

**MEETING OF THE FYLDE COAST ACADEMY TRUST
SAFEGUARDING BOARD**

Meeting No. 21

Date: Thursday 21st June 2018
Venue: Aspire Academy
Time: 4.15pm

Present: Dr David Sanders (Chair)
Ms Nicola Anderson (Deputy Safeguarding Lead, Unity Academy)
Ms Susan Collins (Designated Safeguarding Lead, Westminster Primary School)
Mr Tim Craven (Designated Safeguarding Officer, Blackpool Sixth Form College)
Ms Alicia Gibbons (Principal and Designated Safeguarding Lead, Gateway Primary Academy)
Ms Rebecca Gudgeon (Deputy Principal and Designated Safeguarding Lead, Westcliff Primary School)
Ms Jackie Hughes (Deputy Safeguarding Lead, Montgomery High School)
Mr Chris McConnachie (Safeguarding Governor, Hodgson Academy)
Mr Tony Nicholson (TN) (FCAT CEO)
Mr Neill Oldham (NO) (Designated Safeguarding Lead, Aspire Academy)
Ms Sian Rawson (SR) (Designated Safeguarding Lead elect, Aspire Academy)
Ms Gail Yeadon (GY) (Designated Safeguarding Lead, Blackpool Sixth Form College and Safeguarding Governor, Montgomery High School)

Mr Matthew Frith (MF) (Detective Sergeant Blackpool Multi Agency Safeguarding Hub) – for part of the meeting

Mrs Kath Buddle (FCAT Governance Administrator – minutes)

Apologies: Mr S Brennand, Mr B Greene, Ms L Knowles, Ms G Smith, Ms H Wood, Ms F Bate, Mr P Murphy, Ms J Morgan, Ms V Blakeman, Mr B Wiseman, Ms J Aionesei and Mrs S Burrows.

1. Preliminaries

The Chair welcomed everyone to the meeting.

Introductions were made. The number of apologies was noted.

2. Declarations of interest

None

3. Minutes of the meeting held on 26th April 2018 and matters arising

The Minutes of the meeting were approved. The following items were noted:

3.1 Sale of cigarettes and e-cigarettes to under age children (Item 4) – the Chair reported that a programme of tests across the retail sector in Blackpool to identify illegal sales was currently taking place and that a report on the outcomes would be made available.

3.2 Swimming Strategy (Item 5) – TN reported that he had met with AG and Sue Burrows to discuss the issues highlighted at the previous meeting. A brief audit of practice across FCAT primaries was taking place. AG confirmed that the key issue for primaries was the need for ‘catch up’ swimming lesson provision for those children that did not manage to learn to swim by the end of the school year.

3.3 Link to cycling safety resources and other national documents (Items 5 and 13) – the Clerk confirmed that the links had been circulated.

3.4 Barclay’s Project (Item 6.6) – the Chair confirmed that the project had struggled to get off the ground for a variety of reasons and that he would contact Barclay’s to explain that the FCAT Safeguarding Board could no

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longer be involved. There was an opportunity for colleagues to discuss an alternative project in the future.

- 3.5 Peer review audit** (Item 12) – this was deferred to the next meeting in light of changes to the DSL position at Mereside Primary School from September 2018.

4. FCAT Safeguarding and Child Protection Policy

The Clerk summarised the key revisions made to the FCAT Safeguarding and Child Protection Policy in light of changes to Keeping Children Safe in Education.

TN reported that Simon Brennand had been appointed as the FCAT Safeguarding Lead from September 2018 and his details had been included in the policy. Other changes included increased emphasis on meeting the needs of Previously Looked After Children as well as Looked After Children and addressing peer on peer abuse.

A section of the policy had been made available for each FCAT academy to incorporate its own local safeguarding issues and actions to address these.

The Clerk mentioned that she would be including a paragraph on the Single Central Register on the advice of the HR Team.

The Chair asked for a paragraph on the role of the FCAT Safeguarding Board to be included in the introduction.

Clerk

5. Keeping Children Safe in Education revisions

The Chair highlighted the key changes to Keeping Children Safe in Education and in particular sections on:

- Multi agency working on page 19
- Information sharing and responses to the new General Data Protection Regulations (GDPR) on page 20
- The Child's wishes on page 23
- Looked After Children and Previously Looked After Children on page 24
- The use of reasonable force on page 26
- A flowchart on Disclosure and Barring Service (DBS) checks and other safer recruitment practices on page 38
- Details of records to be kept on page 41
- Regulations in respect of agency and other third party staff on page 48
- DBS checks for governors on page 45
- Work experience placements on page 48
- Checks on children staying with host families as part of school visits on page 49
- Specific actions to follow if staff have been involved in a criminal investigation on pages 59-60
- Part 5 of the guidance on peer on peer abuse from page 62-74.

