



Business and Children's Policy and Scrutiny Committee

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1. Executive Summary

- 1.1 This is the first annual report of the new Local Safeguarding Children Partnership, covering the borough footprints of Hammersmith and Fulham, Kensington and Chelsea and Westminster.
- 1.2 This is a report completed by the LSCP Business Team on behalf of the Partnership, as per the statutory guidance published in Working Together to Safeguard Children 2018.
- 1.3 The report sets out the legal and statutory context for our multi-agency safeguarding arrangements, a profile of safeguarding data across the three boroughs, our shared safeguarding priorities (peer on peer abuse including child exploitation, voice of the child and domestic abuse), the activity to address these priorities, the impact upon safeguarding during the Covid19 pandemic, and how we made a difference.
- 1.4 Despite the Partnership, in its first year, having to address the needs arising out of the Pandemic, we have continued to innovate. With our multi-agency partners we have sought to process our 'alternative child protection pathways' in recognition of the need to better engage parents in the safety planning for their children, ensure information is effectively shared with families, the voice of the child / young people

is heard, and that activity outcomes are agreed within timeframes which are relevant and effective for the child.

- 1.5 In partnership with the Safeguarding Adults Board for the Bi Borough we have developed a shared workstream to look at transitions. We have considered how all agencies can work more effectively together, to meet the needs of young people requiring access adult services, whether that be social care, health, mental health, education, housing. The work has informed the development of our 'Think Family' approach, and the role of safeguarding in the care we offer to Care Leavers. A conference was held in late 2020, and the learning is being taken forward by a project group consisting of membership from both boards/partnership groups. This work is also contributing to the learning and development of our service delivery model by the Council.
- 1.6 Following a commissioned review of the three borough arrangements in September 2020, it was agreed that the three-borough shared LSCP arrangement would end as of 31 March 2021. A new partnership arrangement to cover Kensington and Chelsea, and Westminster areas is established from April 2021.
- 1.7 Our response to the Covid19 pandemic will be a key priority for the new Partnership.

2. Key Matters for the Committee's Consideration

- 2.1 How can the Committee Members assist in promoting safeguarding children as a key priority for all?
- 2.2 How can Committee Members hold the Partnership to account to ensure they are delivering upon our collective safeguarding responsibilities?

If you have any queries about this Report or wish to inspect any of the Background Papers, please contact:

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BACKGROUND PAPERS

- Local Safeguarding Children Partnership Annual Report 2019 – 2020
- Appendix: Safeguarding Children Partnership Arrangements for Hammersmith & Fulham, Kensington and Chelsea, Westminster (June 2019)