



South Tees Safeguarding Children Partnership

STSCP MEMBERS MEETING

VIRTUAL MEETING HELD ON MONDAY 18TH JANUARY 2021 AT 2:00PM

NAME		DESIGNATION & AGENCY	PRST	APLS
Sue Butcher	SB	Chair / Executive Director of Children's Services, Middlesbrough Council	√	
Mark Adams	MA	Director of Public Health, South Tees		
Karen Agar	KA	Associate Director of Nursing, Tees Esk & Wear Valley NHS Foundation Trust	√	
Alison Barnes	ABa	Councilor, Cabinet Member for Children & Families, Redcar & Cleveland Borough Council	√	
Phil Bond	PB	Detective Superintendent, Head of Safeguarding Department, Cleveland Police	√	
Kathryn Boulton	KB	Director of Children's Service, Redcar & Cleveland Borough Council	√	
Anne Brock	ABr	Named Nurse Middlesbrough & Stockton, Harrogate & District NHS Foundation Trust	√	
Rob Brown	RB	Director of Education & Partnerships, Middlesbrough Council		√
Jayne Bulmer	JB	Service Manager Safeguarding, Children & Families Service Redcar & Cleveland Borough Council (agenda item 4 only)	√	
Emma Carney	EC	Service & Case Support Worker, South Tees Youth Offending Service / STSCP Business Support Officer (observing)	√	
June Craven	JC	Safeguarding Officer for Schools, Redcar & Cleveland Borough Council	√	
Kay Dargue	KD	Head of Partnerships, Middlesbrough Council / South Tees Youth Offending Service	√	
Paul Diggins	PD	Business Partner (Planning & Performance), Stockton on Tees Borough Council		√
John Dixon	JD	Head Teacher, Beech Grove Primary School, Middlesbrough		√
Rachel Farnham	RF	Director of Children's Care, Middlesbrough Council		√
Deborah Fenny	DF	Detective Chief Inspector / Chair of the STSCP Learning & Development Working Group, Cleveland Police		√
Jo Gamble	JGa	Assistant Director of Nursing (Safeguarding), South Tees Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust	√	
Lorraine Garbutt	LG	Business Manager, Tees Safeguarding Adults Board	√	
Jean Golightly	JGo	Executive Nurse, Tees Valley Clinical Commissioning Group	√	
Antony High	AH	Councilor, Mayor & Councilors, Middlesbrough Council		√
Angela Icton	AI	Senior Officer (Planning & Performance), Stockton-On-Tees Borough Council		√
Alisha Lynas	AL	Head of Service, CAFCASS		√
Clare Mahoney	CM	Assistant Director of Education, Redcar & Cleveland Borough Council	√	
Lisa Orchard	LO	Assistant Chief Constable, Cleveland Police	√	
Shaun Page	SP	Detective Chief Inspector / Chair of the Tees Strategic VEMT Group, Cleveland Police	√	
Ann Powell	AP	Head of Cleveland LDU, Her Majesty's Prison & Probation Service		√
Kinga Pusztai	KP	Head Teacher, Newcomen Primary School, Redcar & Cleveland	√	

Darren Redgewell	DR	Durham Tees Valley Community Rehabilitation Company		√
Rebecca Scott	RS	Advanced Health Practitioner / Children's Lead, South Tees Public Health	√	
Ben Short	BS	Head of Safeguarding & Care Planning, Middlesbrough Children's Services (agenda item 4 only)	√	
Mieka Smiles	MS	Councilor / Executive Member for Communities & Education	√	
Peter Storey	PS	Local Authority Designated Officer, Middlesbrough Council (for agenda item 7 only)	√	
Rosemary Thwaites	RT	Designated Doctor, Tees Valley Clinical Commissioning Group	√	
Sue Walters	SW	Head of Safeguarding Children, NHS Tees Valley Clinical Commissioning Group	√	
Gary Watson	GW	Partnership Manager, South Tees Safeguarding Children's Partnership	√	
Ann Marie Fishwick	AMF	Minute Taker / South Tees Safeguarding Children Partnership Administrator	√	

