

Minutes of Devon Safeguarding Children Board



6th March 2009

9.30 a.m.

Conference Room

The Training College

Devon and Cornwall Constabulary Headquarters

Middlemoor

Exeter

Chairman Mr A. J Wooderson

Attendees:

Surname	Forename	Agency	Role
Davey	John	Connexions Cornwall and Devon Ltd	Director
Boulton	Nigel	Devon and Cornwall Constabulary	Superintendent
Fielding	Julie	Devon and Cornwall Constabulary	Acting Detective Chief Inspector Force Public Protection
Douglas	Paul	Devon and Cornwall Probation Area	Senior Probation Officer / CARD and PORCH Project
Ashforth	Christina	Devon County Council Children and Young People's Service	Secretary to DSCB
Booth	Deborah	Devon County Council Children and Young People's Service	Strategic Project Manager for Education Achievement of Children in Care
Brown	Karen	Devon County Council Children and Young People's Service	Senior Workforce Development Advisor
Dimmelow	Chris	Devon County Council Children and Young People's Service	Head of Safeguarding
Hill	Michaila	Devon County Council Chief Executive's	Media & Public Relations Officer
Tomlinson	Roy	Devon County Council Chief Executives Support	Community Strategy Officer
Kasprzyk	Maria	Devon County Council Children and Young People's Service	Service Improvement Manager
McCallum	Rory	Devon County Council Children and Young People's Service	Director of Early Years and Families
Truscott	Penny	Devon County Council Children and Young People's Service	Temp Secretary to the DSCB
Davenport	Liz	Devon NHS Partnership Trust / Adult & Community Services	Director
Allen	Alison	Devon Primary Care Trust	Named Nurse Safeguarding
Gibbs	Sara	Devon Primary Care Trust	Consultant for Public Health
Holme	Charles	Devon Primary Care Trust	Designated Doctor Child Protection Devon

Hyland	Helen	Devon Primary Care Trust	Designated Nurse Child Protection
Thornberry	Michele	Devon Primary Care Trust	Child Protection Lead Eastern
Wooderson	Alan J	DSCB	Independent Chair
Jeffer	Peter	East Devon District Council	Director of Communities
Lake	Jane	Education Welfare Service	Senior Education Welfare Officer
MacKintosh	Georgie	Government Office South West	Safeguarding Adviser
Kearnes	Alison	NSPCC	Assistant Director MW
Tomlinson	Richard	Royal Devon & Exeter Hospital Foundation Trust	Named Doctor for Safeguarding
Parker	Heather	South Devon Healthcare Foundation Trust	Associate Director of Nursing & Midwifery Women's & Children's Diagnostic & Therapies
Gurney	Kate	The Coleridge Medical Centre	General Practitioner
Hulme	Helen	Youth Offending Team	Area Manager South

Apologies:

Surname	Forename	Agency	Role
Hayward	Vicky	CAFCASS	Service Manager
Mitchell	Peter	CAFCASS	Head of Service
Scales	Barbara	Churches Housing Action Team (CHAT)	Team Manager
Proctor	Anne	Devon and Cornwall Probation Area	Assistant Chief Officer
Tennant	Jo	Devon and Cornwall Constabulary	Chief Superintendent
Dubash	Beverley	Devon County Council Children and Young People's Service	Principal Education Welfare Officer
McGrath	Sue	Devon County Council Youth Offending Team	Acting Head of Youth Offending Service
Pearson	Virginia	Devon Primary Care Trust	Director of Public Health
Morris	Andrea	Private Fostering	Service Improvement Manager for Children in Care and Care Leavers
Finan	Kevin	Mid Devon District Council	Director of Community Services
Spittles	Laura	NHS Devon Partnership Trust	Named Nurse, Safeguarding Children
Cox	Mandy	NHS South West Strategic Health Authority	Policy Lead CYP Maternity
Phipps	Janet	North Devon Healthcare NHS Trust	General Manager. Women's and Children's Sexual Health
Adey	Peter	Royal Devon & Exeter Hospital Foundation Trust	Divisional Manager Children and Women's Health & Cancer Services
Orzel	Marie-Noelle	Royal Devon & Exeter Hospital Foundation Trust	Director of Nursing and Patient Care
Mitchell	Claire	Royal Devon & Exeter Hospital Foundation Trust	Nurse Consultant Safeguarding Children

ABBREVIATIONS in the minutes.

