

Notes from Designated Safeguarding Leads (DSL) Meeting

Zoom Meeting 3rd June 2020 3pm – 4pm

Present:

Celina Adams, NCVS

Paul Langley, Chair

Janet Lewis, Base 51 Co-chair

David Bentley, RedThread

Laura Woodward, Safer Living Foundation

Amy Downer, Nacro

Ross Leather, NCC adults safeguarding

Jane Daffe, Jane Daffe Education

Rebecca Soundy, Action for Young Carers

Apologies:

Dawn Claypole, Literacy Volunteers

Paul opened the meeting by clarifying today's purpose, which is to keep momentum in these challenging times and to raise any current pressures.

Discussion from meeting 11th March 2020

(It was acknowledged that actions from this meeting were overtaken by lockdown!)

NCVS Website. This is now up and running from 23rd March and it was asked if there could be a page for safeguarding. Information can now be sent to NCVS and relevant documents can be added to a resource page. Email ncvs@nottinghamcvs.co.uk.

Supervision

A discussion on supervision was held, including looking at reflective practice and peer supervision. Ross to send the adult checklist for supervision.

Other discussion was on chronologies and geograms and what resources are available. A YouTube video was mentioned for training purposes “good to use at the end” (was this mentioned by Young Carers?).

A code of conduct for staff as part of safeguarding was previously discussed at the March 2020 meeting – Dawn to share a document Literacy Volunteers use.

Other items

CLG offering training on Drugs

Training – Celina taking over the safeguarding training at NCVS when Paul retires.

County Council E-Learning.

Laura (Safer Living Foundation) shared they are now working through telephone, Zoom and WhatsApp. Laura will send guidance they have put together for using these platforms. Janet also said counsellors at Base 51 are being trained in telephone /online counselling before using these. Guidance is on the BACP website. Base 51 is also starting to use Discord to deliver sessions and mental health support to young people.

Amy (Nacro) asked for support to escalate serious sexual exploitation they are experiencing in their accommodation projects. Although this has been raised with the Concerns mtg, the response from the police could be improved. Ross offered to look at who should be contacted.

Overall, there seems to have been a decline in the number of safeguarding concerns identified and referrals made during the lockdown period, although these are now starting to increase.

RedThread have been following guidance for remote working, but are now looking at returning to their hospital base. They did not have any referrals for the first two weeks of lockdown.

Training

Face-to-face training has stopped; Celina and Paul are looking at different ways of delivering training.

Ross offered to send CSkIE (?) training links out.

RedThread are working with Catch 22 and Google on training for youth work. David to share resources and see if there is a cost.

Base 51 is delivering safeguarding to staff and can open this out if there are spaces. Janet to see how this is working and how long the training lasts. Training using Zoom needs to have breaks built in.

Resuming Work

It was acknowledged this could still be some way off. The safeguarding Board are putting together a risk and issues spreadsheet, considering factors such as surge in demand and resilience in the workforce. Ross will send the spreadsheet out.

Is the Schools DSL still meeting? If so, have they any learning for us as we resume work?

Looking to the future, funding will be an issue for groups.

Information could be uploaded to the website page as well as being circulated.

Chair's Role

Paul and Janet are stepping down in the next few months, so a chair/co-chair is needed although Paul has offered to chair the next meeting in September (thank you Paul!)

Celina is happy to chair and facilitate as NCVS is providing training. A Co Chair is needed as well.

AOB

Young Carers are still taking referrals and running their youth employment project.

NCVS reminder that the website is live and accepting referrals for group support.

This week is Volunteers' Week – NCVS is running a campaign with Nottingham City Council “You’re a Nottingham Star”, to ensure that volunteers can be recognised.

Next Meeting - 15th September 2020 3pm - 4pm Zoom.