

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

Meeting No. 22

Date: Tuesday 9th October 2018
Venue: Westminster Primary Academy
Time: 4.15pm

Present: Dr David Sanders (Chair)
Mr Simon Brennand (SB) (FCAT Safeguarding Lead & Designated Safeguarding Lead, Unity Academy)
Ms Sarah Bamber (Principal and Designated Safeguarding Lead, Mereside Primary School)
Ms Fiona Bate (Designated Safeguarding Lead, Hodgson Academy)
Ms Susan Collins (Designated Safeguarding Lead, Westminster Primary School)
Ms Liz Cumming (Designated Safeguarding Person, Montgomery High School)
Ms Lisa Fleet (Safeguarding Governor, Mereside Primary School)
Mr Bill Greene (BG) (Safeguarding Governor, Aspire Academy)
Mr Tom Holland (TH) (Designated Safeguarding Person, Blackpool Sixth Form College)
Mr Chris McConnachie (Safeguarding Governor, Hodgson Academy)
Ms Alison McEwan (Safeguarding Governor, Armfield Academy)
Ms Jennifer Morgan (Designated Safeguarding Lead, Garstang Community Academy)
Mr Peter Murphy (Safeguarding Governor, Garstang Community Academy)
Ms Sian Rawson (Designated Safeguarding Lead, Aspire Academy)
Ms Sue Robinson (Designated Safeguarding Person, Gateway Primary Academy)
Ms Jane Walpole (Designated Safeguarding Person, Mereside Primary School)
Ms Janette Webster (Designated Safeguarding Lead, Armfield Academy)

Mrs Kath Buddle (FCAT Governance Administrator – minutes)

Apologies:

Apologies were received from Gail Yeadon, Tim Craven, Gill Smith, Victoria Blakeman and Nicola Anderson.

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| <p>1. Preliminaries
The Chair welcomed everyone to the meeting. Introductions were made.</p> | |
| <p>2. Declarations of interest
None</p> | |
| <p>3. Level 2 (Early Help) Provision
The Chair reported that he had not yet been able to meet with Chief Inspector Lee Wilson, Lead Officer for the Blackpool Multi Agency Safeguarding Hub, to discuss links to Early Help provision but would keep everyone informed of developments once he had.</p> | |
| <p>4. Minutes of the meeting held on 21st June 2018 and matters arising
The minutes of the meeting were approved. The following matters were noted:</p> <p>4.1 Sale of cigarettes and e-cigarettes to under age children (Item 3.1) – this was one of the issues that the Director of Community and Environmental Services at Blackpool Council was due to report back on. The Chair agreed to speak to him on this matter prior to the next meeting.</p> <p>4.2 Changes to FCAT Safeguarding and Child Protection Policy (Item 4) and the Risk Register (Item 7) – the Clerk confirmed that the agreed changes had been made to the Policy and the Risk Register.</p> <p>4.3 Links to websites (Items 5 and 11) – the Clerk confirmed that links had been circulated to the Safeguarding Board.</p> | |

5. FCAT Safeguarding Board Membership and Terms of Reference

The terms of reference were approved with a slight change to the tenth bullet point to say that the Safeguarding Board 'would normally consist of **up to** three members from each participating FCAT institution'.

6. Ofsted Review of Multi Academy Trusts (MATs) – safeguarding issues

The Board considered the following safeguarding findings from a number of pilot reviews of MATs carried out by Ofsted over the last year (Paper 7):

