



**Nottinghamshire**  
**SAFEGUARDING**  
**CHILDREN Board**

**NSCB DV Subgroup Meeting**

Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> August 2009

2pm – 4pm, Meadow House, Mansfield

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<b>Members Present</b>		<b>Organisation</b>
<b>JL</b>	Julie Leigh (Chair)	Deputy Director, Nottinghamshire Probation
<b>RA</b>	Rachel Adams	Domestic Violence Policy Officer
<b>SC</b>	Dave Papworth (minutes)	Notts County Council
<b>VM</b>	Viv Montgomery	Bassetlaw PCT NSCB Manager
<b>AP</b>	Angela Pixsley	CYP Social Care, Notts County Council
<b>VS</b>	Val Simnett (for Ruth Lonsdale)	Nottinghamshire PCT

<b>Item</b>	<b>Issue</b>	
<b>1.0</b>	<b>Welcome, introductions and Apologies</b>	
	The Chair welcomed all to the meeting and introductions were made. Apologies given were as follows:	
<b>JF</b>	Joe Foley	NSCB Manager
<b>GW</b>	Gay Wood	CAFCASS
<b>TB</b>	Sgt Tracey Bellamy	Force Lead for Domestic Violence, Nottinghamshire Police
<b>MG</b>	Mandy Green	Notts Womens Aid
<b>2.0</b>	<b>Approval of minutes and matters arising from previous meeting 19<sup>th</sup> May 2009</b>	
	The minutes of the previous meeting were agreed as a true written record.	
	AP felt the discussion concerning the Action Plan was positive.	
	RA explained that the toolkit had now been finalised but did not go to Board because of full agenda. RA to circulate Toolkit to group email	
	AP noted that there are questions outstanding about use of SCIMT (Social care information management team) following police risk assessments. These are being addressed in the cross authority safeguarding group.	

	<p>RA reported that the new risk assessment called DASH is to be introduced in 2010 following a training programme for Police officers and others. This new risk ass incorporates stalking and honour violence as well as other kinds of domestic abuse and will involve more thorough research.</p> <p><b>ACTION Proposed new risk assessment draft and Toolkit to be distributed to all group members (RA).</b></p> <p><b>ACTION Outline presentation to NSCB for JL on the toolkit to be drafted by RA</b></p> <p>Performance management was discussed. VM explained that health visitors have implemented routine enquiry on DV but no data is available at present.</p> <p>However the long awaited 2 DV Resolution Facilitators (DVRFs) in Nottinghamshire Community Health have been appointed. One covering Mansfield and Ashfield and the other covering Newark. The DVRFs will be looking at performance indicators and DV training in the near future.</p> <p>Tracey Bellamy, Notts Police, sent some information about the role of Social Workers within the Police Public Protection Units. There are two separate pilots running, funded by Social Care, and attempting to deal with child protection issues immediately after an incident. Further discussion will be held within Social Care to monitor effectiveness.</p>
<p><b>3.0</b></p>	<p><b>Framework of DV partnership forums and workgroups</b></p> <p>RA discussed the DV forum layout see attached file</p> <p>Meeting agreed that the local practitioner networks would be a good place to share the DV toolkit.</p> <p>Most of these groups are linked in together and have some overlapping membership but each has a defined role. Eg LCJB DV group is taking over the Specialist DV Courts governance. This group is for issues concerning children and DV.</p> <p>Each partnership has an action plan – available from RA on request</p> <p>There has previously been a County Health partnership to progress DV good practice across all health services. This was abandoned last year as there is was no lead person to support implementation. With the new posts this situation could be resolved.</p> <p><b><u>Action</u> VM to talk to Ruth Lonsdale about this.</b></p>
<p><b>4.0</b></p>	<p><b>Performance Management – agree data suite</b></p>

RA outlined the aims of this initiative – to create a clear data set for this group to measure progress on work around children and DV. RA went through the types of data that are being collected at present:

Currently available

Child Protection referrals where DV is a concern  
Initial assessments where DV is a concern  
Initial Child Prot Confs where DV is a concern  
Children/YP to MARAC where DV is a concern  
Children/YP receiving support from specialist services  
Schools and youth projects delivering DV awareness

Requested but not yet available

Children/YP with CAFs where DV is a concern  
DV reports to Police where children in the house  
Health information – Not defined (A&E and H Vis info?)  
Impact of bail conditions and other police/court sanctions

Meeting agreed to add JAT referrals where DV is a concern to list of Data

Meeting agreed to bring base line data to next meeting in December

JL inquired as to whether data for the previous year could be provided, and as to whether we have evidence that we can give to schools that DV awareness in schools results in positive benefits. RA replied that some evidence exists, anecdotal evidence could be utilised alongside national data.

JL raised concerns about disclosures in school. How do we know that such disclosures are sensitively handled, and referral to Social Care does not make the situation more difficult for the child. The group discussed the guidelines and training available to schools. RA recommends speaking to Clive Chambers in Nottinghamshire County CYPS about these issues. Also PDL Team in education have provided guidance for DV which will be distributed to school leaders, governors. RA to examine what this says about disclosures.

HealthQMC have employed new worker within A&E department with remit to examine repeat injury victims and to identify DV victims. This could represent a model for Kingsmill Hospital to follow.

AP asked if we have any national information on Health

Gay Wood asked for impact of bail conditions on DV – RA is still looking at this. Breach information may be available from probation

	<p><b><u>ACTION RA</u> - to bring Schools DV Guidance to next meeting and check safeguarding information is adequate</b>  <b>JL - to consider further safeguarding measures linked to schools referrals</b>  <b>All – baseline data for next meeting</b>  <b>JL - Check on whether breach information can be extracted from probation records</b></p> <p><b>RA will request health data info from regional colleagues</b></p>
<p><b>5.0</b></p>	<p><b>Nottinghamshire 2009-11 CYP plan</b></p> <p>RA provided group with documentation (see attached). This identifies six categories of vulnerability, DV being one of these. The plan will measure</p> <p>a) access to DV specialist services for children and YP,  b) CAFs and other assessments for children affected by DV and c) multi-agency DV training</p> <p>NSCB will be offering a specialist course next year on children and DV. RA has talked to Sarah Wells about this. VM noted that Beverley Kitchen NHS Notts would be a useful contact in helping develop this further.</p> <p>JL asked whether we should be using these priorities as targets in our action plan. We would need to quantify certain areas (e.g. Number 7 on page 12).</p> <p><b>ACTION JL / RA to meet to discuss action plan updates</b></p>
<p><b>6.0</b></p>	<p><b>Feedback to NCSB exec / report to NSCB board</b></p> <p>JL suggested that the action plan update (once complete) and the toolkit could be sent to the board, so we could do this before submitting feedback.</p> <p><b>ACTION RA to update Action Plan</b></p>
<p><b>7.0</b></p>	<p><b>AOB</b></p> <p>JL noted Ranja Sharma's work on forced marriage in Probation, perhaps this could link in with BMER group?</p> <p><b>Action RA to add to BMER Mailing list</b></p> <p>RA informed meeting that all Domestic Abuse Link Workers will be in place by October giving more support to families affected by DV.</p>

	VM confirmed that DV questions being asked at every new birth visit.
<b>8.0</b>	<b>Dates of future meetings</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• <b>Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> December at 9.30am</b></li><li>• Thursday March 11<sup>th</sup> at 2.00pm</li><li>• Thursday June 10<sup>th</sup> at 2.00pm</li><li>• Thursday Sept 9<sup>th</sup> at 2.00pm</li><li>• Thursday December 9<sup>th</sup> at 2.00pm</li></ul> Venues in Mansfield to be confirmed

Enclosures

Toolkit

DASH Risk Ass

CYPPlan

Partnership Diagram