ACPO	Association of Chief Police Officers
ADVA	Against Domestic Violence Action
AP	Action Plan
Becta	British Educational Communications and Technology Agency
CP	Child Protection
CYPS	Children and Young People's Service
DCC	Devon County Council
DCSF	Department of Children Schools and Families
DH	Department of Health
DPT	Devon Partnership Trust
DSCB	Devon Safeguarding Children Board
GOSW	Government Office South West
IMR	Individual Management Reviews
JAR	Joint Agency Review
LAs	Local Authority
LMC	Local Medical Committee
NHS	National Health Service
OR	Overview Report
PCT	Primary Care Trust
PIs	Performance Indicators
RAG	Red, Amber, Green ratings
SCR	Serious Case Review
SHA	Strategic Health Authority
YOT	Youth Offending Team

Agenda Item 1	1.1 Minutes of December 12th 2008 and completed actions 1.2 Minutes of the 27th February 2009 Extraordinary meeting for approval	Alan J Wooderson	
Discussion	<p>AJW welcomed the various substitutes to the meeting and in particular Dr Kate Gurney who is the new representative of the Local Medical Committee, replacing Dr Jane Richards. AJW apologised for the late arrival of agenda papers which was due to the pressure of work in the Safeguarding Unit having to also service the Extraordinary DSCB meeting on 27th February 2009 and the non availability of some papers by the deadline date of 27th February. In future the cut off date for papers will be 5 days before the meeting. Items will not be included on the agenda without an accompanying paper.</p> <p>The procedure for minutes was agreed and by next week the minutes of this meeting will be sent out for comment as to accuracy. There will be a 5 working day deadline for comments and AJW will agree any changes before final circulation of agreed minutes.</p> <p>The progress of the actions agreed from the December meeting was discussed and confirmed that the vast majority had been completed and some outstanding items were on today's agenda for agreement.</p> <p>One of the outstanding action points included the revised front sheet for the DSCB reports. This has been drafted by RMcC and will be used for all future reports/agenda items. It will be supplied to report authors from the Safeguarding Unit.</p> <p>There were generally favourable comments on the quality and style of the December 2008 minutes.</p>		

	The minutes of the Extraordinary meeting held on 27 th February 2009 to agree the final submission to the DCSF and Ofsted of 3 SCR reconsiderations were agreed. AJW thanked those that stayed late to complete the revised reports to meet the deadline. GM advised that Ofsted will notify the DSCB by the end of March the status of the submissions and if further work is required.		
Action points	Action owner	Deadline	
Send out revised front sheet to the author of any future papers	Christina Ashforth	Immediate	
Updated Action Points for this meeting and progress chasing to be the responsibility of the Secretary to the DSCB	Christina Ashforth / Penny Truscott	Immediate	

