

**Local Safeguarding Children Group (LSCG) – South**

**Date: 21 March 2023 – 10:00 – 12:00**

**Venue: MS Teams**

**Present:**

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| **Name** | **Title** | **Organisation** |
| Louise Hinchley (LH) | **Co-Chair**  Head of Communities | YMCA Norfolk |
| Mark Osborn (MO) | Safeguarding Intelligence and Performance Co-ordinator | Norfolk County Council |
| Nicola Ingham (NI) | Assistant Headteacher | Hethersett Woodside Primary and Nursery School |
| Ros Cutts (RC) | Owner/Manager | Mulberry Bush Day Nursery, Wymondham |
| Sarah Oldfield (SO) | Policy & Partnership Officer | South Norfolk and Broadland Council |
| Pip Yaxley (PY) | Partner and Community Focus Manager - South | Norfolk County Council |
| Jenny Faherty (JF) | Team Manager,  Fast South | Norfolk County Council |
| Karen Ellis (KE) | Executive Support Assistant  (minutes) | Norfolk County Council |
| Claire Farrelly (CF) | Education Advisor - Safeguarding | Norfolk County Council |
| Sam Mason (SM) | Youth and Community Worker | MTM |
| Dan Halls (DH) | Director of Safeguarding and Attendance | Sapienta Education Trust |
| Helen Brown (HB) | Locality Manager – Broadland and South Locality | Norfolk County Council |