1	<u>Introductions & Apologies</u>
1.1	Chair gave welcome
2	<u>Minutes & Matters Arising from Monday 30th November 2020</u>
2.1	The following actions have been completed and can be noted as discharged, although they may be subject to further discussion under their respective identified agenda items: Pages 5 & 6, Tees VEMT Annual Report and actions 6.2b, 6.2f and 6.2g Page 8, Future Meetings Section: Update to STSCP meetings for 2021 and 2022
2.2	Page 2, Section 2.3 & 2.3a - chair noted that this action remains outstanding given that it has a timeframe of March 2021. RS an ABr confirmed that they remain on track to address this action in the March meeting.
2.2a	Action: RS and ABr to provide a briefing on the progression of the new model provided by Harrogate & District NHS Foundation Trust to the meeting scheduled for March 2021.
2.3	Page 3, Section 2.4a, Police Referrals – it was confirmed that the second sentence should have read <i>'There will be Cleveland Police cover in all four areas'</i> with the word 'be' missing from the minutes. SP confirmed that he would have to leave this meeting at 2:30pm in order to engage in the Cleveland Police MACH meeting. The meeting has been scheduled, as there is a desire to push ahead with the plans for Police professionals in the Middlesbrough and Redcar & Cleveland MACHs, which was identified at the last meeting. PB confirmed that this is a priority for the Police now, given an awareness of an Ofsted visit before the end of March 2021. SP noted that the provision would be completed on a phased approach on which further support can be built on.
2.4	Page 3, Section 4 & Action 4.1c, Multi-Agency Children's Hub: Threshold Document – GW confirmed that this continues to be a work in progress with the Middlesbrough amendments completed by Siobhan Davies (Principal Social Worker). A meeting has been scheduled with the Tees Procedures group and feedback from this can be provided. Chair noted that this document should be signed off by the time of the next meeting with confirmation that the minutes of this meeting should identify that the timeframe for the work has been extended and there is a record of decisions being made.
2.5	Page 5, 6.1a, Tees VEMT Annual Report – it was identified that the VEMT report talks about the experience of the Joint Targeted Area Inspection (JTAI) but under the current circumstances, it may be that this process is not in place. Despite this, the JTAI process may return at some point in the future but this does not prevent agencies / professionals continuing to work together to which KB noted her agreement.
2.6	Page 6, Section 8.1a to 8.1c, Middlesbrough LADO Annual Report – as noted within the last meeting, it had been agreed that this item was deferred to the agenda for this meeting, which will be undertaken under agenda item 7.