Matters Arising from the 12th December 2008 meeting

Agenda Item 2	Devon and Torbay's Language Schools Agenda Item 10 Private Fostering Action Plan following the 12th December Minutes	Andrea Morris / Jo Tennant	
Discussion	<p>As requested from the December 2008 meeting Andrea Morris had produced a one page summary of the legislative background to Private Fostering and the implications for safeguarding responsibilities.</p> <p>Commander J Tennant on behalf of Devon and Cornwall Constabulary had raised concerns about the situation of foreign students visiting the area for extended periods especially as part of Language School placements and that currently there is a poor regulation of family placements and little understanding of the demands and risks.</p> <p>After discussion it was clarified by GM that under the new Independent Safeguarding Authority coming into effect from October 2009 that host families used by language schools etc would have to register and be CRB checked. The responsibility will be with the family to register. There is an extensive campaign of information required to ensure that this change in regulations are widely known and it was agreed that this could best be done in conjunction with the other peninsula LSCBs.</p> <p>CD raised that some language schools provide longer courses over 29 days and these will fall into the Private Fostering category and need to be approved accordingly. Also specialist charities on occasions provide longer term placements and these too will need to register.</p>		
Action points	Action owner	Deadline	
Obtain the Independent Safeguarding Authority definitions for registration particularly of Host Families to help in the publicity campaign.	George Mackintosh	Immediate	
Arrange a locally focussed media & PR campaign to highlight the new regulations in line with the national campaign in June.	Michaila Hill	From June 2009	
A letter to be sent in conjunction with peninsula LSCBs to the known relevant organisations involved in host families alerting them to the changes.	Alan J Wooderson / Michaila Hill	From May 2009	
Report regarding the implications for the Private Fostering service for the next DSCB meeting.	Andrea Morris	June 2009	

Agenda Item 3	Passing of Child Information Agenda item 7 Provision of CP cases lists to Police and Health refers	Charles Holme	
Discussion	<p>The Health Sub Committee had discussed the transfer of information concerning children subject to Child Protection Plans as requested. Their conclusion was a preference for the default position for read-only access to CareFirst so that Health staff can have knowledge of whether a C/YP is known to CYPS, has a CIN or CP plan or is known to JAS including the name of the allocated social worker. The usage rate could be recorded on CareFirst so that 2 enquiries would lead to some sort of action by CYPS as per para 5.147 of WT.</p> <p>A discussion took place regarding the electronic transfer of child protection information that was deemed essential for A&Es who need to know about current child protection plans. MK advised the board on solutions to the issue that were actively being pursued including remote access availability and access to CareFirst by designated and trained health personnel. This seemed to satisfy the requirement from everyone. . It was however noted that both Torbay and Derriford would not have access to the CareFirst system and this will need to be discussed further with the Safeguarding Managers in both areas to resolve and ensure a consistent and equitable approach</p> <p>CD mentioned that there will continue to be an automatic warning system in place regarding personnel accessing child protection plans. This enables the Safeguarding Unit to monitor access and notify individuals if others are accessing the same records.</p>		
Conclusion	<p>Electronic document and paper systems will transfer to a new document management system within DCC CYPS during April to June 2009. As part of this the access by appropriately trained and authorised Health personnel to the CareFirst system would be agreed.</p> <p>The DSCB website is being developed and there will be a password protected area which will be available for designated personnel to access.</p> <p>A&Es need to access child protection information.</p>		
Action points		Action owner	Deadline
Designated health professionals will be given remote access when trained and discussions will continue with Derriford and Torbay.		Maria Kasprzyk	June 2009
Publicity around these IT changes to be instigated by (MK).		Maria Kasprzyk	June 2009

Agenda Item 4	Report on activities of the Chair since December Verbal update	Presenter Alan J Wooderson	
Discussion	<p>AJW briefed the board on his activities on their behalf since December 2008. This has included -</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Monthly meetings with the Executive Director of CYPS and the DCC Lead Member - Representing the DSCB on the Childrens Trust Board - Meetings with DSCB members re: Section 11 reports and an induction with Kate Gurney 		

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Regional work with LSCBs / Individual Chairs Meeting - Peninsula work re: Section 11 and creating a common approach to assist those who work across borders - SCRs reconsiderations - IMR training
Conclusion	AJW concluded that the current 2 days a month that he is contracted is insufficient for the tasks required and that this was likely to become more problematic following the publication of Lord Laming's review next week.

