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**Norfolk Safeguarding Children Partnership (NSCP)**

**Local Safeguarding Children Group**

**March 2025**

**West minutes**

Agenda

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| Bradley Payne |  | Probation |
| James Moss | Team Manager | NSFT |

1. Welcome and introductions

Colleagues introduced themselves. As no Admin present it was agreed that brief discussion notes would be shared.

1. Section 11 in Norfolk

MO explained how Section 11 works in Norfolk.

1. There was discussion around levels of confidence amongst the workforce re safeguarding.

JR identified that progress within Housing has been slow but they are having better relationship with CADS. Colleagues in partner agencies don’t understand what we can and cant do. S11 could be an opportunity to explore how this happens.

SB we are getting better at holding and managing risk and holding uncertainty.

PN Family Help model TACS has been useful in terms of partnership working and JAGS is a reflective space that helps our partnership working.

Anyone can initiate a JAGS whether or not a social worker is involved.

1. Family and Community Networking

We have made good strides around family networking but the community networking component of this priority is not as well defined within the work of partner agencies.

1. Father inclusive practice

This area of work continues to improve but we still have a long way to go on this agenda. We need to ensure that champion networks are linked in so that colleagues who are taking on several roles are not duplicating and able to utilize capacity as effectively as possible. Understanding and managing risk is an area that is complicated when domestic abuse in involved. MO shared that there is a working party trying to develop guidance.

1. Neglect

ANOOF has been refreshed but there still needs to be greater understanding about the work of this forum. ANOOF panel members are taking responsibility for finding cases to talk about and each meeting will be themed e.g. medical neglect, educational neglect.

There was discussion about how working with neglect has improved although our understanding and intervention in relation to emotional neglect was still problematic.

GCP is not being used as well as it could be. Housing colleagues are currently not using it. It is important to think about how we use tools with families.

Probation not heard about the Neglect toolkit.

1. Child exploitation

Flipping the discussion to understanding unmet needs is really helpful particularly when talking to children and young people PN talked about noticing precursors of child exploitation and the links between unmet need at age 5 etc working with vulnerable characteristics.

1. Safeguarding updates from colleagues

JN talked about improving links with NYJS and working in partnership with them.

1. Next meeting

20th May 10am online