2.7	Page 7, Section 9, STSCP Annual Report – it was confirmed that the Annual Report has been submitted to the National Panel and has since been published. A copy has also been shared with the Improvement Advisor with some gaps identified, that we had been aware of. Despite this, the document is now compliant.
2.8	Page 7, Section 10, Training Update and Action Point 10.1c – GW confirmed that it had been scheduled that the discussion in respect of training would be undertaken in the January Learning & Development Group meeting. This meeting had to be rescheduled and with this in mind, an update in respect of the training discussion can be provided to the March meeting. The action from the November meeting will remain open but the timeframe amended in accordance with the information provided.
2.8a	Action: An update in respect of the training discussion from the rescheduled Learning & Development Group meeting to be provided within the Learning & Development Group Update report to the next meeting.
2.9	Page 8, Section 11, Teenage Pregnancy Update – RS confirmed that there is a meeting scheduled for Tuesday 19 th January 2021 with note that good contacts had been provided, as well as the identification of different projects being completed in different areas. She confirmed a wish to circulate more information from the Task & Finish Group meeting prior to the next meeting.
2.10	Members agreed that the minutes of the meeting are a true and accurate record.
3	<u>STSCP</u>
3.1a	Revised Structure – GW confirmed that he had updated the report following on from the extra ordinary meeting Executive meeting held to address the document. The resulting updated report has been circulated for this meeting. Chair noted her assumption that all members had read the document in advance of the meeting and asked for any comments from members. GW provided a brief overview of the changes made including the removed of the middle group and that there had been an agreement that the STSCP Executive Group would have chair by an independent person. The STSCP Development Group will remain, as they will be consulted in respect of events and additional links. The membership of the STSCP Executive Group has been agreed with confirmation that the group will consist of the Directors of Middlesbrough and Redcar & Cleveland Children's Services, the Executive Nurse for Tees Valley Clinical Commissioning Group and senior management from Cleveland Police.
3.1b	Chair noted the history and previous membership of the STSCP Executive, which had originally been chaired by Tony Parkinson in order to progress the Partnership. GW confirmed chair's information with note that the Executive Leads in each agency will no longer be involved in the STSCP Executive but the group would report to them on a quarterly basis. Chair confirmed that TP has confirmed his agreement with the new arrangements with confirmation that he would require a six monthly meeting with the agenda for these meetings to be confirmed. KB confirmed that TP's equivalent in Redcar & Cleveland (John Sampson) has noted his agreement to the new arrangements with a want to stay sighted on the Partnership. LO confirmed that her manager is of the same opinion and are happy with the new process with chair identifying that this needs to be recorded. JGo noted her managers' agreement and confirmed that the process is the same as that undertaken north of Tees.
3.2a	Independent Scrutineer / Chair – GW confirmed that the Independent Person would chair the STSCP Executive meetings and the STSCP Group meetings. The position has gone out to advert but there has been limited success to date therefore this is being addressed through other avenues including contact with the Independent Chairs Association. Chair noted a person identified by the Improvement Advisor and JGo confirmed that she had identified a person with chair confirming that she would hold discussions with both individuals. There had been a concern identified in respect of the advertisement for the post only being circulated through Middlesbrough Council's website, which may result in the post being missed given that the role is for the Partnership. It was agreed that a refresh of the approach in recruiting would be worth addressing given that we are looking for a high calibre professional.
3.2b	Chair noted her concern about the finances identified with JGo and KB agreeing with chair that the monetary value of the post should be increased to £500, given that this is the 'going rate'. GW confirmed his agreement to this and would amend the document accordingly.
3.2c	Action: GW to amend the advertisement for the Independent Scrutineer / Chair and the approach to recruitment in line with the discussion noted above.

