



Nottinghamshire
SAFEGUARDING
CHILDREN Board

**Minutes of
NSCB
Domestic Violence Subgroup**

Thursday 10th December 2009

NSCB Sub Group Meeting
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9:30 – 11:30am
New Probation Offices, Arrival Square, Mansfield

Members Present		Organisation
JL	Julie Leigh (Chair)	Deputy Director, Nottinghamshire Probation
RA	Rachel Adams	Domestic Violence Policy Officer, NCC
GW	Gay Wood	CAFCASS
DK	Debbie King	Notts Community Health
MG	Mandy Green	Head of Services Notts Women's Aid
RJ	Rosy Johnson (Minutes)	NSCB Administrator

Item	Issue		
1.0	Welcome, Introductions and Apologies		
	The Chair welcomed all to the meeting and introductions were made. Apologies given were as follows:		
JF	Joe Foley	NSCB Manager	
AP	Angela Pixsley	CYP Social Care, Notts County Council	
VM	Viv Montgomery	Bassetlaw PCT NSCB Manager	
RL	Ruth Lonsdale	Nottinghamshire PCT	
	Vacant	Nottinghamshire Police	
2.0	Approval of minutes and matters arising from previous meeting 13th August 2009		Actions
	Page 3, Item 4: GW questioned how she had asked about the impact of bail conditions on DV when she hadn't been at the meeting. JL explained this was because it had been on the previous minutes and brought forward. MG was asked to take this back to Women's Aid for clarity.		MG
	The minutes of the previous meeting were agreed as a true written record.		
	<u>Action</u> - RA informed the group that the "Toolkit" had been renamed "Checklist" and had been sent out to group members.		
	<u>Action</u> – "VM to talk to Ruth Lonsdale about partnership to progress DV good practice across all health services" has not happened as VM has been off sick. JL suggested that Kate Allen should be approached as new DV subgroup member as she was the lead on DV for health.		JL

	<p><u>Action</u> – “RA to bring Schools DV Guidance to next meeting”. This guidance is still in draft stage. MG referred to the programme in Bassetlaw where after a child has disclosed an issue to the school, the school do a follow-up check after it has been referred to Social Care wherever the child may be, e.g. in a refuge or in care. MG commented that this was unlikely to become a countywide project due to funding. It was agreed that a centrally based, named person for education should be appointed to take responsibility for disclosures made by children at school and an Action Plan agreed.</p> <p><u>Breach Information</u> – Julie Leigh informed the group that she was not able to access all breach information from probation records.</p> <p><u>NHS Data</u> It was agreed that RA meet up with Kate Allen to work through what action should be taken and this item put on the agenda for next meeting.</p> <p><u>Action</u> – JL and RA had met up to discuss the Action Plan updates. Updated version will be brought to the next meeting</p> <p><u>Membership</u> – RA and JL to meet up outside this meeting to discuss group membership and formulate a plan. It was suggested that Adrian Pearson could be approached to suggest a member from the police and Sue Gill for someone from Bassetlaw PCT. It was also suggested that Angela Pixsley should recommend someone from Social Care who could deputise for her.</p>	<p>RA</p> <p>RA/KA</p> <p>RA/JL</p> <p>RA/JL</p>
<p>3.0</p>	<p>Report on NSCB DV Checklist</p> <p>RA informed the group that the responses to the Checklist (formerly Toolkit) had been very good overall, particularly from Broxtowe BC, Gedling BC, Rushcliffe DC, Newark DC and Bassetlaw DC where there is a dedicated DV worker in place.</p> <p>Responses had not been received from Bassetlaw Community Health, Nottinghamshire Community Health and Mansfield and Ashfield District Councils.</p> <p>RA informed the group that the review had highlighted strengths, particularly DV in relation safeguarding, however there were areas where further work was needed.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • DV material displayed (different languages) • Training <p>DV Display Materials: The DV Red Information Card produced by the Nottinghamshire Domestic Violence Forum has been updated and now has more telephone numbers. This document, and all other cross-</p>	

	<p>authority documents, can all be found on the public website www.ndvf.org.uk.</p> <p>Training Issues: Basic Awareness Training – safeguarding children links to MARAC are included in this training MARAC Training – Unable to fulfil all requests for this training before January but will catch up in the new year.</p> <p><u>Data</u> - RA commented that it was important to have accurate, accessible data as it is a indicator of good and bad practices and therefore highlights areas which need more input. GW to pursue CAFCASS information. Jupiter in Nottinghamshire (JIN) is the central data point for the County. Notts Womens Aid data is now being sent to JIN. JL commented that all agencies have an agreement to collect DV information but it needs to be agreed what this data should cover as current data is mainly for victims of physical abuse. JL felt that stalking, harassment, controlling behaviour and verbal abuse should be part of the agreement.</p>	
4.0	Action Plan Review	
5.0	<p>Probation Report on DV Perpetrators</p> <p>This report was presented by JL and detailed factors displayed by offenders convicted of DV. JL to send copy of document by email to RJ who will send it out to members.</p> <p>JL informed the group about the practice of the Nottinghamshire Probation Service to recall licensees when they are rearrested for breaches to protect the victim if there are any DV issues.</p>	JL/RJ
6.0	<p>Health Progress Report</p> <p>DK presented this item and reported that the Newark post was still vacant and that training was due to start in the New Year. JL asked the group if they could offer help or support to Health colleagues in relation to training. MG offered support from Women’s Aid trainers if required.</p> <p>JL proposed to the group that Sarah Wells should be invited to the next meeting to discuss training issues.</p>	RJ
7.0	Guidance for Schools	

	<p>It was agreed that the responsibility for follow-up checks on children who disclose lies with the school. Catherine Kirk to take the lead on ensuring the following items are in the guidance before it is taken to NSCB meeting:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Adequate support for each child who discloses DV issues • Named persons need to be identified and providers linked up • Strengthen the safeguarding sections of the Guidance document. <p>JL asked RA to liaise with CK for a progress report before the document is signed off.</p>	
<p>8.0</p>	<p>Appointment of Vice Chair</p> <p>JL informed the group that she was unable to attend the next Co-ordination Group meeting on 16th December and would require a deputy from those present. MG agreed to attend. RJ to send papers to MG by email.</p> <p>The matter of appointing a vice chair was to be on the agenda for the next meeting.</p>	
<p>9.0</p>	<p>Feedback to NSCB Exec/Report to NSCB Board</p> <p>The following are to be reported to the Board at the January 2010 meeting.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Results of the DV Checklist and how to take these results forward • Action Plan status • Cross over link with schools regarding guidelines. • Vice Chair 	
<p>10.0</p>	<p>Any Other Business</p> <p>The meeting dates for 2010 are as follows:-</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Thursday, 11th March • Thursday, 10th June • Thursday, 9th September • Thursday, 9th December <p>All meetings will take place at the new Probation offices in Mansfield and will start at 2pm.</p>	

Enclosures:

- Schools DV Guidance
- Probation report on perpetrators
- Updated Action Plan to follow