



# **More than Pretty Pictures: Social Network Analysis in Social Policy Research**

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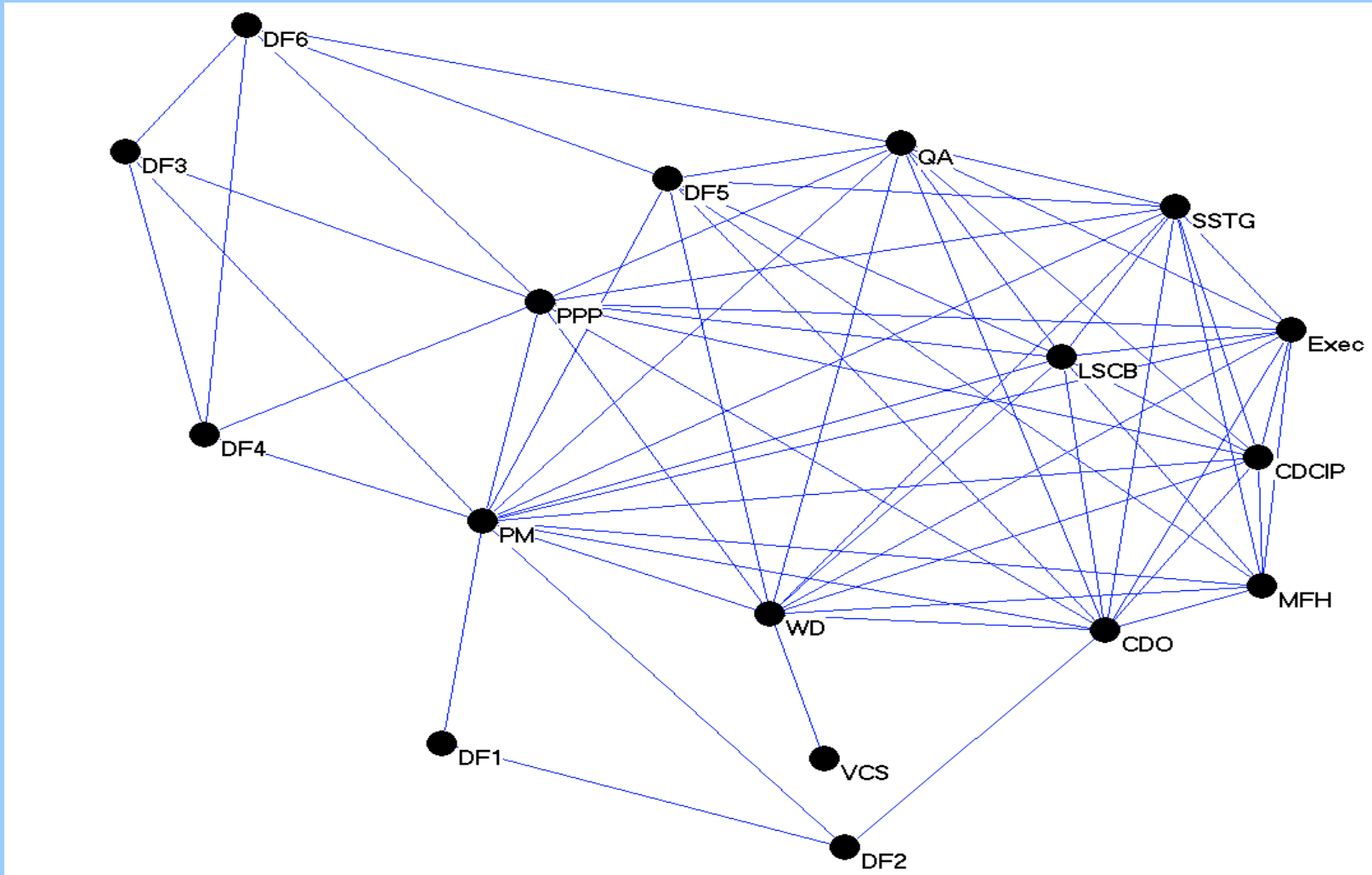
# What is Social Network Analysis (SNA)?