4	<u>Private Fostering</u>
4.1a	Middlesbrough Report – chair gave welcome to BS who thanked chair for the invitation to speak at meeting and identified his role within Middlesbrough Children’s Services. He confirmed that the document provided is the annual report for 2019 / 2020 with note that the report for 2020 / 2021 will need to be scheduled for circulation shortly. BS provided an overview of the information noted in the report with particular note that support and advice for young people is being provided in line with Middlesbrough Children Matters, with the main focus is in respect of awareness raising of Private Fostering within agencies. ABr questioned whether the main referrer for Private Fostering would be education, although BS noted that notification should come families. Despite this, he identified that there is work to be undertaken in respect of the matter given that the current figures are noted to be quite low.
4.1b	MS questioned whether it is the duty of the families to inform the Local Authority of their arrangement, to which BS confirmed that this is the case. He identified the need for public facing communications to be undertaken; although chair identified that there may be families who are choosing not to let us know of their arrangements. MS questioned that if a family would not inform the Local Authority, what action the Local Authority undertake and is this necessary by law. BS confirmed that it is a legal requirement for a family to notify the Local Authority but if they do not do this and the Local Authority becomes aware, then a home visit would be undertaken. Consideration would be given as to whether the arrangement is appropriate and if not, then a prohibition notice could be served or the Local Authority progress under the Public Law Outline (PLO). If an arrangement were deemed appropriate, then the Local Authority would be supportive given their duty to assess and provide support.
4.1c	Chair identified that as the Private Fostering arrangements is between families, the Local Authority does not provide financial support and this responsibility is owned by the birth parent(s). The duty of the Local Authority is to undertake home visits every six months after the point of assessment to ensure the safety and wellbeing of the child / young person. RT noted that as the process is the same for Middlesbrough and Redcar & Cleveland, there is note of actions to be completed by Redcar & Cleveland. With this in mind, RT questioned whether these actions could be completed on a South Tees basis. She also identified some variance in the information on the Tees Procedures website, which should also be brought together. BS confirmed that he would be open to RTs suggestion.
4.1d	KB noted the need for awareness raising to be a continual process and cannot be undertaken once therefore it needs to part of a programme. BS confirmed that he is looking to internal communications to help with this, so that the awareness raising can be provided periodically. JGo noted her agreement with KB and RT given the benefits derived whilst also noting the mobility of our population. This could result in a private care arrangement where the parents are living in one area whilst the child / young person resides in another area with their carers. With this in mind, there is a need for consistency in the messages. Chair wished to clarify whether we are agreeing to undertake the tasks identified under a joint approach. Members agreed that this would be the most appropriate avenue and KB identified that Jayne Bulmer (JB) is to be tasked with addressing how this is progressed.
4.2a	Redcar & Cleveland Report – JB noted her apologies for not being present during BS’s presentation but confirmed that the information contained within her report is similar. She confirmed that Redcar & Cleveland had not received any external notifications but in the year prior to 2019 / 2020, there had been a notification received from Newcastle Airport and from a GP Surgery. The awareness raising completed internally has made a difference, as they are now clear that when talking about a Nanna, the person may not be the biological relative. Where notifications have not been provided to a Local Authority and the support they can provide, this can have a detrimental effect on the arrangement with an example noted. JB identified that historically, the number of private fostering arrangements have been low with an average of between 5 and 9 with only one child being subject to a long-standing arrangement.
4.2b	In respect of awareness raising, there is a plan for KB to write to schools with a view to clarifying when any children subject to a private fostering arrangement were registered in education. The same letter will be provided to the Admissions Team and General Practitioners. In the coming year, there will be the introduction of Private Fostering Champions for Early Help and the Social Care Teams who will be provided with additional training. The sharing of the learning will ensure that there is an understanding of what to ask and what constitutes a close family member(s). There will also be a Private Fostering week, with information provided through the website including leaflets for professionals, families and children / young people. JB agreed that this could be undertaken jointly with Middlesbrough.

