



# **Conwy & Denbighshire LSCB**

## **Business Plan 2013-14**

**Priorities 2013-14**

- 1 Children exhibiting sexually harmful behaviour are identified early and offered help, and children at risk of harm from other children are protected due to improved identification and intervention. (continued from 2012-13)
- 2 Children who have lived, or who are living with domestic abuse have improved experiences and outcomes because a local domestic abuse action plan is developed which addresses their needs.
- 3 Children who are vulnerable or at risk of child sexual exploitation are better safeguarded due to greater awareness, improved multi-agency information gathering and sharing, and more effective responses.
- 4 Home educated children are safeguarded through improved shared information and monitoring
- 5 Children at risk from offenders / parents who have viewed child abuse images are safeguarded
- 6 That the business plan also addresses issues raised via the SAIT process, in particular where performance falls below band 2
  1. To continue resourcing the Safe Employment task group
  2. To address the LSCB's long-term funding issues
  3. That SMG consider how best to demonstrate improvements to the outcomes for children receiving child protection services
  4. That the LSCB maintains an issues log.

**KEY to subgroup abbreviations**

A&QA – Audit & quality Assurance subgroup

C&C – communications & Consultation subgroup

PD – Practice Development subgroup

SCR – Serious Case Review sub-committee

SMG – Strategic Management Group

T&WD – Training and Workforce Development subgroup

		Mar 2012		Mar 2013		Mar 2014	
RAG status	Status	Number of actions	Percentage of actions	Number of actions	Percentage of actions	Number of actions	Percentage of actions
<b>Green</b>	Completed	26	84%	13	68%	5	56%
<b>Amber</b>	In progress/ slightly behind schedule	4	13%	4	21%	3	33%
<b>Red</b>	No progress / significantly behind schedule	1	3%	2	11%	1	11%
<b>Not yet due</b>	Not yet scheduled to start	0	0	0	0%	0	0%
<b>Total</b>		31	100%	19	100%	9	100%

**1 - PRIORITY Children exhibiting sexually harmful behaviour (SHB) are identified early and offered help, and children at risk of harm from other children are protected. SAIT standard 2.**

Ref	ACTIONS	RESOURCES & LEAD	OUTPUT / OUTCOME MEASURES	PROGRESS	GREEN
1	The Board receives regular reports from the SHB task group and ensures that agreed recommendations are implemented.	RSCB Sue Willis via M Denwood BCUHB	The Board receives regular reports	<p>As at <b>March, 2014</b>, the task group's vice chair reports that initial work has been completed in respect of scoping the need within North Wales, and looking at accredited assessment tools. Staff group to undertake this assessment work have been trained, and we are looking at putting together a 'virtual team' across North Wales (the need for teams within individual authorities is not there). Report on the work of the group will be presented first to the Head of Services and then to the Regional Safeguarding Board within the next few weeks.</p> <p>On 5<sup>th</sup> <b>December 2013</b>, it was reported that the project was on track and work was being undertaken in conjunction with the Youth Offending Team, Education, the Police and the Crown Prosecution Service. A scoping exercise of North Wales' cases had been undertaken to give a demographic profile for the Project.</p> <p>The Board received an update on 11<sup>th</sup> <b>September 2013</b>: a group has been set up, chaired by BCUHB, with representation from the Local Authorities (Social Services, education &amp; youth justice). Health is represented by CAMHS, continuing care &amp; safeguarding. Terms of Reference have been agreed) &amp; a work plan. A task &amp; finish group has been set up to look at a service model proposal. Currently a data collection exercise is underway to determine the scale of the demand for such a service. Work is ongoing &amp; it is planned that a service model will be available for presentation to organisations &amp; the Local Safeguarding Children's Board early in 2014.</p>	

