

Meeting Title	NHS Nottingham North and East CCG Governing Body Meeting	Date: 23 January 2018
Paper Title	Highlight Report from the Nottinghamshire Safeguarding Children Board meeting held on 06 December 2017	Agenda Item: NNE/GB/18112
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Purpose (tick one only)	Approval	<input type="checkbox"/>	Acknowledge/ Note	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Review	<input type="checkbox"/>	For Information	<input type="checkbox"/>
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Executive Summary

The minutes from the meeting held on 06 December 2017 are not yet ratified and so will follow. Key highlights from the meeting are reported below.

ASSURE

- Section 136 Repeat Audit:** The report identified changes which will need implementing on section 136 from 11 December 2017. This is due to changes in the Policing and Crime Act 2017 and will make it unlawful to use a police station as a place of safety for anyone under 18 years. The previous maximum detention period of 72 hours will be reduced to 24 hours (unless a doctor certifies that an extension of up to 12 hours is necessary). The audit considered whether current practice aligns with the new legal duties. Themes identified on the audit day were agency responses to children in distress, de-escalation, looked after children, gender identity, bed availability in the commissioned health based place of safety, delay in Mental Health Act assessments, availability of specialist inpatient mental health beds and lack of consistency in relation to conveyance by ambulance. The recommendations in the report were accepted and these are to be overseen by the Task and Finish Group. Exceptions to be reported to NSCB Executive Committee in order to provide assurance.
- Missing Audit:** The report was received. Questions were raised regarding communication with GPs regarding missing episodes. It was identified that the joint procedures are being reviewed and this issue is being addressed through this process.
- Deaths by apparent suicide:** Acknowledged that there has been an increase in suicides locally. Rates were previously below the national average but have increased to above the national average. Work has been completed by Public Health and the Local Authority in partnership with the University of Nottingham – it was identified that there was no evidence or physical or virtual connection between the deaths. The recommendations presented were agreed and the completion of actions will be monitored through the Child Death Overview Panel. The report provided good assurance in relation to multi-agency responses to a recent increase in the incidence of suicide.
- Electronic recording of Child Protection Conferences (excluding Initial Child Protection Conferences):** The report was received and it was acknowledged that the pilot and subsequent roll out of digital recording has been supported by partners and attendees at meetings. Partners and attendees have provided feedback that this method of recording provides transparency for parents and produces an indisputable record of the meeting. Management oversight by the Independent Chair Service will continue and feedback from families and partner agencies will routinely be considered by managers as part of their ongoing quality

assurance role.

ADVISE

- **Children and Social Work Act 2017 / Working Together 2018 update:** Act will not be implemented until statutory guidance has been updated. Working Together is currently out for consultation until 31 December 2017 and publication is expected in spring 2018. Consultation workshops have been facilitated by the Department for Education during November 2017. Safeguarding partners will have up to 12 months to agree safeguarding arrangements, subject them to independent scrutiny, notify the Secretary of State for Education and publish them. Following publication the safeguarding partners will have 3 months to implement the new arrangements. An initial meeting of the safeguarding partners, child death review partners and NSCB Independent Chair took place on 07 November 2017. It was agreed that the local authority should take responsibility for developing an options paper in relation to the safeguarding arrangements and that the clinical commissioning groups would take the lead on developing an options paper in relation to the child death review arrangements. The group will meet again in February 2018.
- **Multi Agency Safeguarding Hub (MASH):** Partners are currently reviewing quality assurance processes in relation to referrals to the MASH. Further work to be completed and fed back.
- **Joint targeted Area Inspections:** There has been a change to future themes and previous themes will now be re-visited. Further work is required on the position statement – this will include bench marking against national data and evidence of impact.
- **CCG restructure:** The report was received and comments invited. Questions were posed regarding future safeguarding arrangements and cover – advised that this will be confirmed at a later date.

ALERT

- Nothing to escalate to Governing Bodies or Quality Committees.

Ratified minutes from the meeting held on 20 September 2017 are also attached for information; a contemporaneous highlight report has previously been received by the Governing Body.

Implications: *(please tick where relevant)*

Integration	<input type="checkbox"/>	Patient Choice	<input type="checkbox"/>
Reducing inequality	<input type="checkbox"/>	Patient & Public Involvement	<input type="checkbox"/>
Constitution	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Quality of Services	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Governance	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	QIPP	<input type="checkbox"/>
Innovation	<input type="checkbox"/>	Research	<input type="checkbox"/>
Learning and Development	<input type="checkbox"/>	Sustainability	<input type="checkbox"/>

Finance checked by:

N/A

Appendices	Ratified minutes from the meeting held on 20 September 2017.
Report History	The Nottinghamshire Safeguarding Children Board Highlight Report is a standing quarterly agenda item
Recommendation	The Governing Body is asked to: NOTE the contents of the report.