4.2c	<p>JB noted that there is a recommendation that this becomes part of the training and she would be happy to be called upon to deliver this. In addition, she also confirmed that she would share the letters and the posters in advance of Private Fostering week in July. BS shared his initial observations with note that there are similar issues and that awareness raising is a priority. RS questioned whether families have a fear that if they are in a Private Fostering arrangement, they could be getting the family in trouble and a lack of awareness that they are legally required to inform the Local Authority. She also wished to clarify whether there had been any Prohibition Notices or successful care applications made by a Local Authority with JB confirmed that there had been one incident in Redcar & Cleveland, which had resulted in care proceedings.</p>
4.3	<p>In respect of the joint working, chair tasked JB and BS to complete a one page-briefing document. KB identified that the reporting of the Private Fostering information for 2020 / 2021 would be reported to the group earlier than this reports provided to this meeting. GW confirmed that the reports for 2020 / 2021 could be planned into the next phase of meetings with the annual reports scheduled for the June 2021 meeting. KB noted her agreement with forward planning and identified that the newsletter could be used to help promote Private Fostering. Chair identified the messages that need to be shared with professionals and made reference to the case of Victoria Climbié who was allegedly cared for her by her aunt and no checks were ever undertaken to confirm their familial relationship. Chair thanked JB and BS for their attendance and presentation of their respective reports to the group.</p>
4.3a	<p>Action: JB and BS to address the awareness raising of Private Fostering across the South Tees area, which should include the provision of a one page briefing document that can be shared with professionals.</p>
4.3b	<p>Action: GW to plan in the provision of the Middlesbrough and Redcar & Cleveland Private Fostering Annual Reports for 2020 / 2021 into the meetings schedule with a view to presenting to the June meeting.</p>
5	<p><u>Tees VEMT Strategy: For Sign Off</u></p>
5.1	<p>PB confirmed that as SP is not present, he would not be in a position to provide an update, although GW confirmed that the document presented is the final version. JGa confirmed that there had been some comments provided with the resulting amendments completed and the document was agreed at the November Tees Strategic VEMT meeting. It is being presented to this meeting for approval and she would be happy to answer any questions. Chair questioned members whether they were happy to agree the document or if there were any comments. KB noted her agreement to sign off the document within this meeting. Members agreed to sign off the document and chair questioned what the next steps were for the document. GW confirmed that the strategy has yet to be presented to the HSSCP for their approval, as well as the need for it to become a public facing document.</p>
5.2	<p>Chair noted her thanks to GW and JGa for the update in respect of the report and the next steps. GW confirmed that this can be added to the STSCP Website and be subject to the STSCP newsletter with a view to sharing the message. Chair requested that the document also be shared with the Principal Social Workers.</p>
5.2a	<p>Action: GW to share the Tees VEMT Strategy document with the Principal Social Workers for Middlesbrough and Redcar & Cleveland.</p>
6	<p><u>STSCP Reviews / Sub Group Updates</u></p>
6.1a	<p>Learning & Development Working Group – PB noted that DF had had to provide her apologies for this meeting due to unforeseen circumstances, although it was noted that GW could provide an overview of the update report. GW confirmed that the Alex and Pippa Serious Case Reviews remain with the Coroner, although progress is being made with Pippa Serious Case Review. The action plan for the Alex Serious Case Review has been signed off, which is also the case for the Tom Learning Review. With this in mind, both cases will be removed from the live review sheet. In respect of the West Lane TEWV review, it was confirmed that there had been no meetings held before the Christmas period but updates have been provided. The December meeting of the Strategic Oversight Group has now been rescheduled to the 10th February 2021. In respect of this review, JGo wished to clarify that she was subject to a formal interview before the Christmas period and progress is being made with the interviews therefore work is ongoing. Chair thanked JGo for the update.</p>

