

## MEETING OF THE FYLDE COAST ACADEMY TRUST SAFEGUARDING BOARD

### Meeting No. 14

Date: Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> February 2017  
Venue: Unity Academy  
Time: 4.15pm

**Present:** Dr David Sanders (Chair)  
Ms Nicola Anderson (Lead Case Worker, Deputy Safeguarding Lead, Unity Academy)  
Ms Fiona Bate (SENCO and Leader of Student Services, Hodgson Academy)  
Mr Simon Brennand (Senior Vice Principal, Unity Academy)  
Ms Sue Burrows (Safeguarding Governor, Westcliff Primary School)  
Mr William Greene (Safeguarding Governor, Aspire Academy)  
Mr Chris McConnachie (Safeguarding Governor, Hodgson Academy)  
Mr Neill Oldham (Director of Student Services, Child Protection and SENDCO, Aspire Academy)  
Mr Stuart Ormson (Designated Safeguarding Officer, Blackpool Sixth Form College)  
Ms Gill Smith (Assistant Principal: Personal Development and Welfare, Montgomery High School)  
Ms Amanda Stokes (Principal and Safeguarding Lead, Westcliff Primary School)  
Ms Nicola Wheatley (Safeguarding Lead, Mereside Primary School)  
Ms Holly Wood (Principal, Hambleton Primary Academy)  
Ms Gail Yeadon (Deputy Principal and Safeguarding Lead, Blackpool Sixth Form College)

Mrs Kath Buddle (FCAT Governance Administrator – minutes)  
Mr David Eaton (Service Manager, Child and Adolescent Mental Health Services - CAMHS)  
Mr John Blackledge (Director of Community and Environmental Services, Blackpool Council)

**Apologies:** Apologies were received and accepted from Dr Philip Anderton and Ms Cheryl Brindle.

#### 1. Preliminaries

The Chair welcomed everyone to the meeting and introductions were made. John Blackledge, Director of Community and Environmental Services from Blackpool Council and David Eaton, Services Manager at CAMHS were particularly welcomed.

Apologies were noted.

#### 2. Declarations of interest

None

#### 3. Children and Adolescent Mental Health Services (CAMHS)

David Eaton, Services Manager for Blackpool CAMHS delivered a presentation on the service highlighting 'Future in Mind', the national strategy for promoting mental and emotional wellbeing of children and young people published in 2016.

Unlike services across the rest of the country which provide for young people up to the age of 18, CAMHS in the North West currently only provide for those up to the age of 16, although discussions about the potential to raise the upper age limit to 19 in the future were taking place.

David explained that CAMHS had now linked with the Clinical Psychologist Team to provide a single point of access for referrals to both. Most referrals

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came from the Education sector and from GPs. Opportunities for children and young people to refer themselves were also being considered for the future.

CAMHS was working with a number of partner organisations to maximise the impact of its services including with Blackpool Headstart to support resilience programmes for 10-14 year olds and to provide training for staff.

The following contact numbers were circulated:

- CAMHS – 01253 657160
- Youththerapy (formerly Connect Counselling) – 01253 955858

### **Questions from FCAT Safeguarding Board members**

In response to a question about provision of services for clients outside the Blackpool Council boundary, David confirmed that Blackpool CAMHS was contracted to work across the Blackpool GP practice boundary but would forward any referrals from outside of that to their counterparts in Fylde and Wyre.

In response to a concern about young people not being seen by the service as quickly as they should be, David acknowledged that this had been the position a number of years ago, but, more recently, the waiting time for an appointment had been reduced to a maximum of four weeks. The single referral point had also improved waiting times for appointments and urgent cases could now be referred to the Accident and Emergency Department at Blackpool Victoria Hospital.

Asked when he thought the decision to raise the age range for the service might be made, David acknowledged that this was still at discussion stage but agreed to inform the Clerk as soon as possible afterwards so that all partners could be made aware of the situation.