Strategic Items

Agenda Item 5	Revised Terms of Reference and Member Responsibilities	Presenter Alan J Wooderson	
Discussion	<p>Terms of Reference for the DSCB have been reviewed in line with Working Together 2006 and in the light of experience. The board considered and commented upon the revised terms of reference including implications, membership, governance and working methods.</p> <p>Similarly AJW had revised the Member Responsibilities undertaking. AJW proposed that this document is signed up to by all board members. CD advised that a previous document had been signed by most board members though some remain outstanding. It was appreciated that certain board members had difficulty signing as they were acting as a representative of a collective of other employers e.g. PJ and KF on behalf of District Councils and KG on behalf of the LMC. An amended version for them will be considered.</p> <p>Given the development of the Executive functions it was now time for duty to co-operate partners to assure themselves of the correct representational levels at Board, Executive and Sub Group levels.</p> <p>It was noted that all Sub Groups Chairs are expected to be members of the Executive Group.</p>		
Conclusion	<p>The board agreed their new title, which is the Devon Safeguarding Children's Board (DSCB). The word local is being dropped as it has caused some confusion.</p> <p>Members agreed the Terms of Reference and Member Responsibilities documents apart from KG c/o LMC and PJ/KF on behalf of the District Councils. Amendments are required to the Members Responsibilities before these can be signed up to by them.</p>		
Action points		Action owner	Deadline
Members Responsibilities document to be amended.		Alan J Wooderson	Immediate
Letters to go to Chief Officers of all duty to co operate partners explaining the revised Terms of Reference and Member Responsibilities paper and asking for consideration of appropriate representation at DSCB and Executive meetings.		Alan J Wooderson	Immediate

Agenda Item 6	Proposal to develop a Joint Scrutiny function of the work and effectiveness of the LSCB in discharging its responsibilities	Presenter Alan J Wooderson	
Discussion	<p>AJW introduced a report that provided a proposal to develop a joint scrutiny function involving board and non Executive Directors of duty to co-operate partners along with Local Authority Scrutiny members. Such an approach would ensure the appropriate governance arrangements and scrutiny oversight was in place for the effective delivery of the partnership responsibilities of the DSCB.</p> <p>AJW asked members if it would it be appropriate to develop such a joint scrutiny process for measuring the effectiveness of partnership delivery. A proposal was also put that an independent organisation could be asked to undertake this process similar to the proposals from the I&DeA in agenda item 14.</p>		
Conclusion	<p>The board agreed that a joint scrutiny process should be explored and should be discussed with the Children's Trust Board. The possibility of a joint board conference was also penned, to include the implications of the forthcoming Laming report and it maybe an idea to arrange the conference around this topic.</p>		
Action points	Action owner	Deadline	
Proposals to be progressed via Children's Trust Board.	Alan J Wooderson	June 2009	

Agenda Item 7	LSCB Annual Performance Report	Presenter Michaila Hill	
Discussion	<p>MH presented the possible structure of the DSCB Annual Report and sought feedback on its content. Many LSCBs publish annual reports to promote their work and highlight achievements. These differ widely from area to area in style and content. It is envisaged that all agencies/partners contribute to the Annual Report and the style be simple so the report is accessible to all .The Annual Report also reiterates the 'independent voice' of the DSCB and will be a key document for reporting safeguarding to all partner boards and authorities as well as an accountability tool for the work of the DSCB.</p> <p>Provisional date for publication is June 2009. Media awareness of the report should coincide with the publication date.</p> <p>It was agreed that the report can be used to raise the profile of Safeguarding Children. A discussion took place on how to develop the report so that it would also be useful to stakeholders and frontline staff. Options considered included a thematic style and other SCBs reports were viewed by the board.</p>		
Conclusion	<p>The principle for the Annual Report was agreed by the board and MH was asked to proceed with developing the work required. It may well end up as two reports, one a more formal report for boards and authorities and the other aimed at communicating key messages about safeguarding to communities. MH will begin approaching board members and their organisations for contributions to the Report.</p>		
Action points	Action owner	Deadline	
Develop Annual Report in line with board recommendations.	Michaila Hill	June 2009	