2 - PRIORITY Experiences and outcomes are improved for children who have lived, or who are living with domestic abuse by developing a local action plan for domestic abuse					
Ref	ACTIONS	RESOURCES & LEAD	OUTPUT / OUTCOME MEASURES	PROGRESS	AMBER
2	The Board receives a progress report from the Domestic Abuse Action Plan lead Board Member.	RSCB J Williams L Surridge	The Board receives regular reports	<p><b>March 2014:</b> the Community Safety Partnership next meets in June 2014.</p> <p><b>December 2013</b> The Head of Children’s Services (DCC – Leighton Rees) now represents the LSCB on the Community Safety Partnership, together with the Strategic Manager for the Conwy and Denbighshire Youth Justice Service</p> <p>The LSCB vice Chair has spoken to the Lead Officer for the CSP and agreed closer working between the CSP and the LSCB.</p> <p>In the update of 11<sup>th</sup> <b>September 2013</b>, it was reported that a mapping exercise of the domestic violence services in Conwy and Denbighshire was being undertaken. The Domestic Violence Co-ordinator now sat within the relevant police team, allowing a more seamless service. At that meeting, it was agreed that the Head of Children’s Services (DCC) would represent the LSCB on the Community Safety Partnership, together with the Strategic Manager Conwy &amp; Denbighshire Youth Justice Service.</p>	

OUTCOME

3. PRIORITY Children at risk of, or subject to, child sexual exploitation are better safeguarded due to improved multi-agency identification and response; including improved information on, understanding of, and response to children who place themselves at risk by going missing from home.

Ref	ACTIONS	RESOURCES & LEAD	OUTPUT / OUTCOME MEASURES	PROGRESS	GREEN
3	The Board receives a regular progress report from the CSE/ Missing lead Board Member.	RSCB J Hanson	The Board receives regular reports	<p><b>March 2014:</b> statistics on missing children are included in the safeguarding data. These show that a 'top ten' of children who go missing regularly have been identified. A 'Buddies' project is underway in Conwy.</p> <p><b>December 2013:</b> Three groups had been established to deal with child sexual exploitation. The groups were productive and were well attended, to such an extent that the membership would be revised to ensure meaningful and productive discussion. Young people with experience of the issues were included within discussions. A final report on the 'Buddy Project', currently being piloted by Gwent, would be presented in October 2014, which could impact on how missing persons were dealt with across Wales. It was unclear how the outcomes for the groups could be reported to show the positive impact of the project.</p> <p>At the meeting of <b>September 11<sup>th</sup> 2013</b>, it was reported that three groups had been established to deal with child sexual exploitation across North Wales.</p> <p><b>June 2013</b> - It was noted that a Multi-Agency Working Group had been established aimed at missing children and child sexual exploitation. Membership of the Working Group would include the Missing from Home Co-ordinator (NWP), and also young people with their own experiences</p>	

4: PRIORITY Home educated children are better safeguarded through improved shared information and monitoring					
Ref	ACTIONS	RESOURCES & LEAD	OUTPUT / OUTCOME MEASURES	PROGRESS	GREEN
4	The Board receives a regular progress report from the 'Home Educated' lead Board Member	RSCB J Hanson G James H Williams	The Board receives regular reports	<p>The Statutory Head of Education Services (CCBC) together with the Corporate Director of Lifelong Learning (CCBC -) reported to the Board on Home Educated Children in September 2013 The Welsh Government has consulted on proposals to improve the monitoring of home educated children. All Local Authorities had responded to the consultation in the same manner, requesting that Local Authorities be given additional powers for intervention and monitoring of home educated children.</p> <p>a report on home educated children had been received by the LSCB and the Welsh Government were currently reviewing the registration and monitoring of home educated children</p>	