- The need for a central officer to co-ordinate safeguarding work across the Trusts. This had been a common recommendation for a number of the Trusts reviewed. The Chair explained that FCAT had appointed Simon Brennand as the Trust's Safeguarding Lead from 1st September 2018 and that his role would be to co-ordinate safeguarding activities across FCAT; ensure implementation of actions agreed by the Safeguarding Board and oversee consistency across the Trust's academies.
- Application of safeguarding audits in schools in order to identify areas of concern to be addressed and good practice that might be shared. In response to a question from the Chair about whether or not external safeguarding reviews were carried out by the Trust, the FCAT Safeguarding Lead confirmed that one had been completed in March 2018 by Mazars, the Trust's auditors. Section 175 audits were also completed by each FCAT academy annually as required. However, the introduction of a programme of peer reviews across the Trust would help to further strengthen safeguarding practices and it was agreed to discuss a programme for these later in the meeting.
- A suggestion that local governing bodies should examine the findings of safeguarding audits carried out at their respective academies as required. It was agreed that this was something that should take place across FCAT and the Clerk was asked to incorporate these into the academy councils' schedule of meetings for the year and to ensure that Directors were made aware of any key findings from the audits at their meetings.
- Working with external partners to further raise awareness of safeguarding needs within the diverse communities of the Trust was identified as an area that could be improved on across FCAT. The Safeguarding Board's Plan for the year (Safeguarding Quality Improvement Group – QIG- Plan) included a number of links with local agencies to improve access to services and address safeguarding concerns and it was agreed to review these over the course of the year.

Clerk

The Chair and the FCAT Safeguarding Lead reminded members of the Board of the need to audit the Single Central Registers (SCRs) on a termly basis and to ensure that safeguarding training records were kept up to date. The Trust was currently reviewing a training programme which might be rolled out in the near future.

BG relayed information about a possible safeguarding issue that might have happened during visits by primary children to secondary schools in the Trust which the FCAT Safeguarding Lead agreed to check up on.

SB

BG also highlighted Appendix E of the FCAT Safeguarding and Child Protection Policy which provided information on safeguarding governor responsibilities. It was agreed to discuss this in more detail at the next meeting.

Clerk
(agenda)

7. Ofsted Inspecting Safeguarding Guidance

The recently revised guidance (Paper 8) was noted. The FCAT Safeguarding Lead confirmed that the number of changes to the document had been small but, due to the rise in number of reports of peer on peer abuse and sexual harassment cases and the significant impact of these on children and young people, these had been given higher profiles in the guidance.

Two members of the Safeguarding Board reported back on incidents of peer on peer abuse taking place outside Armfield and Hodgson Academies. The prevalence of groups coming into the area and expecting young people to sell drugs and other illegal goods for them was also noted. The Clerk agreed to investigate training being provided by Blackpool Council on this and to pass the details on to Safeguarding Board members.

Clerk

8. FCAT Quality Improvement Groups (QIGs) action planning 2018-19

The Safeguarding Board approved the draft Safeguarding QIG plan for the year (attached as Appendix A to these minutes) and agreed lead responsibilities and monitoring arrangements.

The FCAT Safeguarding Lead identified the potential to roll out Applied Suicide Intervention Skills Training (ASIST) across the Trust as one of the milestones in the action to develop a strategy to support good mental health of pupils/students. TH offered to provide details of the programme recently delivered at Blackpool Sixth Form College to the FCAT Safeguarding Lead.

TH

9. Peer Review Programme

The Safeguarding Board approved the safeguarding audit template (Paper 10) for use in safeguarding peer audits and agreed the following programme of audits across the rest of the year:

Academy	Lead reviewer	Assisted by	Date– by end
Aspire	Simon Brennand	Sue Collins & Liz Cumming	November 2018
Armfield	Nicola Anderson	Sue Collins & Sian Rawson	December 2018
Montgomery	Gail Yeadon	Janette Webster & Lisa Fleet	January 2019
Unity	Holly Wood	Sue Robinson & Jane Walpole	March 2019
Mereside	Nicola Anderson	Lisa Fleet	May 2019
Gateway	Jane Walpole	Jenny Morgan	May 2019
Garstang	Simon Brennand	Liz Cumming	June 2019

10. Pupil/Student engagement

The pupil engagement arrangements in meetings over the rest of the year were agreed starting with Mereside Primary pupils at the next meeting. A 4pm start for the next meeting was also agreed in order to better accommodate pupils.