Agenda Item 8	LSCB Media and Communications Strategy	Presenter Michaila Hill	
Discussion	<p>MH introduced a proposal to develop a PR, Media and Communications strategy for the DSCB and gave an overview of the possible areas that it would cover. LSCBs are required by the Government to prioritise effective communication with partner agencies (professionals and volunteers) and with members of the community, with particular reference to engaging children and young people. It is proposed that this strategy will include a media handling protocol and proactive media action plan.</p> <p>The board discussed the proposal of having a single DSCB 'voice' and a joined up approach for effective communication. It was recognised that the strategy must be both reactive to immediate situations and proactive. Objectives for this strategy would include increasing the confidence in safeguarding activities that are aimed at communities.</p>		
Conclusion	The proposal for a strategy was agreed in principle and AJW confirmed that the governance for this would now lie with the Communities and Communications Sub Group but recognised there was no Chair of this sub group at present.		
Action points	Action owner	Deadline	
Produce a Media and Communications Strategy for the DSCB.	Michaila Hill	June 2009	
Appoint a Chair to the Communities and Communications Sub Group.	Executive	Immediate	

Agenda Item 9	Unintentional Injuries among Children and Young People in Devon	Presenter Sara Gibbs	
Discussion	<p>SG introduced the draft 'Preventing Unintentional Injuries among Children and Young People in Devon' Report which highlighted relevant government documents, available data and evidence of what works to prevent unintentional injury in children and young people. The report was prompted by the Audit Commission / Healthcare Commission publication in 2007 'Better Safe than Sorry'. Its recommendations include enhancing the multi-agency approach to unintentional injury prevention, the need to improve data collection processes across partner agencies and to develop effective interventions. The DSCB were impressed with the content of the report but thought that it could be improved by some re ordering and a short Executive summary with key recommendations being at the front of the document.</p> <p>There followed a discussion acknowledging that reducing risk is the principle aim of any strategy and using evidence based reports about 'what works' was key. There are clear links between higher rates of unintentional injuries occurring in areas of higher deprivation. A similar theme to other safeguarding issues. There was good evidence on what interventions worked best and those that were of marginal benefit or in fact counter productive. The challenge is how to take this forward and how to involve a wider contribution to the strategy development especially from District Councils.</p>		

Conclusion	<p>The board agreed that the age limit for the strategy should go up to 19.</p> <p>It is understood that there will be a publication from NIHCE in 2010 about the effectiveness of interventions to reduce injuries.</p> <p>DSCB were clear that for the strategy to be fully effective then it must be a Children's Trust priority and that the Trust should provide the proper governance arrangements. In the meantime it is clear that to develop the strategy and action plans and recommendations require the continuation of:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The multi-agency steering group; • The acknowledgement that there is a data and information gathering and analysis issue and • Clarity about prioritisation of what works and recognition and potential disinvestment from what does not. 		
Action points	Action owner	Deadline	
Revise report in line with discussions with a plan that it should be presented to the Children's Trust Board.	Sara Gibbs	July 2009	

Operational Items

Agenda Item 10	Report from Executive and Sub Groups on achievements against the Business Plan and proposed new Sub Group structures	Presenter Rory McCallum	
Discussion	<p>RMcM reported on the minutes of the DSCB Executive Group. (Unfortunately these had not been sent with the agenda pack). This included advising the board on the structure of DSCB sub groups and the role of the Executive group. All sub groups will feed into the Executive Group who will then report into the full DSCB. A discussion was led by RMcM. There were concerns about the membership of some sub groups and individuals capacity to fully commit to them. Currently there are some sub groups without a nominated Chair.</p> <p>AJW commented on the lack of progress on the Business Plan since its sign off in June 2008 and stated he would like to see significant progress by the next DSCB meeting.</p>		
Conclusion	<p>Sub groups need to be flexible and must meet the needs of the Business plan.</p> <p>AJW suggested that the business plan may need to be reformulated and refreshed via a task and finish group due to the limited progress made since June 2008. The Business plan reporting expectations were outlined confirming that the Executive and sub groups were responsible for reporting progress against the Business Plan.</p>		
Action points	Action owner	Deadline	
Send minutes of the Executive to the DSCB.	Christina Ashforth / Penny Truscott	With these minutes	
Executive group to appoint chairs for all sub groups.	Executive Sub Group	May 2009	
Compile details on the sub groups ie: Chairs, Dates of meetings etc, membership and terms of reference and business plan outcomes required.	Rory McCallum	May 2009	

