

49th Meeting of the Safeguarding Board for Northern Ireland

Wednesday 8th December 2021

4.15pm – 5.15pm – Zoom Virtual Platform

P u b l i c M i n u t e s

R E C O R D O F A T T E N D A N C E

Name	Title & Organisation	Present	Apology
Ms Bernie McNally	Independent Chair Safeguarding Board for Northern Ireland	✓	
Ms Deirdre Mahon	Director of Women & Children's Services, WHSCT	✓	
Dr Martin Cunningham	GP representative of N.I. General Practice Committee	✓	
Mr Rodney Morton	Director of Nursing and Allied Health Professionals		✓
Ms Geraldine Teague	Lead ADP Lead Consultant Deputising obo Mr Rodney Morton	✓	
Ms Bronagh Muldoon	NSPCC Head of Services NI	✓	
Mr Stephen Martin	CEO Youth Justice Agency		✓
Mr Paul McStravick	Director YJA Deputising obo Mr Stephen Martin	✓	
D/Chief Superintendent Anthony McNally	Head of Public Protection Branch, PSNI		✓
D/Chief Inspector Kerry Brennan	Public Protection Branch, PSNI Deputising for DCS Anthony McNally	✓	
Ms Paddy Kelly	Director, Children's Law Centre		✓
Ms Pauline Leeson	Chief Executive, Children in Ireland		✓
Ms Amanda Stewart	CEO, Probation Board NI	✓	
Ms Una Turbitt	Director (Interim) Children and Young Peoples Services, EANI		✓

Ms Shauna Collinson	AD, Education Authority Deputising obo Ms Una Turbitt	✓	
Mr Brendan Whittle	Director of Social Care and Children, HSCB	✓	
Mr Colm McCafferty	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	✓	
Mr Stephen Bergin	Director of Public Health and Medical Director		✓
Dr Heather Reid	Public Health Specialist Director of Public Health Research Development		✓
Mr Maurice Meehan	Head of Health and Social Wellbeing Improvement attending obo Mr Stephen Bergin	✓	
Ms Carol Diffin	Director of Social Work/Children's Community Services, - BHSCT	✓	
Mr Paddy Mooney	Director, Include Youth		✓
Ms Jacqui Montgomery-Devlin	Head of Safeguarding Council for Social Witness, Presbyterian Church in England	✓	
Ms Dawn Shaw	Chief Executive Officer -NIGALA	✓	
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 Caitriona Livingstone	Administration Support SBNI		
Ms Teresa McAllister	Professional Officer		

Ms Helen McKenzie	Director of Operations
Ms Joanna Brown	Professional Officer
Ms Dawn Richardson	Salvation Army
Dr Claire Luscombe	Salvation Army
Mr Lee Ball	Salvation Army

Summary of Actions

Action No.	Action:	To be completed by:
1	The SBNI will share the Salvation Army Trauma Informed Care Presentation and Summary Report	SBNI Central Support Team
2	The SBNI will share the Response from the Safeguarding Board for NI – The Domestic Abuse Information Sharing with Schools Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2022, Response from the Safeguarding Board for NI (SBNI)	SBNI Central Support Team
2	The DOH Revised and updated Protocol between Northern Ireland and Ireland for Handling Inter-jurisdictional Child Cases will be uploaded onto the Guidance section of the Tri.x Core Policy and Procedure Platform	SBNI Professional Officer
3	The SBNI Annual Report 2020 – 2021 will be shared with the Department of Health	SBNI Central Support Team

Summary of Board Approval

The minutes from Board Meeting on 15th September 2021 were approved as an accurate record of the meeting.

The Domestic Abuse Information-sharing with Schools Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2022; Response from the Safeguarding Board for NI Operation was approved.