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|  | **Item** |
| **1** | **Welcome & Introductions**  LH as the chair welcomed everyone to the meeting and a round of introductions were made.  **Partner updates**  MO put the survey on Norfolk Graded Care Profile and JAGS into the chat for members to complete:  <https://forms.office.com/Pages/ResponsePage.aspx?id=fhcZFOBXD0-v8P1htUnRDiHWwGFpGl5BsQafmQ2HjspUQUNBVktOUEtWRDA4TDBQVUhVUTUxVFJWWS4u>  He also made the group aware of a video which will be available on YouTube –  on the Neglect Strategic priority– a link to the video will be accessible on the Members section of the NSCB website contained in the Members section.  [**https://norfolklscb.org/people-working-with-children/local-safeguarding-children-groups-lscgs/south-lscg/**](https://norfolklscb.org/people-working-with-children/local-safeguarding-children-groups-lscgs/south-lscg/)  Password – LSCG-South-2022 |
| **2** | **Attendance Strategy**  MO gave a brief overview on the Attendance Strategy and the work that is currently going on around this. Link below to video:  [A Focus on School Attendance - YouTube](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=KzElJsAIwJU)  All partners should promote this video and its use in team meetings to explore how all organisations can support children’s attendance at school.  Discussion took place around the following question:  What are the possible barriers that might affect a child being able to attend school regularly?  Comments:   * Having support from the LA is important:  it really helps schools to have these conversations with parents about their young person's attendance. It helps parents see the issues are wider than just the school's opinion. * Getting the right networks in place to support families to get the children to school, if the parent is unable to, this could be a symptom that something is going on * In particular when agencies are dealing with vulnerable families, having eyes and ears and to ask questions why the child is not at school * School attendance should be at 96 – 97% - schools are seeing a huge increase in anxiety which make the parents less reluctant to send their child to school * Difficult to change parent’s mindset – no pressure over the last 2-3 years due to Covid * Need better organisation and structures within the family home to get the children to school on time * Restorative work between schools and families to unpick the barriers   **Next meeting:**  MO will produce and share a form to understand how partners have made use of the video.  There was confirmation that the Attendance Strategy has been developed in consultation with children and young people in South Norfolk. |
| **3** | Revised Threshold Guide – consultation  The Norfolk Safeguarding Children Partnership is responsible for ensuring that Norfolk publishes *a threshold document, which sets out the local criteria for action in a way that is transparent, accessible and easily understood* (Working Together 2018). The last iteration of this guide was in 2018 and there have been significant changes to the way we work together and organise our services since it was last published.  We are now moving away from the language of thresholds with more of an emphasis on understanding children and young people’s continuum of needs. The next iteration of the guide has been developed to reflect this as well as the changing landscape in service provision and partnership approach to safeguarding. We have also incorporated feedback from the frontline on the previous version from a survey sent out in 2022.  Before we finalise this document we are seeking feedback from partners on the revised guidance to ensure that it meets your needs. **Please be advised of the following caveats:**   * this is a work in progress and some elements are still subject to amendment, for example, the introduction of Family Hubs is moving on apace so the intention is to finalise the document alongside the launch of Family Hubs in autumn 2023. It is therefore necessary to understand that some sections act as much as place holders as final text and this consultation acts as a ‘sneak preview’ of what to expect in the near future. * you will also notice that we have tried to condense the guidance so it focuses more on principles of practice and keep the guide shorter and more manageable. That said, we did not want to lose some of the information from the current iteration so we are proposing to pull those elements out into a separate toolbox. This will allow for greater flexibility in amending and updating both the guide and the toolbox in the future.   **With those caveats,** we are pleased to send out the draft guide and a summery PowerPoint for you to feedback on, including timelines for responding. We would be really grateful if you could also complete the feedback form so we can collate the information before finalising the document in July of this year.  [Consultation Feedback link](https://forms.office.com/Pages/DesignPageV2.aspx?subpage=design&token=d94705d94b994a0aad037348e819ed9f&id=fhcZFOBXD0-v8P1htUnRDiHWwGFpGl5BsQafmQ2HjspUN040Mk9aSzBIRzdQREtDNjNEM1VBRlNDQS4u).  This piece of work has been supported by a multi-agency task and finish group who are responsible for seeking feedback. If you have any questions on the guide or the consultation process please can you go through them or contact the NSCP Business Unit: [nscb@norfolk.gov.uk](mailto:nscb@norfolk.gov.uk) |
|  | **LSCG member survey for annual report**  [**https://forms.office.com/Pages/ResponsePage.aspx?id=fhcZFOBXD0-v8P1htUnRDif6ORTN6QRIkZ1pMCSjyj9UMlIyWUlYMTFJWDJBVEs2Q0ZFQkYxV0VLMyQlQCN0PWcu**](https://forms.office.com/Pages/ResponsePage.aspx?id=fhcZFOBXD0-v8P1htUnRDif6ORTN6QRIkZ1pMCSjyj9UMlIyWUlYMTFJWDJBVEs2Q0ZFQkYxV0VLMyQlQCN0PWcu)  Any comments on the above – please feedback to MO.  MO asked if the members had any thoughts on how this group could be used to better facilitate information sharing.  The following comments were made:   * The partner update form is not fit for purpose – need to have a more focussed guidance on useful feedback, giving examples * During introductions at the start of these meetings – include a top tip for the day * Quite difficult to take information back to localities/districts – need to have more of a balance between information and not overloading – what is useful to look at quickly and understand   **In response** - DSLs are attending and they should feedback to teams     * There is a link missing with the voluntary sector – for South   + **Action:** MO to follow up with Amy * Concerns from cluster groups – what can we add to the form – this update is about what we are doing, positive stories etc, not including our worries.   **In response** - Any anxieties and worries – should go through the DSL’s but any safeguarding lead worries or concerns – should go to Claire Farrelly.   * What is the value in sharing links to videos/surveys – if we could share with the voluntary sector, it would allow access to information without representation.   Any feedback on the annual report to MO, prior to him speaking to Amy. |
| **5** | **AOB**   * RC fed back on the Neglect briefing she had attended, which she felt had been a very positive and worthwhile experience. * Great feedback was also received on the SPR roadshows * LH reflected on the Genogram – first SoS and family network 2 day training – really good, well presented, knowledge and resources were fantastic.   A question was asked when the new multi-agency NSCP training offer will be available?  **Action** MO to speak to Sharon Moore  There was no other business and the meeting finished at 11:25.  LH thanked everyone for their attendance and participation. |