- An analysis of relationships
- From interpersonal to international level

# **An SNA example: Local Safeguarding Children Boards**

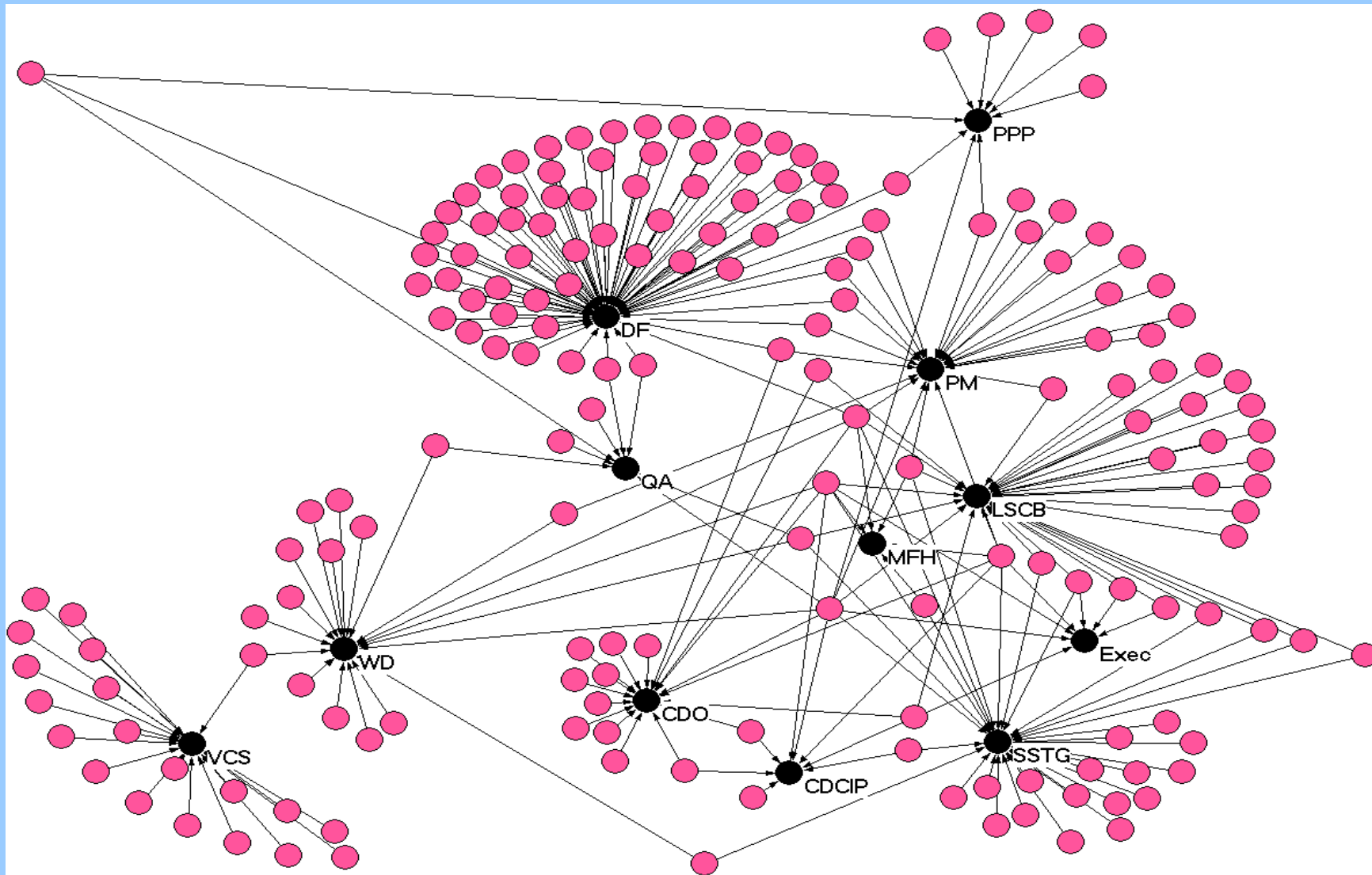
- Set up as a result of failures of previous child protection services
- Aims include:
  - Clear priorities for safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children
  - Arrangements for information sharing
  - Improving the way key agencies work together

# An SNA diagram: An LSCB with Subgroups



# Membership of LSCB and Subgroups

Circle Colours: Pink = People, Black = Meetings



# SNA: More than Pretty pictures?

- A very powerful visual method for examining relationships
- Not just a visual method – SNA includes formal (mathematical) methods to uncover more complex relationships/analyse large networks
- Longitudinal methods available to examine change over time

# More information from:

<http://www.crsp.ac.uk/SNA.htm>



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