Agenda Item 11	Reducing Bullying action Plan for approval	Presenter Debbie Pritchard / Annette Lyons	
Discussion	The paper was presented to the board for approval following discussion of the draft at the December 2008 meeting. It was noted that there were still some gaps in the outcomes and the report was littered with acronyms. It was agreed that a directory of acronyms be devised for the front of the report.		
Conclusion	The report was approved with AJW advising board members to make any comments regarding accuracy etc to the report authors.		
Action points	Action owner	Deadline	
Amendments to the report to be made to include a glossary of acronyms.	Annette Lyons / Debbie Pritchard	Immediate	

Agenda Item 12	Section 11 Audit update and next steps Verbal Update	Presenter Chris Dimmelow	
Discussion	<p>Following the discussion at the last DSCB meeting CD gave a verbal update on the status of returned Section 11 audits. AJW thanked members for their efforts and recognised there had been some issues with completion. The updated Section 11 from the police was now available but there seemed no progress from Teignbridge District Council despite many follow up requests from the Safeguarding Office.</p> <p>There was an acceptance by the board that quality assurance is now needed of the returns. Each agency has so far undertaken its own self audit process in line with their policies. It was noted that agencies policies varied. The Quality Assurance Sub Group of the DSCB will now analyse the returns.</p> <p>It was noted that a pan peninsula approach to these audits will be developed and that this will include extending the assurance process into 'contracted for' services. A meeting to start the peninsula proposals is due before the end of March 2009.</p>		
Conclusion	<p>At the meeting on the 25th March the peninsula LSCBs will look at a unified Section 11 audit document and agree the frequency of future audit cycles.</p> <p>The QA sub group will now start analysing the returns.</p> <p>AJW will write formally to Teignbridge District Council.</p>		
Action points	Action owner	Deadline	
Quality Assurance Sub Group to undertake analysis.	Maria Kasprzyk	June 2009	
Police to complete their re submission.	Julie Fielding	Immediate	
AJW to formally write to Teignbridge District Council regarding their Section 11 audit.	Alan J Wooderson	Immediate	

Agenda Item 13	Making Safeguarding Everyone's responsibility: Duty to Cooperate Partners Strategic Response to findings of Multi-Agency Case Audit: Children subject to Child Protection Plans	Presenter Maria Kasprzyk	
Discussion	<p>MK presented the report outlining the key findings and recommendations following a multi-agency audit of 10 child protection cases. She explained the methodology of the study and the consistent nature of the audit findings.</p> <p>A discussion took place around the key findings of the audit. The areas of concern confirmed that the multi-agency working arrangements were not working to the standards and protocols that exist.</p> <p>There were significant training issues identified, a clear problem around information sharing, poor adherence to standards of record keeping, and a case conference and reviewing process that was not performing as it should. It was recognised that there now needed to be consistent leadership, and a re iteration of management accountability for the quality of what has been discovered by the audit and what have been identified as immediate solutions. GM confirmed that the local audit findings were reflected in many other places and that this was recognised as a national problem. GM also commented on the themes from SCRs being similar to the audit findings.</p> <p>One of the immediate issues that the audit raised was around the 'Safeguarding Pathway'. A report from the Executive Director CYPS on improving performance in this area was discussed. Whilst the draft pathway was supported it is also required to show how the other critical processes such as MARAC and MAPPA will be acknowledged so that there is one process and not a multitude of different ones. RMcM agreed to feed these comments in to a redraft.</p> <p>Further there was a proposal to undertake three local workshops for frontline managers from the multi agencies to share the findings of the audit and to provide opportunities to discuss urgent improvements.</p>		
Conclusion	<p>AJW thanked the Multi-Agency team for the report which was completed to a tight timescale and had produced clear recommendations. It was recognised that this was an important report.</p> <p>The Multi-Agency Safeguarding Pathway process chart was reviewed by the board as a response to the Multi Agency audit findings. AJW recommended that MAPPA / MARAC needs to be built into this paper.</p> <p>It was acknowledged that within the audit much good practice was identified and that this needed to be shared. DSCB members now need to feedback to their respective agencies the finding of the Multi-Agency Audit Report following some redrafting by MK to include areas of good practice.</p> <p>It is clear that many of the processes for safeguarding need serious rethinking as they are not helping the multi agency delivery of safeguarding responsibilities.</p>		
Action points	Action owner	Deadline	
Produce a balanced report embracing good practice as well as identifying areas for improvement.	Maria Kasprzyk / Multi Agency Audit Group	ASAP	
Formally write to partners regarding the proposed three workshops disseminating the findings of the Multi Agency Audit.	Alan J Wooderson	End March 2009	
Redrafting of the Safeguarding Pathway.	Rory McCallum	End March 2009	

