner & Community Focus Team Manager – North Norfolk | NCC |
| Sarah Oldfield | Policy & Partnership Officer | South Norfolk and Broadland |
| Sonia Shutter | North Norfolk DC | North Norfolk |
| Zee Bacon | Lead worker | Matthew Project |
| Chloe Murchie | Executive Assistant | NCC |

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|  | **Item** |
| **1** | Welcome & Introductions  Shared Partner update  JG raised a NIDAS (DA) workshop. MO confirmed they are planning a session with Sandy from Leeway and would like to include NIDAS.  MO asked for feedback about The Graded Care Profile discussed in January’s LSCG meetings and shared a Microsoft form.  **ACTION**: Members to complete feedback form. <https://forms.office.com/Pages/ResponsePage.aspx?id=fhcZFOBXD0-v8P1htUnRDiHWwGFpGl5BsQafmQ2HjspUQUNBVktOUEtWRDA4TDBQVUhVUTUxVFJWWS4u> |
| **2** | Attendance Strategy  Kelly Waters presented last year on the development of the Attendance strategy and there is a video that all partners are encouraged to look at and discuss within their teams and organisations.  Keeping children safe in education is dependent on attendance and there are particular concerns around children who have infrequent attendance.  KP raised the issue of finding a suitable school place, potentially with SEND, there is a lack of suitable places. NCC is working on reducing this with Local First Inclusion.  JG raised increasing behaviour issues in schools, links with anxiety and bullying.  Young people have also highlighted mental health and bullying as aspects affecting this.  HB shared they are seeing a rise in ASB from young people in libraries.  LMS discussed generational issues of bad educational experiences, leading to normalisation of non-attendance which becomes accepted. There is a significant lack of education, many who cannot read/write, within the offense system.  ZB raised that drug and alcohol use of young people or parent/careres has a significant impact on school attendance.  KP –shared that the attendance team have developed a new Youtube video about the attendance strategy.  **ACTION:** All members encouraged to watch and share this across their partnerships  <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=KzElJsAIwJU>  SO raised that homelessness and being rehouse, especially in rural areas will have an impact, particularly with transport issues.  EW raised concern regarding reduced timetables implemented by schools, makes getting back into school full time very challenging.  Impact from covid, many parents are not willing to send students in when slightly unwell. There is also difficulty in getting medical evidence from GP for legitimate illness, with some GPs are charging for the letters. |
| **3** | Continuum of needs draft document  AMcG shared revised guidance to understanding continuum of need.    ACTION: members to review shared documents. |
| **4** | LSCG members survey for annual report  MO requested feedback improve the effectiveness and value of the LSCG meetings.  ACTION: All members to complete the shared form.  <https://forms.office.com/Pages/ResponsePage.aspx?id=fhcZFOBXD0-v8P1htUnRDif6ORTN6QRIkZ1pMCSjyj9UMlIyWUlYMTFJWDJBVEs2Q0ZFQkYxV0VLMyQlQCN0PWcu> |
| **5** | A.O.B  PB raised multi-agency learning reviews and request for members to keep eyes open for opportunities for families to engage in these. |