5: PRIORITY Children at risk from offenders / parents/ who have viewed child abuse images are safeguarded					
Ref	ACTIONS	RESOURCES & LEAD	OUTPUT / OUTCOME MEASURES	PROGRESS	GREEN
5	The Board considers a report on improved risk assessment procedures for the management of offenders	G Roberts D Adlam  C&D Practice Improvement Group	The Board considers improved procedures for the management of offenders who have viewed child pornography  improved procedures are implemented	<p><b>March 2014:</b> the Conwy protocol has been completed, and was taken to the regional Policies &amp; Procedures Group in January. The regional Group agreed to put together a task group to create a regional protocol.</p> <p><b>September 2013:</b> A working group is in the process of developing this joint protocol. A draft protocol is due to be circulated for comment in early November 2013.</p> <p>A joint Protocol for Children at risk from offenders / parents/ who have viewed child abuse images are safeguarded had been assessed, in conjunction with the Youth Offending Team Probation and Social Services and was in the process of being scenario tested. The Protocol would be trialled in Conwy and Denbighshire before being released for regional use. It was suggested that the Protocol should be circulated to the LSCB Members.</p>	



6 To address issues raised via the SAIT process, in particular where performance falls below 'band 2'.

Ref	ACTIONS	RESOURCES & LEAD	OUTPUT / OUTCOME MEASURES	PROGRESS	RAG
6a	Risks to children from unsafe staff are minimised because the LSCB adopts and promotes best practice in safe employment.	S. Ellis (DCC Corporate Director), L Rees (DCC Children's Services) Julie Worrall (HR Business Partner DCC)	The Board receives regular reports from the Safe Employment Task Group and ensures that agreed recommendations are implemented	<p>In <b>December 2013</b>, it was reported that the group had not been able to meet due meetings being cancelled due to severe weather and several apologies.</p> <p>An update on the work of the Safe Employment Task and Finish Group was circulated with the minutes of the <b>September</b> LSCB. Members requested that the work move ahead quickly, in order to deliver the guidance. If there was a problem with staff attending the meetings, the lead officer or the project manager safeguarding should alert the relevant Board Member to the issue</p> <p>June Board received an update from Safe Employment task group leader.</p> <p>A September update is to be circulated with the notes from the Executive Board meeting .</p>	A

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APPENDIX 1

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6b	Whilst the Welsh Government's funding formula for LSCBs remains unclear, to progress interim arrangements via the North Wales Safeguarding Children Shadow Board.	RSCB J Williams	The board will consider a report on funding arrangements from the regional board	<p><b>March 2014:</b> discussions on funding a regional business support structure are continuing.</p> <p>The funding report was considered by the RSCB in October, but it was agreed that decisions could not be made until the report was received from the researcher .The researcher has been commissioned by the ADSSC to look into the governance and responsibilities of regional Safeguarding Children Boards.</p>	G
6c	That SMG consider how best to demonstrate improvements to the outcomes for children receiving child protection services	L Rees  LSCB Strategic Management Group  LSCB audit sub-group  LSCB practice development group	<p>By December 2013, date, an audit is conducted on the outcomes for children who are on the child protection register for neglect, and where domestic abuse is a risk</p> <p>By February 2014 , an action plan is devised to address issues identified via the above audit</p> <p>By March 2014, improvements to the outcomes for children receiving child protection services can be demonstrated</p>	<p><b>March 2014:</b> the Strategic Management Group and the Practice Improvement Group have considered a Outcomes based Learning and Improvement Framework, to be developed for 2014/15.</p> <p>The Denbighshire part of the domestic violence and neglect audit remains outstanding.</p> <p>SMG considered an outline Learning and Improvement framework in October 2013. The identification of outcomes is integral to the framework, which will be considered by SMG in February 2014.</p>	RED

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6d	To contribute to the development of a NW Regional Safeguarding Children Board	Jenny Williams Leighton Rees	The board will consider the evaluation report produced by Sheffield University	<p><b>March 2014</b> :The LSCB is awaiting the report from the researcher. Feedback was delayed due to the RSCB development day being cancelled due to severe weather.</p> <p>A draft report was made available Jan /Feb 2014.</p>	A