Agenda Item 14	I&DeA Peer Review Challenge programme and LSCB requirements	Presenter Rory McCallum	
Discussion	RMcM explained the background to this pilot national IDeA peer challenge for safeguarding children. A brief discussion was held and RMcM confirmed that questionnaires had already been sent to DSCB organisations.		
Conclusion	This peer audit will provide significant evidence about how robust our current safeguarding arrangements are when compared to the standards of acknowledged outstanding performing LSCBs around the country. Given the other audit work underway it was acknowledged that the timing of this could have been better.		

Agenda Item 15	Update on other audit activity underway across partners and agreements on sharing outcomes and key lessons Verbal	Presenter Chair to lead discussion	
Discussion	AJW raised the possibility of sharing the outcomes of safeguarding audits that are underway across most duty to co operate partners. This would then mean that the DSCB were made aware of the total position and could prioritise actions accordingly. It would also allow the QA sub group to have a benchmark from which future analysis could begin. The proposal of sharing audit reports was agreed.		
Conclusion	Safeguarding Audits from duty to co operate partners to be reported to the DSCB and the QA sub group to be responsible for collating these into an overall DSCB position statement.		

Agenda Item 16	LSCB Training Management Recruitment Verbal	Presenter Karen Brown to lead discussion	
Discussion	KB confirmed that an additional 0.5 post is to be recruited to support the vital training function and the post has been advertised.		
Conclusion	It is likely that with a more realistic salary that there will be more applicants for the post this time.		

Agenda Item 17	Safeguarding children from Sexual Exploitation	Presenter Georgie Mackintosh	
Discussion	GM advised that Safeguarding Advisers have been asked to consult a small sample of LSCBs in each region to get views on a particular aspect of the forthcoming guidance on Safeguarding C&YP from Sexual Exploitation. A brief		

	discussion took place on the DSCB views which covered a wide divergence of views.		
Conclusion	GM will feed comments into the drafting process nationally.		
Action points	Action owner	Deadline	
Feedback DSCB comments.	Georgie Mackintosh	Immediate	

Agenda Item 18	www.ebi	Presenter Alan J Wooderson	
Discussion	<p>AJW concluded the meeting gathering views from the members regarding what went well and what could be done even better.</p> <p>A short discussion took place and issues commented on included:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The reduction of the DSCB meetings to half a day was appreciated • Praise to the Multi Agency Audit Team and the quality of their report • The DSCB needs to aim to concentrate on monitoring effectiveness of the safeguarding system across Devon • The Executive Groups impact needs to improve 		

Agenda Item 19	Dates of Next Meeting 5th June at 9.00 am 11 th September at 9.00 am 4 th December at 9.00 am	Presenter Alan J Wooderson	
	Agenda requests will be sent out a month before the next meeting for any papers and the deadline will be 29 th May 2009. It was agreed that a central venue be arranged and that the Exeter Racecourse was the preferred option.		
Action points	Action owner	Deadline	
Booking the Exeter Racecourse as the preferred venue.	Christina Ashforth / Penny Truscott	June 2009	