6.1b	<p>In respect of the Domestic Homicide Review, GW noted that a second review meeting is scheduled for February and the review is starting to make progress. The reviewers have been identified and a first meeting with the professionals has been held. GW noted that he would seek to clarify a prospective date of completion with DF when she is available with any information to be included in the live review document. In respect of the OT / ET review, a presentation is planned for the Learning & Development meeting scheduled for Thursday 28th January 2021 and any actions identified will be taken forward.</p>
6.1c	<p>CSPR Stork has been completed and signed off by the STSCP Executive with the 7-minute briefing document circulated. The document is also available on the STSCP website and the review was noted to have been a positive experience. In respect of CSPR Ethan, there has been a slight delay following on from the completion of the first two meetings and a draft report is expected. This delay has been due to the Lead Reviewer becoming unwell and forthcoming meetings have been rescheduled with a view to completing the process on or before the end of March 2021. In respect of CSPR Liam, GW confirmed that the first practitioners' event was held on Friday 15th January 2021 with good attendance identified and the first version of the report is expected next month. An end date for the process is expected to be the same as CSPR Ethan, with the report to be presented to the STSCP Executive in April.</p>
6.1d	<p>In respect of the CSPR for NGP, this was to be addressed by Clare Hyde but given the similarities to the Lucy review, it has been agreed that the two cases would become one review under the theme of neglect. The scoping meeting has been held and agency reports are expected by the end of the month. The scoping meeting in respect of CSPR Fred has been complete and the report is expected week commencing Monday 25th January 2021 with the process expected to be completed by June 2021. The review is inclusive of Hartlepool Children's Services. The outcome from the GT Rapid Review has been provided to the National Panel and feedback from them is expected this week. In addition, feedback on the proposition of publishing the Stork report on the NSPCC website is expected given that we would require their permission to do so.</p>
6.1e	<p>There were no comments on the information shared by GW but he did wish to note his thanks to all the professionals involved in the CSPR processes, particularly in light of the current pressures on professionals. They are noted to have attended the virtual meetings prepared and chair questioned whether it would be appropriate for a letter to be sent from this group thanking those professionals involved. GW noted his belief that this could be provided, once all the reviews had been completed. Chair referenced the information about the circulation of the 7-minute briefing and questioned how we would know that this has had an impact with an example of BS providing feedback from each social care team having shared the information. GW noted his agreement with chair and that it if for each agency to confirm this with a response provided to this group through the Learning & Development Update report, which would provide an audit trail.</p>
6.1f	<p>PB questioned how we are assured that the learning is being completed given that we are learning the same lessons again, although this could become evident through the Section 11 and the Scrutineer. RT noted her agreement with PB with the need to have a standardised way at looking at the impact, which would be for the Learning & Development group to do.</p>
6.2a	<p>Quality & Performance Group (STSCP Scorecard & Multi Agency Audits) – KD provided a brief overview of the information shared within the report with confirmation that the group is nearing the completion of lives audits of the VEMT Practitioners Group, the Looked After Children and Child Protection meetings. The resulting reports are being addressed with the findings to be shared and further audits are planned for March and April 2021. GW confirmed that a neglect audit is scheduled for February and there is want to get this started. In respect of the performance element of the group, there has been receipt of the Tees Performance Framework document with the group developing the Score Care based on the four themes identified by the Business Plan on a Page. This is a key priority for the group and one of the main areas that it is addressing.</p>
6.2b	<p>It was confirmed that the appendices to the report are the Key Points for consideration, which is identified by Paul Diggins for both areas for consideration by the group. GW noted that the information provided comes from the second quarter, as the third quarter date is not currently available but will be subject to discussion at the next Quality & Performance meeting. KB noted that she liked the look of scorecard, which she thinks will be helpful. RT noted that when looking at the specifics within the scorecard, particularly the voice of the child, she had thought there would be more audit data. GW noted that it can be difficult to measure how we tell whether we ae doing a good job. In respect of domestic violence and child protection for neglect were domestic violence is a feature, there is a want to reduce the number of incidents / plans respectively, although we may find that there may be no change.</p>

