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**43nd Meeting of the Safeguarding Board for Northern Ireland**

**Wednesday 14th October 2020**

 **2:10pm- 3.30pm**

**Pexip Virtual Platform**

**Public Minutes**

**RECORD OF ATTENDANCE**

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| **Name** | **Title & Organisation** | **Present** | **Apology** |
| Ms Bernie McNally | Independent Chair Safeguarding Board for Northern Ireland | 🗸 |  |
| Mr Neil Anderson | National Head of Service for Northern Ireland NSPCC |  |  |
| Ms Deirdre Mahon | Director of Women & Children's Services, WHSCT |  | 🗸 |
| Stephen McLaughlin | Assistant Director, Family and Childcare (Safeguarding and Corporate Planning), deputising obo Ms Deirdre Mahon | 🗸 |  |
| Dr Martin Cunningham | GP representative of N.I. General Practice Committee |  |  |
| Mr Rodney Morton | Director of Nursing and Allied Health Professionals | 🗸 |  |
| Mr Declan McGeown | Chief Executive, YJA |  | 🗸 |
| Paul McStravick | Director YJA (Interim) Deputising obo Mr Declan McGeown | 🗸 |  |
| D/Chief Superintendent Anthony McNally | Head of Public Protection Branch, PSNI | 🗸 |  |
| Ms Paddy Kelly | Director Children’s Law Centre | 🗸 |  |
| Ms Cheryl Lamont | Chief Executive, PBNI  |  | 🗸 |
| Mr Hugh Hamill | Director of Operations, PBNI, deputising obo Ms Cheryl Lamont | 🗸 |  |
| Ms Pauline Leeson | Chief Executive Children in N. Ireland | 🗸 |  |
| Ms Una Turbitt | Director Interim Children and Young Peoples Services, EANI |  | 🗸 |
| Mr Colin Reid | Head of Safeguarding, Welfare and Inclusion deputising obo Ms Una Turbitt | 🗸 |  |
| Ms Marie Roulston | Director of Social Care and Children, HSCB | 🗸 |  |
| Mr Paul Morgan  | Director of Children & Young People’s Services SHSCT | 🗸 |  |
| Ms Emily Roberts  | Designated Nurse for Safeguarding Children and Young People, PHA |  |  |
| Ms Lorna Ballard | Director NI, Action for Children | 🗸 |  |
| Ms Maura Dargan | Director of Women, Children & Families Division/Executive Director of Social Work, NHSCT | 🗸 |  |
| Ms Michele Janes | Head of Barnardo’s NI | 🗸 |  |
| Ms Barbara Campbell | Director of Social Work/Children’s’ Community services - SEHSCT |  |  |
| Ms Carol Diffin | Director of Social Work/Children's Community Services, - BHSCT |  |  |
| Dr Michael Murray | Co-Director Children Services, BHSCT, deputising obo Ms Carol Diffin |  |  |
| Mr Paddy Mooney | Director, Include Youth |  | 🗸 |
|  Dr Peter Hamill  | Church of Ireland Safeguarding  | 🗸 |  |
| Mr Peter Reynolds  | Chief Executive -NIGALA |  |  |
| Mr David Burns  | CEO Lisburn and Castlereagh Council Solace  |  |  |
| Dr Heather Reid  | Public Health Specialist Director of Public Health Research Development  |  | 🗸 |
| Mr Andrew Thomson | Independent Chair of the CMR Panel | 🗸 |  |
| Ms Yvonne Adair | Independent Safeguarding Panel Chair Southern, South Eastern and Belfast Areas  | 🗸 |  |
| Ms Mary Rafferty | Independent Safeguarding Panel Chair Western and Northern areas | 🗸 |  |
| Mr Simon Rogers  | Non-Executive (Lay) Member  | 🗸 |  |
| Mr Gerard Guckian  | Non-Executive (Lay) Member  | 🗸 |  |
| **In Attendance** |
| Ms Teresa McAllister  | Professional Officer  |
| Ms Caitriona Livingstone | Administration Support |
| Mr David Douglas | Assistant Director, Children’s Services SHSCT |
| Ms Sarah Mason | CEO Women’s Aid Federation NI (WAFNI) |

