

## DSL meeting – 1<sup>st</sup> June 2021 – notes

**In attendance:** Celina Adams, David Bentley, Kelly Lee, Irene Kenny, Ross Leather, Maxi Leigh, Mandy Smith, Hallam Walker-Smart, Rosaleen Lynch

**Apologies:** Matt Atkins, Kerry Devine, Jo Jepson

### Redthread – presentation on Stepping Up/Down Services:

- Challenges of working through the pandemic:
  - Offering remote support (hospital internet isn't good)
  - Staff not returning after 5 weeks - exposure to COVID-19.
  - Moved to A&E.
  - PPE requirements
  - Reshape of training programme.
  - Risk assessments/community visits.
- What's worked better:
  - 100% engagement from referrals made in hospital - normally 80-85%.
  - Not having family/friends at bedside (often a distraction from engagement)
  - Reduced night time related violence for a while.
- Re-opening:
  - Video calls work with some but not others.
  - Will keep offering YP the opportunity to meet face-to-face.
  - Risk assessments
  - COVID-19 safety planning.
  - YP are reacting to 'space' guidelines (protecting family members) which means that YP are not mixing with peer group as much.

### CGL Jigsaw feedback

- Feel can't do the best work unless face-to-face. Some YP can pay lip service (non-verbal cues).
- Concern re: implications of YP being locked down for so long.

### Support for Survivors Feedback

- Some women are not using the online services but there has been an increase in male service users talking online.

### Stronger People feedback

- Haven't stopped face-to-face engagement throughout the pandemic.
- Filling gaps where strategic services were not allowed face-to-face visits.
- Now having to be more mindful of YP being overwhelmed

### NCSCB

- \*2 national reports.

- New training officer; Graham. \*Annual report.
- Rapid review analysis. 33 full reviews, 135 rapid reviews.

SAB feedback:

- Strategic step back. Made apportioned assurance seeking
- NICE guidelines ongoing in care homes.
- World Elder Abuse Day.
- Several SAR's ongoing – criminal investigation ongoing.
- June Board – non-recent abuse (Exsum report). 2 representatives from church coming to the board.
- Shared agendas re transitional safeguarding (from Children's to Adults Services). Reason being – YP at risk of exploitation (Contextualised safeguarding context) Referrals thro' Youth Justice/CSC.