6.2c	RS noted her agreement with GW with the need to have a key plan in place to measure the impact. There may be a change to figures but we will still have the same percentage for the cause of neglect, whilst the increase in the voice of the child can be addressed through the Child Protection procedures. KD noted that there is a piece of work being undertaken within VEMT for transition, which is being led by Jeff Watson, as this work could feed into the Quality & Performance Group, as a starting measure. GW noted that there is a need to find ways of measuring and any suggestions from professionals would be welcome but they must be doable. There should not be the need for the collection of more data and the percentage of the number of neglect cases is already easily accessible. GW identified that this matter could be subject to the agenda for the next Quality & Performance meetings.
6.2d	SW identified the recent work undertaken by Guernsey for research in practice on data performance, which came as a reminder from the Munro review in 2011. This had asked how comfortable we are measuring things that are critical and the ability to measure the quality. There is no answer available now but it is being addressed given that it makes a difference for professionals engaging with families. With this in mind, chair asked SW whether she would like to be chair of the Quality & Performance Sub Group with KD identifying that this discussion could be held outside of the meeting.
7	<p><u>LADO Annual Report: Middlesbrough LADO</u></p> <p>7.1 PS noted that the report dates back to March 2019, although there has been significant progress made since then therefore the report is for a moment in time. He also wished to thank Jo Dickson for producing the report and providing the data. PS then provided a brief overview of the report with particular note of pages 7 and the data contained within page 6. He identified an increase in numbers, which could be due to the promotion of the role and a greater understanding of the process by professionals / agencies. There has also been the addressing of the myth that if a LADO becomes involved, they would close an agency down or would not be able to operate. It is very clear that this would only happen when it is needed. PS provided a comparison for Middlesbrough with other areas including Sunderland and Durham, which has evidenced his belief that the number of cases being addressed are what we expect.</p> <p>7.2 In reference of pages 9, 11 and 12, PS provided an overview in respect of the sources of information, timescales and outcomes respectively. There was particular note of the sources of referrals are from Local Authorities / Children's Social Care following by education, Police and health whilst there is an unknown demand both locally and nationally from Sports Associations and religious groups. Despite this, there is an expectation that there will be an increase in the number of referrals from both areas particularly in respect of historic allegations that have yet to become known. PS confirmed that timescales are in place but delay can be experienced given outside factors, although where there is delay there is no risk. The positive outcomes for LADO cases are that the risk is being dealt with and the individual is being managed. The process comes to end when the individual no longer presents a risk in a future organisation.</p> <p>7.3 PS provided a brief overview of the number of live cases and their current position whether that be awaiting court outcomes. Within the LADO process there are two key elements, that of training and development with discussions currently being undertaken with schools about supporting their training and development on how to deal with some allegations. It is hoped that this can be provided on line and where schools are developing their own packages, the LADO came be an element within this. Chair thanked PS for presenting the report and confirmed that the reporting period for the next financial year will be coming soon. Members noted their acceptance of the report and GW noted that the next set of reports could be added to the forward plan for the meetings.</p> <p>7.3a Action: GW to plan in the provision of the Middlesbrough and Redcar & Cleveland LADO Annual Reports for 2020 / 2021 into the meetings schedule with a view to presenting to an identified meeting.</p>
8	<p><u>Training Update</u></p> <p>8.1 It was confirmed that this matter was addressed and minuted accordingly under section 2.8 on page 2 with a resulting action in 2.8a.</p>
9	<p><u>Tees Procedures Annual Report (Terms of Reference included)</u></p> <p>9.1 GW confirmed that the Terms of Reference are attached, which identify what and how the Tees Procedures Group work. They are noted to meet regularly progressing through a comprehensive work programme. The Group has been in place for some time under a tees wide approach but not all procedures are dealt with by the group. There is a list of some of the discussions undertaken this year, as well as note of some procedures that still need to be reviewed and revised.</p>

9.2	GW confirmed that the group is supported by Leanne Stockton, HSSCP Partnership Manager and the meetings are chaired by the Assistant Director of Hartlepool Children's Services (Danielle Swainston). Chair wished to clarify how the Tees Procedures Group fits with the South Tees and KB confirmed that the Tees Procedures Group has representation from all four Local Authority areas, to address the procedures to ensure continuity across the Tees. GW confirmed the positive progress that is being made with good membership and regular attendance / commitment.
10	<u>For Information & Noting:</u>
10.1	Serious Violence Legislation Letter – GW noted that this may be a subject matter for a future meeting, whilst the other items in this section are for members to note. He confirmed that updates in respect of training would be provided to the next meeting (as identified in action 2.8a) noting a wish to return to face-to-face training later in the year. In respect of the 7 Minute Briefing, GW confirmed that a copy of the letter had been provided to Laurie Hunter for her to include the document on the website. He also identified a need for this to be on Redcar & Cleveland's website therefore he would contact KB to progress this action. KB confirmed that this action should be progressed by GW providing the information to Chris Webber (CW) in his role as the Communications lead, so that it can be added to the Children's Services section of the council's website.
10.1a	Action: GW to contact CW in respect of the need for the 7 minute briefing document to be provided and added to the Redcar & Cleveland website.
10.2	The Voice of the Child Poster – KA noted that the poster requires the TEWV logo and GW confirmed that this could be added and the poster recirculated.
11	<u>Any Other Business</u>
11.1a	Ingestion of Substances – ABr wished to clarify that given a fourth review where there has been the ingestion of substances, are we assured that we are getting the message across to families. Chair noted that this is an extremely large question to be addressed. RS identified that there had been specific training provided and the identification of the impact is awaited, which she is addressing, although this is proving difficult. We can confirm what is being done and what needs to be done moving forward. JGo noted her belief that we cannot be reassured and that it would not be appropriate to refresh something that is not working. RT confirmed that the matter is not only about the ingestion of substances but about disguised compliance and how we work with complex families. Chair noted that there is a lengthy discussion to be had in respect of this subject matter, which cannot be undertaken within the limited time still available.
11.1b	GW referred to the detail of the current and historic incidents, which have led to the reviews. Answers to the question posed can also be addressed by the lead reviewers within their respective reviews. SW noted that she had thought about what could be done to address such a big issue including the many elements within this. Chair questioned whether there should be a Task & Finish Group installed to address this matter and members agreed. Any volunteers are to confirm their wish to be involved with GW and it was agreed that ABr would be the chair of the Task & Finish Group, although GW noted that the matter should be addressed through the Learning & Development Group as a starting point, to which ABr confirmed that she would address in the next meeting.
11.1c	Action: GW to ensure that the Ingestion of Substances is to be subject to the agenda for the next Learning & Development Working Group meeting.
11.1d	Action: ABr to address the subject of Ingestion of Substances when is to be discussed within the next Learning & Development Working Group meeting.
11.2	Thank You – Chair thanked members for their attendance and engagement with note of her belief that this had been a proactive and positive meeting.
	<u>Future Meeting Dates</u> The following dates have been agreed for the future: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Monday 15th March 2021 • Monday 17th May 2021 • Monday 12th July 2021 • Monday 20th September 2021 • Monday 22nd November 2021 • Monday 24th January 2022