In response to a perception that GPs were able to access services more effectively than educationalists, David acknowledged that the referral mechanism was slightly different for each set of professionals but confirmed that access had been improved considerably for everyone over the current year.

In response to a comment about the service's relationship with schools, David acknowledged that this could be improved and took on board the feeling from some schools staff that their opinions were not always taken into consideration when developing casefiles and interventions which often had a negative impact on the children and young people involved. David explained that the service had to protect its clients and that there were limitations on the information it could share. However, he accepted that greater cooperation with schools would help to improve outcomes.

In response to a question about the procedure put in place when clients missed an appointment, David confirmed that they were always contacted when this happened and that the service did everything it could to ensure that the most vulnerable children and young people received appointments and were not put down to the bottom of the waiting list as perceived. However, some parents were not open to the service and refused the referrals which made it impossible to reach some of the children and young people with most need.

Following the presentation, David agreed to meet with a few practitioners on the FCAT Safeguarding Board with a view to developing a training programme on improving access to services. The Clerk was asked to facilitate this.

Clerk/  
David Eaton

*The Chair thanked David for his presentation and he left the meeting.*

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**4. Pupil Perspective: consideration of issues raised by students at the previous meeting**

Designated Safeguarding Leads (DSLs) for Aspire, Montgomery, Unity and Blackpool Sixth Form College raised the road safety issues being experienced outside their settings with John Blackledge, Director of Community and Environmental Services at Blackpool Council. In response to these, John agreed for members of his team to meet with DSLs individually, in order to discuss ways of alleviating the problems and to feed back on progress to the next meeting.

DSLs/  
J Blackledge

John also responded to safeguarding concerns raised in respect of poor lighting in parks and gardens around the town. He explained that it was the Council's policy to avoid lighting some areas of parks in order to detract children from entering at all in the dark, though Stanley Park had benefitted from new floodlighting.

Colleagues raised the particular problems being experienced at the 'Sports Barn' where there had been a significant amount of vandalism, and incidents of drug taking. John explained that a local group had volunteered to manage the facility which should increase capacity of supervision there. He agreed to keep the Group up to speed on developments at the next meeting.

J Blackledge

In response to an invitation from John, the DSLs from Aspire, Unity, Montgomery and Blackpool Sixth Form College expressed an interest in joining the Purple Flag initiative which was looking at designing a framework to support the development of the town's night time economy. The project was being led by Cllr A Hutton and the next meeting was scheduled to take place on 13<sup>th</sup> March 2017.

NO/NA/GS/  
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*The Chair thanked John for his attendance and he left the meeting.*

**5. Minutes of the meeting held on 29<sup>th</sup> November 2016**

The minutes of the meeting were approved.

**6. Matters arising from the minutes not covered elsewhere on the agenda**

**6.1 Temporary access to websites for Blackpool Sixth Form College students** (Item 3b from the previous minutes) – SO and GY confirmed that the senior leadership team had agreed to unblock certain sites in order to provide better access to students requiring them for their studies and that the situation would be reviewed on a regular basis.

**6.2 Blackpool Sixth Form College lanyard security** (Item 4 from the previous minutes) – Following the discovery that students were sharing lanyards with their friends, SO confirmed that a plan to improve security would be introduced after Half Term. Teaching and Estates Team staff regularly carried out spot checks across the College already and the Pastoral Team had been asked to inform students of new sanctions that would be put in place should they be found to be abusing the system in the future.

**6.3 Awareness of emergency procedures** (Item 4 from the previous minutes) – GY confirmed that training on the College's lock down procedures would be carried out with the current Lower 6<sup>th</sup> Form in summer and with the new intake after September 2017.