Preliminaries: Apologies, Quorum, Conflict of Interest, Complaints

The Chair welcomed SBNI members to the meeting. Ms McNally noted apologies from Mr Stephen Martin, Mr Rodney Morton, Mr Stephen Bergin, Ms Una Turbitt and C/Chief Superintendent Anthony McNally, Ms Paddy Kelly, Ms Pauline Leeson, Dr Heather Reid and Mr Paddy Mooney. The Chair noted, Mr Paul McStravick was deputising on behalf of Mr Stephen Martin, Mr Maurice Meehan was deputising on behalf of Mr Stephen Bergin, Ms Shauna Collinson was deputising on behalf of Ms Una Turbitt, D/Chief Inspector Kerry Brennan was deputising on behalf of D/Chief Superintendent Anthony McNally and Ms Geraldine Teague was deputising on behalf of Mr Rodney Morton

Conflict of Interest

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

Chair's Business

The Chair welcomed the following new Board members, Ms Amanda Stewart, CEO Probation Board NI, Mr Colm McCafferty, Director of Children and Young People's Services SEHSCT and Jacqui Montgomery Devlin, Head of Safeguarding Council for Social Witness, Presbyterian Church in England.

The Chair noted Dr Martin Cunningham was leaving the Board. The Chair thanked Dr Martin Cunningham for his tremendous work over the years and commitment to the SBNI. The Chair advised Dr Naoimh White shall replace Dr Cunningham.

The Chair drew the Boards attention to a letter received from the NICCY regarding a CSE matter and the SBNI's response.

The Chair also gave an update regarding recruitment. The On-line Safety Co-ordinator, Band 8A, a three year post will be advertised in the forthcoming weeks. Members will be notified when this post is advertised should they wish to bring to the attention to their staff.

There has been an appointment to the post of Board Secretary following interviews last week. Details will be circulated when the post holder comes into position hopefully early in 2022.

1 49/21P Previous Minutes

- 1.1 Members agreed the minutes from the last Board meeting on 15th September 2021 were factual and accurate.

2 49/21P Matters Arising

- 2.1 Completed
- 2.2 Completed
- 2.3 Ongoing - PSNI to liaise with Maura Dargan and the Policy and Procedure Committee ref: the Information Sharing Guidance and work already underway between HSCB, PSNI and PBNI.
- 2.4 Ongoing

3 49/21P Trauma Informed Practice Update & The Salvation Army Trauma-Informed Inquiry Pilot Project (Ireland Region – 2021)

- 3.1 Mr Simon Rogers provided an update on the Trauma Informed Practice project.
- 3.2 Mr Rogers advised that the project is now in Year 4. The first 3 years focused principally on research and developing and delivering training across various sectors. The latest evaluation of the work was very positive. More work, however, is needed to be done to support organisational change across all sectors. Awareness raising and training is still part of the ongoing work. Recently the Minister of Education announced the education sector will be trained using the SBNI adapted materials and use this with teachers and education staff.

- 3.3 Mr Rogers advised that funding for Year 4 - £166,000 has been provided by the Tackling Paramilitary Programme and the SBNI team are hopeful there will be extension to the funding in to 2022/2023.
- 3.5 Mr Rogers introduced Mr Lee Ball, Ms Dawn Richardson and Dr Claire Luscombe all from Salvation Army, to deliver a presentation on their participation in one of the TIP projects. During 2019/20 the Salvation Army participated in the SBNI 'Be The Change' Leadership Programme which was to support leaders to explore organisational change and consider future strategic direction.
- 3.6 Mr Lee delivered a presentation on the Salvation Army Trauma Informed Care Summary Report and provided an oversight of how the Model assisted the Salvation Army. The study took place across 2 Belfast services and made use of the Sequential Intercept Model (SIM) and the Universal Services Delivery (USD) process to apply a trauma lens to consider the journeys of both service users and staff members through all parts of the service system.
- 3.7 Mr Lee advised that the reflective practice and trauma-informed enquiry approach assisted the group members to consider their approach more deeply and bring curiosity to their thoughts, with the focus being upon creating a safe environment in which participants were able to share as much or as little of their experiences as they choose. Mr Lee also commented that staff wellbeing requires to be more integral and support needs to be genuine, available and accessible when needed.
- 3.8 Ms McKenzie commented the Pilot was really instrumental for the project to show how the methodology has helped employees and service users within the Salvation Army – the second biggest service provider for homeless accommodation in the UK.
- 3.9 Mr Meehan commented that from his experiences and working with trauma informed clients, staff can feel 'burnt out' in the context of working in a caring environment and queried if there had been an improvement in this regard. Ms Richardson outlined how staff participating in the pilot were able to look at things from a different perspective to refresh their experiences and embed the

