



Safer Plymouth

Safer Families

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Report from Chair of Safer Families

SECTION A	
Chair Name and Contact:	Simon Hardwick
Dates of meetings since last Full Board	14/09/2020 Click or tap to enter a date.
Executive Summary/ Key Issues only¹	Quality Assurance <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Identified need to enhance the data set regarding intra-familial harm to support existing priorities and help develop strategic assessment.
	Partnership Co-ordination <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Safer Families Group has identified system coordination across key priorities within COVID-19 critical. Linked to existing priorities & other theme groups and wider children & families system.
	Systems Leadership <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Safer Families supporting new projects and enquiry within emerging themes (Progeny, Child to Parent Violence, Sharing the Brain Story, CAPO)
	Statutory Governance <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ToR exist and group has now met 3 times. Reporting mechanism via Theme Leads & Safer Executive feels appropriate.
	Trauma Informed System Development <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Safer Families critical hub for ACE awareness & trauma responsiveness.

SECTION B	
What is working well?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Group has continued to be active & adaptable regardless of challenges of COVID-19 lockdown. This is reflected in the change to priorities. New projects & work is developing: CAPO project, Progeny, Sharing the Brain Story, Child to Parent Violence within families. This work is informing wider partnership (DA/SV). Qualitative conversation & reflection has helped refresh the strategic assessment & develop understanding of emerging issues.

¹Please see Priorities below for further detail

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Interconnection between the Safer delivery groups & the theme leads is excellent & key themes are understood. (Strategic Assessment) • Beginning to expand and understand the data sets identifying childhood adversity (Encompass, SHARP data).
What are we worried about?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Some group members have been prevented from fully engaging as a result of COVID-19. • Some actions against priorities has been delayed, or prevented (Thrive). • Challenges around quantitative data & business support to assist delivery. (Children's Commissioner data). • Continued impact of COVID -19 on service responsiveness. Re-aligning services has stretched capacity within the system. System/professional fatigue needs to be continually understood.
What needs to happen?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Achieve delivery against identified priorities – this is starting to happen.
Identify Group Impact upon: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Reducing violence, abuse and exploitation • Reducing re-offending • Early intervention and prevention of harm • Building community resilience, reducing inequalities and improving lives 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Safer Families has been critical in identifying a hidden harm in terms of adolescent violence & aggression within families. This has been a key focus during COVID-19. Work is ongoing to pilot some work with families affected (YOT/AST/CCP). This is not only directed toward reducing violence but also might be a critical opportunity to reduce future DA offending. • Safer Families supporting new initiatives aimed at reducing harm in families through earlier intervention and building resilience – CAPO, Sharing the Brain Story.
Formal recommendation to/action required of Full Board.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Consideration of business & analytical support for all Safer Plymouth theme groups & Executive.
Suggested work engagement with Trauma Informed Plymouth Network	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ongoing – Majority of group members belong to the TI network so all priorities are connected to the network where appropriate.

Name of Group Chair	Simon Hardwick
Signature of Group Chair	Simon Hardwick

Date Signed	09/10/2020
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Safer Families 2019 PRIORITIES

Domestic Abuse	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Develop awareness around children as ‘victims’ of domestic abuse, through analysis of Operation Encompass data. • Better understand the context of adolescent to parent/carer violence and sibling to sibling (-16) violence within the context of families, with a view to improving support. (<i>Particular focus on the impact of gender in relation to violence aimed at women and girls</i>). • Ensure recommendations arising from Domestic Homicide Reviews (DHRs) are subject of reflective learning across the CSP & wider children & families system.
Substance Misuse and Related Harms	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Review current data sets around substance misuse to help develop an evidence base for understanding substance misuse as an ACE.
Communication and Awareness Raising	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Work collaboratively with other Safer theme leads to develop a communications & events plan. • Develop a locality based ‘Sharing the Brain Story’ pilot aimed at using a strength’s based approach to communicating with families regarding the impact of adversity on child development. • Assist the delivery of the Progeny trauma pilot aimed at developing a trauma informed approach to meet the needs of young people.
Trauma informed practice and ACE Awareness	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Reviewing and understanding the existing local evidence and data across the partnership around ACEs and trauma. • Assist the developing city CAPO group to define a pilot for children affected by parental offending. • Ensure data informs the review of the Trauma Informed City approach. • Support the Lived Experience sub-network (Trauma Informed Network) in developing guidance for professionals around appropriate connection to people with lived experience.
Preventing Child Sexual Abuse	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Collaboration with Together For Childhood programme to better understand the impact of sexual abuse within the family context and the role of communities in working together for prevention’