

Summary

Child Death Overview Panel (CDOP)

The CDOP annual report was presented to the HSCB and accepted. There were 8 deaths in 2013-2014 of which 5 were neonatal and none required Serious Case Review or other police investigations.

BHRUT CQC Inspection findings progress report

The progress report from BHRUT was circulated to all HSCB members prior to the meeting. The paper provided assurance to the HSCB partnership that actions were being taken to address concerns identified during the CQC inspection.

Missing Persons Protocol

The meeting was informed that there had been progress with the Havering Missing Protocol but additional work was required prior to presenting the document to HSCB for ratification.

Children Social Care, Children Society and Police representatives to meet in order to progress the outstanding matters: the final document will be presented to the HSCB in October 2014.

Multi-Agency Sexual Exploitation Meeting (MASE)

The HSCB meeting was provided with an update on early findings from MASE meetings.

The key purpose of MASE is to ensure a detailed overview of the level of CSE within the locality.

Five MASE meeting have been held and each has had good multi-agency representation.

All of the eighteen cases referred to the MASE have been female.

Actions identified have been progressed by multi-agency working and have resulted in improved outcomes.

The HSCB asked that MASE activity be fully explored within the HSCB CSE working group to identify the impact of service intervention on improved outcomes. This will be presented to the HSCB by the CSE working group chair.

Havering Children Services Improvement Board

The HSCB was provided with an update regarding the Children Services Improvement Board. This was to inform partners of the scrutiny processes in place within Children Services.

Listening to Children, Young People and Families and incorporating their views into service development and delivery

The HSCB was provided with feedback from the Children and Young People's survey, which was undertaken during November and December 2013.

The information obtained from the survey will be used by HSCB to understand better the reasons for the responses made. The outcome of the further work will be a keynote presentation within the HSCB conference scheduled for 24th October 2014.

Early Help assessments

The HSCB has received regular updates regarding the implementation of Early Help Processes within the borough to ensure multi-agency understanding and buy in to the agreed processes.

The uptake of early help assessments has been steadily increasing with approximately fifty assessments completed each month.

Early help performance data is being developed so that the new processes can be scrutinised to identify the impact of processes on improved and sustainable outcomes.

Multi-Agency Safeguarding Hub (MASH)

Concerns had been brought to the HSCB previously regarding the pressures being experienced within the Child abuse Investigation Team (CAIT) impacting on service delivery within Havering.

Havering Independent Chair agreed to write a further letter of concern to Mr Rowley, QPM, to request a meeting to discuss:

- Continued significant increase in police workload across Havering and Barking and Dagenham
- Focus being on Barking and Dagenham, which was said to reduce the team's ability to provide a good service to Havering.
- Police CAIT staff numbers still lower than establishment.
- The CAIT supply two DC's to the Havering MASH pilot.

HSCB Learning and Improvement Strategy

The strategy was presented to the HSCB and was ratified.

North East London Foundation Trust (NELFT) annual report

The report was circulated to all HSCB members prior to the Board meeting.

The HSCB identified that some data required clarification regarding accuracy and impact on outcomes.

Information to be reported to the HSCB meeting in October

HSCB Case Review working Group

The chair of the HSCB case review working group provided an update of the work being progressed. The chair identified that the group was experiencing difficulty with progressing learning reviews due to capacity issues and work pressures.

BHRUT Psychosocial Meetings

BHRUT noted that Havering Children Social Care was not represented at the weekly BHRUT psychosocial meetings. It was identified that both Barking and Dagenham and Redbridge provided representatives and the BHRUT requested that Havering identify social worker to attend regular meeting.

Kathy Bundred agreed to take the matter forward.