The FCAT Safeguarding Lead put forward an idea for a Student Conference for FCAT primary and secondary pupils to take place in the Spring Term and agreed to bring a draft programme and provisional date to the next meeting.

SB/Clerk
(agenda)

11. LSCB Shadow Board

The Clerk reported that the shadow board had now been disbanded.

12. National, Regional and Local Developments

The Chair provided information on the following:

- Research in Practice - <https://www.rip.org.uk/> - a website supporting evidence based practice with children and families. The organisation is funded by local authorities and the Chief Executive, Dez Holmes, is a highly regarded safeguarding practitioner. The Chair recommended her as a potential speaker at any future events.
- University of Bedfordshire child sexual exploitation (CSE) research - <https://www.beds.ac.uk/ic/films> - 12 films aimed at anyone wanting to access learning from the latest research on CSE.
- Working Together to Safeguard Children, August 2018 - <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/working-together-to-safeguard-children--2> - this is the latest version. The July 2018 version had included some errors which have been addressed in this version.
- Changes to Local Safeguarding Children's Boards (LSCB) structure – the Chair confirmed that every area has now been tasked with putting in place arrangements for Health, Local Authority and Police partners to meet but that these will vary in terms of size of area. Partners will be asked to put a collective safeguarding plan in place for their area.

The Department for Education (DfE) has invited key 'early adopters' to come forward with example plans in the first instance and Trafford, Salford and Tameside have done so. Blackpool and Lancashire will be looking at the outcomes from these before responding with their own plans. There has been a suggestion that Lancashire, Blackpool and Blackburn with Darwen will collaborate on a plan but nothing has been confirmed on this yet. Chairs of LSCBs have been asked to focus on actions to address three key issues i.e. managing the safeguarding impact of young people permanently excluded from school, access to mental health services for children and young people and reducing self-harming amongst children and young people.

- NSPCC How Safe are Our Children 2018 - <https://learning.nspcc.org.uk/research-resources/how-safe-are-our-children/> - comprehensive overview of child protection in the UK. The report shows increased instances of CSE cases, cases of indecency with a child and of cruelty and neglect of children; the fact that one quarter of young people have reported that they have been contacted online by people they do not know; a decrease in the number of child deaths from assault and abuse but an increase in the number of suicides by young people aged 15 – 19.

13. Road safety and community issues

The Chair provided feedback on his meeting with John Blackledge, Blackpool Council's Director of Community and Environmental Services about road safety developments outside Aspire Academy/Blackpool Sixth Form College and Montgomery High School.

John had approached local businesses on Mowbray Drive and asked them to consider signing up to a voluntary agreement to deter heavy goods vehicles

(HGVs) from using the Westfield Avenue entrance/egress between 8.00am and 8.45am on week day mornings which would reduce the danger to students from traffic on their way into school/college. Blackpool Council and Lancashire County Council were also working together to transfer full ownership of Blackpool Old Road over to Blackpool Council in order to make road safety arrangements easier to implement.

The potential to make All Hallows Road outside Montgomery High School one way was still out to public consultation.

The Chair was asked if he could contact John about the possibility of him liaising with residents near Unity Academy on the introduction of a pedestrian crossing outside the academy.

Chair

14. New risks

No new risks to add to the Risk Register were identified.

15. June 2019 meeting

The Chair highlighted the poor attendance at the last meeting in June and asked if a different date might be needed for this year.

Following a brief discussion, it was agreed to leave the date as scheduled i.e. 20th June 2018. Each academy was asked to ensure that at least one of its representatives was present at the meeting.

16. Date of next meeting

Wednesday 21st November 2018 at 4.00pm.
Mersey Primary School.

LF gave her apologies for this meeting in advance.

Signed: _____(Chair)

Date: _____