Present:
Adams, Ross RA Senior Programme Manager, Chance UK
Blair, Cathy CB Director Child Protection, Islington Council
Brooks, Patrick PB Community Involvement Officer, London Ambulance Service
Buckell, Maggie MB Director of Operations Women Children and Families, Whittington Health
Drury, Jackie JDr Director, Camden and Islington Foundation Trust – Mental Health
Eden, Laura LE Operational Manager, Quality and Safeguarding
Friedberg, Melissa MF Training and Development Officer, ISCB
Gilby, Maria MG ISCB Co-ordinator (Minutes)
Kenway, Penny PK Head of Early Years
Luckett, Tracy TL Director of Nursing, Moorfields Eye Hospital
McKeown, Anthony AM DI, CAIT
Mokades, Janet CHAIR JM Independent Chair
Norman-Bruce, Ian INB Head of Targeted Services, Camb-ed@islington
O'Shea, Barrie BO Headteacher, Duncombe Primary School
Odling-Smee, Patrick POS AD Housing and Adult Services
Schooling, Eleanor ES Director Children’s Services
Watts, Richard RW Executive Member, Children and Young People
Wheeler, Tony TW Consultant Community Paediatrician, NHS Islington
Yilkan, Zafer ZY Service Manager, CAFCASS

Apologies:
Bailey, Alva AB Head of Community Safety
Chapman, Jane JC Designated Nurse Child Protection, NC London (Islington)
Fisher, Steve SF UKBA
Grant, Graham GG DCI Police
Griffiths, Stephen SG CYProject, Voluntary Representative
Hewitt, Tim TH DCI Police
Humphery, Sarah SH General Practitioner, Health
Oxley, Elaine EO Head of Safeguarding Adults

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<td>1. WELCOME AND INTRODUCTIONS</td>
<td>1.1 JM welcomed the group.</td>
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<td>APOLOGIES</td>
<td>1.2 Apologies were noted for the above</td>
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<td>MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING</td>
<td>1.3 Minutes agreed. To go on website</td>
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<td>MATTERS ARISING PREVIOUS MINUTES</td>
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1.4.1 After correspondence with LMC it was agreed that SH would pass on any relevant information
1.4.2 UCLH representation on the Board

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<th>2. REPORTS FROM CHAIRS OF SUB-GROUPS – ALL</th>
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<td>2.1.1 Policy and Practice – minutes noted – nothing further to add</td>
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<td>2.1.2 E-Safety – minutes noted</td>
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<td>Working on e-safety guidance for all agencies</td>
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<td>2.1.3 Training Subgroup – minutes noted</td>
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<td>New training brochure to be distributed this week</td>
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<td>2.1.4 Sexual Exploitation – minutes noted</td>
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<td>• ToR and membership of subgroup have been agreed</td>
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<td>• A SPOC is now in place – Sharon Wedderburn, Specialist Social Worker for private Fostering, Trafficking and Sexual Exploitation</td>
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<td>• There have been 28 referrals since training was delivered to CSC managers, a significant increase</td>
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<td>2.1.5 It was noted that the local authority had been asked by the Children’s Society to sign up to a charter regarding missing children and runaways. The Children’s Society has information on their website about local authorities, including Islington that is inaccurate. This is being challenged has been information stated on the Children’s Society website regarding the local authority and this is under review</td>
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<th>3. KEY ISSUES FOR AGENCIES – ALL</th>
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<td>3.1 Home Education – INB – There has been a 100% increase in the number of children home schooled. This is mirrored around the whole of London. There is a high proportion of Somali children included in this number and religious focus appears to be the reason. It is predominantly secondary schools. There is concern that these children are not accessing school healthcare. INB asked to be notified if services visit a home a find a child that is being home schooled</td>
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<td>3.2 Ambulances - PB - Highlighted the issue that ambulances who do not convey a patient to hospital do not send reports to GPs. Protocol is being looked at so GPs are informed for every callout. This would ensure GPs are not being by-passed and information sharing is continuous.</td>
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<td>3.3 Housing Allocation – POS – Consultation around housing allocation is available on website. Please comment/leave suggestions</td>
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MF will write to Camden Chair to agree information sharing protocol

MF will issue a short statement to services and redistribute the Missing from Education policy

PS will feedback as any update arises

POS will forward consultation link
3.4 **Health – TW** – There will be a new NHS structure in place regarding clinical commissioning as of April 2013. Public Health will come under local authority jointly with Camden. Director of Islington will manage both boroughs.