- Monday 21st March 2022

All meetings will commence at 2:00pm and any changes to the time and / or date of the meetings will only be completed with members' prior notification.

AGENDA ITEM / PAGE NUMBER	ACTION	OWNER	TIMEFRAME
Page 2, Section 2.2a	RS and ABr to provide a briefing on the progression of the new model provided by Harrogate & District NHS Foundation Trust to the meeting scheduled for March 2021.	Rebecca Scott & Anne Brock	On Monday 15 th March 2021
Page 3, Section 2.8a	An update in respect of the training discussion from the rescheduled Learning & Development Group meeting to be provided within the Learning & Development Group Update report to the next meeting.	Gary Watson & Deb Fenny	On Monday 15 th March 2021
Page 5, Section 4.3a	JB and BS to address the awareness raising of Private Fostering across the South Tees area, which should include the provision of a one page briefing document that can be shared with professionals	Jayne Bulmer & Ben Short	Before Thursday 1 st July 2021
Page 5, Section 4.3b	GW to plan in the provision of the Middlesbrough and Redcar & Cleveland Private Fostering Annual Reports for 2020 / 2021 into the meetings schedule with a view to presenting to the June meeting.	Gary Watson	Ongoing
Page 5, Section 5.2a	GW to share the Tees VEMT Strategy document with the Principal Social Workers for Middlesbrough and Redcar & Cleveland.	Gary Watson	On or Before Friday 22 nd January 2021
Page 7, Section 7.3a	GW to plan in the provision of the Middlesbrough and Redcar & Cleveland LADO Annual Reports for 2020 / 2021 into the meetings schedule with a view to presenting to an identified meeting.	Gary Watson	Ongoing
Page 8, Section 10.1a	GW to contact CW in respect of the need for the 7 minute briefing document to be provided and added to the Redcar & Cleveland website.	Gary Watson	On or Before Friday 22 nd January 2021
Page 8, Section 11.1c	GW to ensure that the Ingestion of Substances is to be subject to the agenda for the next Learning & Development Working Group meeting.	Gary Watson	Before & On Thursday 4 th March 2021
Page 8, Section 11.1d	ABr to address the subject of Ingestion of Substances when is to be discussed within the next Learning & Development Working Group meeting.	Anne Brock	On Thursday 4 th March 2021