

**Staffordshire Safeguarding Children Board  
E-Safety Task to Finish Group**

**Notes of the meeting held on 06 October 2008  
Tipping Street, Stafford**

**Present:**

Christopher Hilditch (C&LL), Derrick Golland (SID), Heleen McInerney (Vulnerable Children's Division), Jane Rowbottom (Staffordshire Safeguarding Children Board), Clive Dunham (C&LL Health & Safety), Keith Luscombe (Staffordshire Youth Offending Service), Karen Ogle (First Response)

**Item 1) Apologies:**

Sue Ball (Staffordshire Libraries), Graham Bott (Youth Service), Phil Potts (Connexions), Joyce Whitfield (SLT), Chris Bowering (Vulnerable Children's Division), Gill Stanford (Children's Commissioner), Philip Jones (Information Governance Unit), Narriman Cofts (South Staffordshire Healthcare NHS Foundation Trust).

**Item 2) Minutes of meeting on 18 June 2008:**

The minutes of the meeting 18 June 2008 were approved.

**Item 3) Matters arising:**

- (i) Karen Ogle from First Response Team has joined the group.
- (ii) **Staffordshire e-Safety Toolkit Update**  
Heleen McInerney has reviewed the toolkit with regard to the Foster Carers Handbook. The Know-it-All resource has been included in foster carers briefing/ training sessions.
- (iii) **e-Safety Pledge**  
Jane Rowbottom circulated a draft SSCB e-Safety Pledge.  
The group agreed that the e-Safety Pledge should be approved by the SSCB December 2008 meeting. **(Action: JR)**  
The group agreed that posters should be produced personalised for different settings and the pledge presented as a learner/child entitlement. **(Action: DG)**  
The Children's Commissioner to be approached to request that the new IT Participation Support Worker be asked to involve children and young people and produce designs for the posters and folders to give the Staffordshire e-safety awareness campaign a local identity. **(Action: CH)**

**Item 4) Work-stream Updates:**

- (A) **Policies, Procedures and Practices** – *Chris Bowering*  
Vonni Gordon is working on a specific e-safety policy for the SSCB

for the approval by December 2008. **(Action: CB)**

**(B) Information, Education and Training – Jane Rowbottom**

Training sessions for governing bodies are now being delivered by SID. Jane Rowbottom to attend to provide feedback to the Group **(Action: JR)**

Saltmine Trust (a theatre group) in partnership with Dudley Borough Council have created “Escape” which tackles internet safety for young people through drama. Two sessions have been funded as pilots with the ICT in Schools area based grant. A paper will be re-presented to the SSCB to part fund the sessions for all schools. The sessions cost £150 and are targeted at Years 4, 5 and 6. It was agreed that the sessions should be supported and promoted as they were a cost-effective, direct and engaging way to involve significant numbers of Staffordshire children and young people in developing their personal e-safety awareness. There has been a very positive response to a request for expresses of interest from schools. **(Action: JR)**

Group members have been invited to a seminar (6<sup>th</sup> November) to share e-safety practice with the Dudley safeguarding board. Dudley have been delivering their programme for some time and they have offered to share their experience and expertise. **(Action: JR)**

Sue Ball could not attend the meeting an update on the following actions will be provided at the next meeting:

- The Voluntary Youth Sector should be contacted to see if young people could be trained to be e-safety ambassadors. **(Action: SB)**
- A request should be made to Tim Keely - Adult Community Learning (ACL), to consider offering e-safety family learning sessions. **(Action: SB)**
- The children and young people part of the libraries website will be updated provide information on e-safety. **(Action: SB)**

**(C) Infrastructure and Technology – Christopher Hilditch**

Contractual discussions are taking place with the preferred supplier for an county e-safety technical solution. The project to deploy the solution, which will include training for school “e-safety co-ordinators”, will be initiated in the Autumn with full roll out planned to be completed by May/June 2009.

**(D) Inspection and Standards – Christopher Hilditch**

It was agreed that an indicator be added to the First Response incident recording system that includes incidents reported that involved or was enabled by technology. **(Action: CH)**

**Item 5) National and Regional Development Update:**

Derrick Golland informed the group that the West Midlands Regional Broadband Consortium (RBC), WMnet, will be providing online e-safety

resources for children and young people and these will be available to Staffordshire.

Derrick Golland attended a regional Becta event updating e-safety guidance and model acceptable use policies (AUPs). New documentation, including model policies, will be available, for all settings not just schools, from February 2009. Local guidance and documentation would be updated to reflect the national guidance when it is published.

**Item 6) Any other Business:**

There next SSCB study day, 24 November, will include safeguarding children online.

**Item 7) Date of Next Meeting:**

03 November 2008, 1400 – 1530