training within the service. The model enabled a safe way for staff to express opinions rather than be involved emotionally.

Action 1

The SBNI will share the Salvation Army Trauma Informed Care Presentation and Summary Report

Action By: SBNI Central Support Team

3.10 Mr Rogers thanked the presenters for their time and the presentation.

4 49/21P The Domestic Abuse Information-sharing with Schools Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2022: Response from the Safeguarding Board for NI – Operation Encompass (Please refer to Board Paper BM49-12.21P1)

4.1 Ms Bronagh Muldoon commented on the consultation on Domestic Abuse Information- sharing with Schools Regulations and the response from the SBNI for NI regarding Operation Encompass. Ms Muldoon outlined the Department of Justice has drafted Regulations in partnership with the Department of Education, the Department for the Economy and the Department of Agriculture, Environment and Rural Affairs.

4.2 Ms Muldoon confirmed Operation Encompass is being piloted in a school in County Down in the South Eastern Trust boundary.

Action 2

The SBNI will share the Response from the Safeguarding Board for NI – The Domestic Abuse Information Sharing with Schools Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2022, Response from the Safeguarding Board for NI (SBNI)

Action By: SBNI Central Support Team

5 49/21P Risk Register Update (Please refer to Board Paper BM49-12.21P2)

5.1 Mr Guckian gave an update on the Risk Register. Mr Guckian confirmed the Risk 06/19 has been removed. This referred to the Chair being supported by an appointed Director of Operations in the SBNI and Professional Officers.

6 49/21P DoH Revised and updated Protocol between Northern Ireland and Ireland for Handling Inter-jurisdictional Child Cases (Please refer to Board Paper BM49-12.21P3)

6.1 Ms Dargan drew member's attention to the Protocol. This has been reviewed by the DOH. The protocol has been revised and subject to Board consideration will be updated on Tri.x.

Action 3

The DOH Revised and updated Protocol between Northern Ireland and Ireland for Handling Inter-jurisdictional Child Cases will be uploaded onto the Guidance section of the Tri.x Core Policy and Procedure Platform

Action By: SBNI Professional Officer

7 49/21P Annual Report 2020 – 2021 (Please refer to Board Paper BM49-12.21P4)

7.1 The Chair commented the SBNI Annual Report is now complete.

7.2 Ms McKenzie confirmed the Annual Report will be submitted to the DOH.

7.3 The Chair thanked all the member agencies for all their work and contributing to the work of the SBNI.

Action 4

The SBNI Annual Report 2020 – 2021 will be shared with the Department of Health

Action By: SBNI Central Support Team

8 49/21P AOB

- 8.1 Mr Meehan commented in respect of the potential of building upon the success of the Trauma Informed Practice project. He linked this to the Programme for Government and building a 4 nation approach. Mr Meehan indicated he had a conversation with Ms McKenzie and Mr Rogers and was conscious about capacity and the limited funding the SBNI will receive in relation to the TIP project as a workstream. Mr Meehan advised there is an opportunity to build momentum to the next level.
- 8.2 Ms McKenzie commented that a position paper had been forwarded to Ms Eilis McDaniel DoH to receive direction around this and agreed with Mr Meehan more clarity is needed to move this forward.
- 8.3 Ms McNally agreed this would be useful to follow this up and have a conversation with the DoH.

The Chair closed the Public section of the meeting at 5.15pm.