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**Norfolk Safeguarding Children Partnership (NSCP)**

**Local Safeguarding Children Group**

**January 2025**

**Breckland minutes**

Agenda

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   3. Father inclusive practice
   4. Neglect
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2. Safeguarding updates from colleagues
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| Kerry Biggadike | Safeguarding Lead West Locality | Healthy Child Service |
| Pat Ndhlalambi | Head of Family Help | NCC |
| Mark Osborn | SIPCo | NSCP |
| Vicki Horton | Head of Service - | Partnerships, Schools and Communities |
| Hayley Bullock | Team Manager | Community and Partnerships |
| Dean Thomas | Senior Probation Officer | Probation |

1. Welcome and introductions

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

2. 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.

Colleagues talked about confidence increasing with greater knowledge about how partners work and building relationships. The presentations from LSCG members over the last year was noted to be valuable in this regard and that with this greater knowledge there was scope for stronger partnership working. KB talked about an improved working relationship with Probation over the last year. There was discussion about how LSCGs could build on this and possibly develop ways to further increase understanding of how we can work together better.

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. KB talked about maternity services improving their communication about fathers. There was discussion about the complication of working with cases where there is domestic abuse and parental alienation.

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 GCP is not being used as well as it could be.

1. Child exploitation

Flipping the discussion to understanding unmet needs is really helpful particularly when talking to children and young people. The group discussed the need to have a greater focus on contextual safeguarding particularly in light of discussion earlier re. community networking.

1. Safeguarding updates from colleagues

MO shared the CGL alert re drugs in Dereham area 

1. Next meeting is online 29th May 10am