3.5 **CAIT – AM** – Police are making changes and have introduced “grip and pace”, looking at making earlier arrests. CAIT may possibly be merged with Sapphire Unit – rape command. Graham Grant is retiring and will be replaced by DCI Jane Gyford.

3.6 **CAFCASS - ZY** - Family proceedings are sometimes delayed because of ongoing criminal proceedings. ZY will raise with CSC if this arises in Islington.

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<th><strong>MOTIVATIONAL INTERVIEWING AND SINGLE ASSESSMENT TRIALS – PRESENTATION – Lucie Heyes</strong></th>
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| 4.1 **Single Assessment Pilot** | - Islington is involved in a national pilot regarding single assessment trials following the Munro review  
- Case turnover and decision on outcomes seem to be largely unaffected  
- Reduction in short and long term cases – increase in medium term  
- SWs appearing to do less recording  
- The amount of work taking place has not changed but approach to practice has become less prescriptive, compartmentalised and less process orientated  
- Too early to measure outcomes or re-referral impact  
- Pilot ends September 2012 |
| 4.2 **Motivational Interviewing (MI) Pilot** – Commenced June 2012. Finishes September 2013 | - MI is a communication technique aimed at reducing resistance and engaging people in changing problem behaviours  
- It is found to be particularly effective in working with alcohol misuse and other problem behaviours  
- There are six area teams that have been divided in half. One group is MI trained the other is the control group. Cases referred to CSC will be alternately allocated for assessment to either a MI or non-MI MI social worker. The research team will be based within the CiN service  
- The non MI group will receive the training after the initial research is completed. |

5. **QUALITY ASSURANCE SUBGROUP REPORT – Cathy Blair**

5.1 Work completed during 2011/2012 noted

LH will update on the research findings at the July 2013 meeting.
5.2 Proposed workplan for 2012-2013 agreed:
- Scrutinise core data
- Scrutinise Safer Recruitment practices and allegations management
- Monitor implementation of Section 11 Audit
- Monitor implementation of SCR
- Monitor implementation of actions QA activity re: thresholds, mental health, core groups
- Evaluate survey of CP users
- Deep dive to evaluate the effectiveness of the work to protect children from DV

### 6. LADO – MANAGING ALLEGATIONS REPORT – Laura Eden

6.1 There has been awareness raising and the service has seen a substantial increase in allegations from 41 last year to 82 this year.
6.2 A new recording system within CSC has been successfully implemented to deal with records of allegations.
6.3 Safer recruitment training has taken place within CSC.
6.4 The LADO and Child Protection Co-ordinators provide advice and guidance to named staff and regarding thresholds and actions.
6.5 There have been a number of referrals from Early Years Service regarding the partners of Childminders. The subgroup will explore this further.
6.6 There have been a low number of referrals from the health sector despite the substantial amount of awareness raising. This will be explored.

### 7. MEASURING EFFECTIVENESS – Janet Mokades

Deferred until next meeting.

### 8. SIGNS OF SAFETY PRESENTATION - Jacquie Burke

Jacquie Burke, Head of Safeguarding from Brent Council presented the Signs of Safety. This approach is solution focussed and adopts a systems approach to child protection conferences. They have found that more involvement of families makes parents feel empowered and part of process. The chair holds the main focus. There are no minute takers, notes are taken on an interactive white board which promotes interaction.

MG to distribute presentation

### 9. CORE BUSINESS – Cathy Blair

9.1 Report noted/accepted

### 10. Better Lives for Children – Sam Page

10.1 Sam Page – Head of Universal Services, Whittington Health presented on Prevention and Early Intervention across Universal Services
This is a:
- Preventative measures approach from pregnancy to school to ensure that all health pathways are working well across all health services and offer seamless support for families
- Shift to an evidence based preventative programme
- Healthy child programme including screening, promotion of health and development
- It uses the motivational interviewing technique and builds relationships across organisation. Health visiting is growing to deliver the agenda

11. AOB

None

Meeting closed at 12.30pm