

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

**Notes of the meeting held on 03 November 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), Karen Ogle (First Response), Sue Ball (Staffordshire Libraries), Narriman Crofts (South Staffordshire PCT).

Item 1) Apologies:

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),

Item 2) Minutes of meeting on 06 October 2008:

The minutes of the meeting 06 October 2008 were approved.

Item 3) Matters arising:

(i) e-Safety Pledge

Christopher Hilditch talked to Gill Stanford to request that the new IT Participation Support Worker, Matt Dittmer, be asked to involve children and young people and produce designs for the e-safety posters and folders to give the Staffordshire e-safety awareness campaign a local identity – a meeting has been arranged to discuss. **(Action: CH)**

(ii) Information, Education and Training

Sue Ball provided an update on the following actions:

- The Voluntary Youth Sector should be contacted to see if young people could be trained to be e-safety ambassadors. Agreed that this should be discussed with Gill Stanford, the Children's Commissioner, about an e-safety ambassador role for young people. **(Action: CH)**
- Tim Keely - Adult Community Learning (ACL), does provide family learning e-safety sessions. A study project funding proposal has been made to SID to support e-safety for parents in Redbrook Hayes library **(Action: SB)**
- The children and young people part of the libraries website has been updated to provide information on e-safety.

(iii) Inspection and Standards

Christopher Hilditch to follow up the work to provide an indicator for the First Response incident recording system that includes logging e-safety incidents. **(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. The Group requested an update at the next meeting. **(Action: JR)**
- (B) **Information, Education and Training** – *Jane Rowbottom*
Training sessions for governing bodies are now being delivered by SID. Jane Rowbottom attended a session to review and provide feedback to the Group – concerns were expressed about some elements of the training and their suitability to the target audience – these included: the use of language/terminology, very IT focused, the level of depth concerning the risks facing children and young people, little highlighting of useful references/signposting although they are included in the CD pack given to delegates, no discussion around the outcome of the scenarios/card activity. It was agreed that these issues may not necessarily be picked up in delegate course evaluations forms. Derrick Golland agreed to feedback to SID for future sessions. **(Action: DG)**
- There has been a very positive response from schools for the Saltmine Trust “Escape” internet safety for young people through drama activity. A paper will be re-presented to the SSCB in December to part fund the sessions for all schools. **(Action: JR)**
- Group members were reminded of the seminar (6th 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)**
- Six large group half-day multi-agency sessions, “Recognising Technology Abuses” to be delivered by the High Tech Crime Squad have been organised. **(Action: JR)**
- (C) **Infrastructure and Technology** – *Christopher Hilditch*
The contract for the e-safety solution has been completed and signed. 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 referral recording system for e-safety incidents. **(Action: CH)**
- The Group discussed a proposal from Derrick Golland for undertaking annual face-to-face visits of a sample of schools to review schools e-safety policy and practice. This could be funded by the Area Based Grant for ICT in Schools. **(Action: DG/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. A launch event will be organised to promote "UsOnline" by ROAR Education and "Keeping Myself E-Safe" by Learning Curve Education. **(Action: DG)**

New Ofsted Report: [Future care – children's advice on future care standards](#) - The Government is currently reviewing the National Minimum Standards for the care of looked after children. A new report by the Children's Right Director for England sets out children's recommendations for future care standards; in terms of e-safety children recommend the following: *Children should be kept safe on the internet by blocking unsuitable sites and chatrooms, adult supervision of internet use, location of computers where their use can be supervised, and by teaching internet safety to young children.*

Vonni Gordon, Jane Rowbottom and Derrick Golland will be attending the Becta's "Safeguarding children in a digital world" – West Midlands regional event for LSCB e-safety strategic leads and sub-groups (04 November 2008) and will report back at the next meeting. **(Action: JR/DG)**

Item 6) Any other Business:

The next edition of the Staffordshire Foster Care Newsletter will include an e-safety item. It was proposed that foster carers should be encouraged to sign up for the CEOP e-mail newsletter for parents – this will keep them informed of e-safety issues, particularly new technology incidents, with practical guidance to reduce the risks to children. **(Action: HMc/CH)**

It was proposed that the PCT Safeguarding and Looked After Children teams require e-safety information for signposting and incident reporting. **(Action: NC)**

Item 7) Date of Next Meeting:

08 December 2008, 1400 – 1530