GY agreed to send a link to a de-escalation and positive handling training programme provided by Team Teach for circulation to the group.

GY/Clerk

6. Level 2 (Early Help) Provision

The Chair led a discussion on the increasing requirement on schools to provide early help support to families and the impact of this. Members of the Safeguarding Board highlighted the problems experienced as a result of not having the full amount of information to hand about particular families which often affected the level of support the academy could offer.

Also mentioned was the impact on the relationships between academies and families as staff became more involved in work previously carried out by external agencies.

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MF explained his role which was to supervise the team that processed referrals to partner agencies and to identify appropriate sharing pathways. He outlined the issues his team had to contend with including the need to acquire consent before sharing information, which, he acknowledged, had a significant impact on the effectiveness and speed of access to appropriate care.

The Chair identified a need for an information sharing agreement between the Police and the FCAT academies and it was agreed to discuss the matter further with Lee Wilson from the Police at the next meeting. The Chair asked the Clerk to arrange a pre-meeting with Lee and himself and TN in advance of the next meeting.

Clerk
(agenda)

Clerk

The Chair thanked MF for his input and he left the meeting.

7. Safeguarding Risk Register

The Safeguarding Risk Register (Paper 8) was reviewed.

The Clerk agreed to make the following changes suggested by the group:

- **Risk 14** (Vulnerable young people losing support at critical times) – amend probability score to 2 so 6 (Amber rating) overall. Add fact that schools hold and circulate emergency contact numbers as an existing control and potential for primary academies to discuss their procedures in advance of the next meeting.
- **Risk 15** (Children and young people at risk of self harm/suicide) – add fact that training is in place in most settings. GY agreed to pass on information on the ASIST training programme for circulation.
- **Risk 16** (Reduction in capacity of supporting agencies) – add need to re-establish contact with CAMHS as an action.
- **Risk 17** (Unsafe travel for students on public transport) – add fact that Chair is requesting a meeting with the Chief Executive Officer of Blackpool Transport as an action.
- **Risk 18** (Unsafe use of social media by children, young people and others) – add fact that this will be an item for further discussion at the next FCAT Safeguarding Board meeting.

Clerk
(agenda and
risk register
changes)

GY/Clerk

8. Road and community safety issues

The Chair provided feedback on actions to address road safety concerns raised by students at previous meetings.

A traffic survey had been carried out on All Hallows Road outside Montgomery High School, and work to make the road one way was expected to take place over the summer in time for the start of the new academic year.

NO and GY reported that a traffic survey had also been carried out on Blackpool Old Road outside Aspire Academy, Highfurlong School and Blackpool Sixth Form College but that the boundary issue (part of the road fell into Blackpool Council's remit and part into Lancashire County Council's) was preventing further developments to address speeding traffic. The academy and college had been advised to appoint a crossings attendant but it was felt that students would be unlikely to make use of this. The problem was exacerbated by drivers parking vans and heavy goods vehicles (HGVs) outside the Cabin on the corner with Mowbray Drive in the mornings.

The Chair agreed to contact John Blackledge, Director of Community and Environmental Services at Blackpool Council again to discuss the possibility of putting in place a restrictive order on HGVs using Mowbray Drive between 8.00am and 8.45am.

Chair

NO gave his apologies and left the meeting.

9. Recent Safeguarding Case Study

The Board considered a case study provided by one of the FCAT academies about the impact of a behavioural issue. The case highlighted the extreme lengths the academy had had to go to in order to place the child in an appropriate setting.

AG gave her apologies and left the meeting.

10. Discrimination issues

JH provided feedback to the group on actions in place at Montgomery High School to address homophobia, one of the issues raised by a student at a previous meeting. The academy had appointed diversity prefects and the senior head boy had taken on the role of champion for LGBT (Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender) students/issues. An LGBT group was also in place.

11. National, Regional and Local Developments

The Chair provided the following updates:

- **Reorganisation of Local Safeguarding Children Boards (LSCBs)** – this was moving forward and was expected to result in more streamlined structures. All areas would be required to published their plans by the end of June 2019 and to have these in place by September 2019.
- **Serious case reviews** – from 6th June 2018 a new Child Safeguarding Practice Review Panel led by Edward Timpson, former Minister of State for Vulnerable Children, would review the most serious cases across the country to share lessons and improve practice.
- **Gun and knife crime** – a new Department for Education (DfE) unit was being created to look specifically at reducing gun and knife crime amongst young people.

The Clerk was asked to circulate links to other safeguarding updates provided by the Chair.

Clerk

12. New risks

No new risks were identified.

13. Meetings for 2018-2019

Meetings for the next academic year were circulated. In light of the number of apologies for this meeting, the Clerk was asked to check the June date for next year's meeting with members of the group to make sure as many as possible could attend.

Clerk

Signed: _____(Chair)

Date: _____