

**Protocol to describe the relationships between the
Safeguarding Adult and Safeguarding Children Boards in
Warrington**

1.0	Definitions and Abbreviations
1.1	<u>WSCB:</u> Warrington Safeguarding Children Board <u>WSAB:</u> Warrington Safeguarding Adults Board
2.0	Purposes of this Protocol
2.1	Although the WSCB and WSAB are discharging their functions for very different groups of people, and have different statutory footings, there are many overlaps between the processes they use and the organisations that support the Boards to deliver their objectives.
2.2	This Protocol briefly describes the roles and responsibilities of both Boards, the expectations on members of the Boards, and the areas of overlap and potential joint working between the two Boards. It aims to provide clarity about accountabilities and to promote effective, healthy challenge between the Boards.
2.3	This protocol acknowledges that there are areas of common work including transition, domestic violence, complex families which include vulnerable adults, sexual exploitation, human trafficking, developing an understanding of the local community and cultural issues.
3.0	Warrington Safeguarding Children Board
3.1	The WSCB is a statutory body with the overarching responsibility for safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children and young people in Warrington. It is a multiagency body with membership drawn from all services working with children and families. The Board has an independent Chair with no connections to any of the partner agencies.
3.2	The functions of the WSCB include: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Providing robust challenge to all partners on their performance in ensuring that children and young people are kept safer in the Borough • Ensuring that all agencies work collaboratively and efficiently to promote the safety and welfare of children and young people • Monitoring the collaborative work of relevant agencies within the

	<p>Children and Young People's Partnership to ensure that there is sufficiently resourced provision of early help to meet local need</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Developing and ensuring the implementation of local policies for safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children • Identifying training needs and evaluating the extent to which these needs are met by commissioned services • Ensuring that all agencies learn the lessons from national and local serious incident enquiries, and that any resulting action plans are closely monitored until all outcomes are achieved
4.0	Warrington Safeguarding Adults Board
4.1	<p>The WSAB is a strategic body which oversees safeguarding vulnerable adults locally. The WSAB brings together key agencies in Warrington who by working closely in partnership ensure that safeguarding vulnerable adults is prioritised and coordinated effectively. Whilst working to the overarching remit the WSAB is able to challenge local organisations working with vulnerable adults to ensure their safety and welfare are protected. The WSAB has an independent chair who also chairs the WSCB.</p>
4.2	<p>The functions of the WSAB are identified in its priorities, which are in summary:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Promoting understanding and awareness of the Safeguarding Adult's agenda and ensuring that across Warrington we are united in our "zero tolerance" of abuse • Preventing abuse and neglect through positive action, support and promoting dignity in care • Ensuring prompt and effective responses to protect individuals when allegations of abuse are made. <p>When abuse or neglect is confirmed, our local safeguarding procedures are there to ensure we:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Work with people to secure their safety • Offer appropriate support such as advocacy and counselling • Help people to obtain justice
5	Joint Working
5.1	<p>There are a number of areas which are common to the work of both Boards. These include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Raising awareness of the potential for harm and abuse to children, young people and vulnerable adults, using a variety of media • Developing appropriate training and staff development which promotes awareness of safeguarding and dignity • Ensuring that procedures are in place for the safer recruitment of

	<p>staff who work with children, young people and vulnerable adults</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Holding all agencies to account for their performance in delivering safe outcomes for children, young people and vulnerable adults • Ensuring that lessons from public enquiries and serious incidents are learned across all agencies and that actions are put in place as a result to improve local services
5.2	<p>Given this, the Boards have agreed through this protocol that:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Both Boards will formally report to other on a quarterly basis to ensure robust and effective challenge between the two systems 2. Relevant learning from public enquiries and serious incident reviews will be shared across both Boards 3. The chair of both Boards, plus relevant support officers from the Boards, will meet twice a year to review current joint working practices and opportunities for future joint working and efficiencies 4. Policies and procedures will be reviewed to ensure closer alignment 5. Performance reporting processes will be reviewed to establish simpler and more consistent reporting for partner agencies 6. Training opportunities will be developed jointly across both Boards 7. The Boards will seek to more closely align their media and communication processes within the wider community
6	Responsibilities of Board members:
6.1	<p>Although Board members are there to provide advice, support and challenge to the Boards, they are also there as representatives of their organisations. As such it is their duty to make sure that their whole organisation is aware, as needed, of the actions, issues and requirements of the Boards, even though they may be employed only within a section of that organisation.</p>
6.2	<p>There are a number of Board members who sit on both Boards. As a part of this protocol, it has been agreed that two of these people will not only represent their organisations on the Boards, but will also be a direct formal link between the two Boards. These people are:</p> <p>From the WSAB: The Quality Assurance and Safeguarding Service From the WSCB: Manager (Children’s Services)</p>
6.3	<p>These people have the additional responsibility of acting as the line of communication between the two Boards. They will attend all Board meetings – or ensure that fully-briefed representatives attend if they cannot – and will take actions and challenges across the Boards as required. As necessary, they will also sit on Subgroups of both Boards.</p>

7	RESOLUTION PROCESS
7.1	Both Boards will request evidence from the other if any issues arise from any aspects of its work. The WSCB will monitor the WSAB as to its rigour in ensuring that the WSAB's work to safeguard adults also ensures that the safety and welfare of children and young people is being met. The resolution would require a formal response/action from the WSAB.
7.2	Similarly, the WSAB will hold the WSCB to account to ensure that child safeguarding and welfare processes always consider the impact of its work on the safety and dignity of vulnerable adults. This again would require a formal response from the WSCB in order to ensure a resolution.
8	Term of this Protocol:
8.1	This protocol will be reviewed three years after the date of signature by the Chairs of both Boards.

This protocol is agreed by the undersigned on behalf of the Warrington Safeguarding Children Board and Warrington Safeguarding Adults Board:

Warrington Safeguarding Children's Board	Warrington Safeguarding Adults Board
	
Chair	Chair
Date of Signature: 13.08.2014	Date of Signature: 13.08.2014