**Summary of Actions**

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| **Action No.** | **Action:** | **To be completed by:** |
| 1 | The Annual Report will be processed for graphic design | Ms Helen McKenzie |
| 2 | D/C Superintendent Anthony McNally will present the CSE Action to the December Board meeting. | D/C Superintendent Anthony McNally |

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| The minutes from 23rd September were approved as an accurate record of the meeting |
| The Annual Report was approved |
| The Equally Safeguarded document was approved |

**Summary of Board Approval**

**Preliminaries: Apologies, Quorum, Conflict of Interest, Complaints**

The Chair welcomed SBNI members to the meeting. Ms McNally noted apologies from Ms Deirdre Mahon, Dr Heather Reid, Mr David Burns, Ms Pauline Lesson, Mr Declan McGeown, Ms Una Turbitt, Mr Paddy Mooney, Ms Cheryl Lamont and Ms Carol Diffin. The Chair noted the following: Mr Stephen McLaughlin was deputising on behalf of Ms Deirdre Mahon, Mr Colin Reid was deputising on behalf of Ms Una Turbitt, Mr Paul McStravick was deputising on behalf of Mr Declan McKeown, Dr Michael Murray was deputising on behalf of Ms Carol Diffin and Mr Hugh Hamill was deputising obo Ms Cheryl Lamont,

**Conflict of Interest**

The Chair requested that members declare any Conflicts of Interest as and when they arise throughout the meeting.

**1 43/20C/ Previous Minutes**

1.1 Members agreed the minutes from the last Board Meeting on 23rd September were factual and accurate.

1.2 The minutes were subsequently approved as an accurate record of the meeting.

**2.43/20C Matters Arising**

2.1 The Chair provided an update on the matters arising from the last Board meeting (23rd September) as below:

2.2 Ms Dargan advised a Task & Finish Group re: the Case Conference Appeals process was underway in the Policy & Procedure committee. She indicated this group would consider how information was stored on the Trust IT system.

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**3 43/20P Annual Report (see paper BM43-10.20P1)**

3.1 Ms McAllister confirmed comments upon the Annual Report which had been received from Board members had now been integrated into the final version. Some data is awaited from HSCB and upon receipt of same the report shall be forwarded to the Graphics Company. It is anticipated the report shall be available to be presented to the Assembly within the designated DOH timescale.

3.2 The Annual report was approved by the Board.

**Action 1**:

The Annual Report will be processed for graphic design.

**Action by: Helen McKenzie**

**4 43/20P Equally Safeguarded**

4.1 Mr Douglas and Ms Mason gave an overview of the work undertaken by the SBNI Domestic Violence sub group. The group has scoped out services available to children where Domestic Violence is a feature in their family life. They have also scoped the Training needs of Multi-Disciplinary Practitioners who work with children where domestic violence is a feature in family life. This work has been collated, analysed and presented in the document ‘Equally Safeguarded’ which has been circulated to Board members prior to today’s meeting. Mr Douglas and Ms Mason provided a very informative presentation on the content of the document. This document is attached to these minutes. Board members approved this document for onward circulation to the Domestic Violence Stakeholder Assurance Group.

4.2 D/C Superintendent Anthony McNally advised he has assumed the Chair of the CSE sub group. At the last meeting in September the sub group worked through the Leonard Evaluation recommendations to assign ownership. Work on populating the Action Plan is ongoing. This should be available for consideration at the December Board Meeting

**Action 2**

D/C Superintendent Anthony McNally will present the CSE Action to the December Board meeting.

**Action by: D/C Superintendent Anthony McNally**

**AOB**

The chair advised that the DOH are no longer pursuing the amalgamation of the SBNI with CYSCP. It had been anticipated the amalgamation of SBNI and CYPSP would occur as outlined in initial drafts of the Adoption and Children Order Bill NI. SBNI had made representation to DoH to indicate they felt that given the progress that had been made in the functioning of the SBNI the Board believed that an amalgamation was no longer appropriate. The Chair indicated that the DOH had also reconsidered their position on this and had withdrawn this plan from the new Bill,

Ms McNally confirmed that Ms McAllister had been appointed as the permanent Professional Officer for CMRs. The seconded post Ms McAllister will be vacating shall be advertised for applications from SBNI member agencies. This will be a secondment for approximately 18 months, it is not a designated social work post and it is hoped this will be advertised before the end of the year.

 The Chair closed the public section of the meeting at 3:30pm

**Bernie McNally**

**Independent Chair SBNI**