**6.4 Invitation to Lead Nurse on Female Genital Mutilation** (Item 6.2 from the previous minutes) – the Clerk reported that an invitation to attend the meeting had been sent out to Lisa Lonsdale and that she would chase to

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<p>see if she could attend a future meeting.</p>	
<p><b>6.5 Outcomes from the Child Sexual Exploitation Survey circulated across Lancashire County Council schools</b> (Item 12 from the previous minutes) – FB agreed to provide the Clerk with the outcomes for circulation to the rest of the Group.</p>	<b>FB/Clerk</b>
<p><b>6.6 On-line updates</b> (Item 13 from the previous minutes) – the Clerk confirmed that these had been sent out to the Group.</p>	
<p><b>7. Primary Pupils’ Perspectives on Safeguarding</b> The Group watched videos showing Unity and Hambleton primary children responding to questions about how safe they felt in school. Apart from a minor worry about knowing when to return to class after lunchtimes, there were no concerns raised. All children demonstrated their awareness of procedures to follow if they did feel unsafe.</p> <p>The Chair thanked staff for organising the consultation and asked for thanks to be passed on to the children for their involvement.</p> <p>SB highlighted Unity Academy’s use of Anti-Bullying Ambassadors which had been circulated as an example of good practice across a number of local schools.</p>	
<p><b>8. Safeguarding Risk Register</b> The Group considered an alternative format for the FCAT Safeguarding Risk Register that had been drafted by WG, Safeguarding Governor at Aspire Academy (Paper 7). WG explained that the Risk Register needed to include the causes of the risks and the actions to address/mitigate the high level ones.</p> <p>On the whole, the Group were happy with the suggestions but preferred a spreadsheet rather than a Word format for the Register itself.</p> <p>WG agreed to work with the Clerk on further developments.</p> <p>The Chair thanked WG for his work on the Risk Register and asked for this to be a more substantive item for discussion on the agenda for the next meeting.</p>	<p>WG/Clerk</p> <p>Clerk (agenda)</p>
<p><b>9. Blackpool Sixth Form College Peer Review</b> Feedback from the Safeguarding Peer Review (Paper 8) held at Blackpool Sixth Form College was noted.</p> <p>The Chair asked that future feedback from peer reviews be provided in a composite report to clearly identify findings and learning points to be shared amongst colleagues.</p>	
<p><b>10. First Report to FCAT Board of Directors</b> The first report of the year from this Group to the FCAT Board of Directors was received and approved (Paper 9).</p>	
<p><b>11. Getting it Right (GIR) Framework</b> The Chair reported that the format of the GIR Framework had yet to be agreed. A pilot, involving Aspire and Unity Academies, was currently taking place. A follow up meeting would take place on 16<sup>th</sup> March 2017 and the findings would be reported to the next Blackpool Safeguarding Children Board meeting.</p>	
<p><b>12. Recent Safeguarding Case Study</b> This item was deferred to the next meeting.</p>	

**13. Regional/Local Developments**

NA reported back on a meeting of the Shadow Blackpool Safeguarding Children Board and agreed to forward the minutes to the Clerk for circulation across the Group.

The data report including the latest information on numbers of children within the FCAT family settings that fell into categories (Paper 12.2) was noted. The Clerk agreed to add explanations of the terminology to future reports.

*NW gave her apologies and left the meeting.*

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**14. Barclays Funding**

The Chair reported back on a meeting he had had with Barclays Life Skills Team on possible funding for projects including a 'Chelsea's Choice' type production to highlight incidents of child abuse.

SB, NO and GS expressed an interest in becoming involved in the initiative. The Chair agreed to keep everyone updated on developments.

Chair

**15. Online Safety updates**

The latest online safety update from Aspire Academy (Paper 14) was noted.

**16. New Risks**

NO re-reported the problems being experienced at Aspire Academy with the front doors, which was regarded as a safeguarding matter. The Chair agreed to visit the academy to consider the best course of action for the way forward on this.

Chair

**17. Date and time of next meeting**

Thursday 27<sup>th</sup> April 2017 at 4.15pm  
Hodgson Academy

- Students from Hodgson and Montgomery will provide feedback on safeguarding issues pertinent to them.
- Case study from Unity Academy

Signed: \_\_\_\_\_(Chair)

Date: \_\_\_\_\_