

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

**Notes of the meeting held on 08 December 2008  
Tipping Street, Stafford**

**Present:**

Christopher Hilditch (C&LL), Derrick Golland (SID), Heleen McInerney (Vulnerable Children's Division), Gill Stanford (Children's Commissioner), Sue Ball (Staffordshire Libraries), Jane Rowbottom (Staffordshire Safeguarding Children Board), Clive Dunham (C&LL Health & Safety), Graham Bott (Youth Service), Phil Potts (Connexions), Joyce Whitfield (SLT), Keith Luscombe (Youth Offending Service).

**Item 1) Apologies:**

Karen Ogle (First Response), Chris Bowering (Vulnerable Children's Division), Philip Jones (Information Governance Unit), Narriman Crofts (South Staffordshire PCT).

**Item 2) Minutes of meeting on 03 November 2008:**

The minutes of the meeting 03 November 2008 were approved.

**Item 3) Matters arising:**

**(i) Information, Education and Training**

- Adult Community Learning (ACL) – from January 2009 there will be a programme of e-safety sessions for parents in libraries.

**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. The Group requested an update at the next meeting. **(Action: JR)**

(B) **Information, Education and Training** – *Jane Rowbottom*  
The Saltmine Trust "Escape" internet safety drama activity for young people was well received and is generating interest from schools across the county. A timetable has been agreed to deliver sessions by district. A local church diocese is considering funding the schools contribution in their area. **(Action: JR)**

The six large group half-day multi-agency sessions, "Recognising Technology Abuses" have been promoted and bookings are taking place. **(Action: JR)**

A draft e-safety newsletter was circulated by Jane Rowbottom. The newsletter will be distributed early in the new school term to promote the availability of resources and to provide information on the work of the group and local initiatives. **(Action: JR)**

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

The SLN2 e-safety solution will be rolled out initially to schools from January and February 2009. The solution will be form part of the schools broadband package at no additional cost. A programme of training for administrators and supervisors will be provided. The solution will be deployed to other settings in the Spring.

Schools have been asked to make a return indicating either their acceptance of the county's solution or information about what alternative arrangements they will have in place.

Karen Rushton from C&LL Directorate ICT will be managing the project and will join the Group to provide updates on its progress  
**(Action: CH)**

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

Derrick Golland will prepare a paper 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 2009/10 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, online e-safety resources for children and young people and these will be available to Staffordshire in New Year. A launch event has been organised to promote "UsOnline" by ROAR Education and "Keeping Myself E-Safe" by Learning Curve Education. **(Action: DG)**

Vonni Gordon, Jane Rowbottom and Derrick Golland attended the Becta's "Safeguarding children in a digital world" – West Midlands regional event for LSCB e-safety strategic leads and sub-groups. There is a possibility that local authorities could be subject to a spot-check inspection for their e-safety work by the Government Office for the West Midlands. It was agreed to review the e-Safety Action Plan to ensure all areas are being addressed following the input from the Becta event.  
**(Action: JR/DG/CH)**

Derrick Golland informed the group about the interim [Primary Curriculum Review Report](#), which contains information about e-safety and makes the following recommendations:

*The QCA working with BECTA should:*

- i) Review whether aspects of the Key Stage 3 curriculum for ICT would be more appropriately taught in Key Stage 2.*
- ii) Make sure that by the end of Key Stage 2, children are able to select and apply ICT to advance their learning across the curriculum.*

**Item 6) Any other Business:**

Parents Commissioner – The new Staffordshire Parent Commissioner is Charlotte Bailey. It was agreed that Charlotte be invited to join the group. **(Action: CH)**

e-Safety Champions – the group discussed the feasibility of developing a county-wide network of young people as e-Safety Champions. The new Participation workers could be CEOP trained. **(Action: GS/CH)**

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

09 February 2009, 1400 – 1530