



## **Warrington Safeguarding Children Board, Warrington Community Safety Partnership and Warrington Safeguarding Adults Board Protocol**

## **1. Introduction**

- 1.1 This document sets out the expectations of the relationship and working arrangements between Warrington Community Safety Partnership (WCSP), Warrington Safeguarding Adults Board (WSAB) and Warrington Safeguarding Children Board (WSCB). It covers their respective roles and functions, membership, arrangements for challenge, oversight and scrutiny and performance management
- 1.2 Both Boards and the WCSP share a common interest in working together to make Warrington a safer place and to protect the most vulnerable people within our communities.

## **2. Warrington Safeguarding Children Board**

- 2.1 Warrington Safeguarding Children Board (WSCB) is a statutory partnership with responsibility for agreeing how relevant local organisations will co-operate to safeguard and promote the welfare of children. WSCB's role is to monitor and evaluate the effectiveness of local arrangements to safeguard all children.
- 2.2 WSCB's key responsibilities are to:
- Develop policies and procedures for safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children in Warrington, including policies and procedures in relation to:
    - a. the action to be taken where there are concerns about a child's safety or welfare, including thresholds for intervention;
    - b. training of persons who work with children or in services affecting the safety and welfare of children;
    - c. recruitment and supervision of persons who work with children;
    - d. investigation of allegations concerning persons who work with children;
    - e. safety and welfare of children who are privately fostered;
    - f. cooperation with neighbouring children's services authorities and their Board partners
  - communicating to persons and bodies in Warrington the need to safeguard and promote the welfare of children, raising their awareness of how this can best be done and encouraging them to do so;
  - monitoring and evaluating the effectiveness of what is done by Warrington Borough Council and its partners individually and collectively to safeguard and promote the welfare of children and advising them on ways to improve;
  - participating in the planning of services for children in Warrington; and

- undertaking reviews of serious cases and advising the authority and the Board partners on lessons to be learned.

### 3. Warrington Community Safety Partnership

3.1 Community Safety Partnerships (CSPs) are made up of representatives from 'responsible authorities', which are the:

- Police
- Local Authority
- Fire and Rescue Service
- Probation Service
- Health Services

Responsible authorities work together with the Police and Crime Commissioner and other key partners to protect the community from crime and anti-social behaviour.

3.2 WCSP provides a local governance structure for the planning and accountability of community safety services and;

- delivers projects and services to improve the safety and wellbeing for the residents of Warrington;
- approves the statutory Crime and Disorder Strategic Assessment and contributes to, and supports the Joint Health and Wellbeing Strategy;
- promotes collaborative partnership working between statutory and non-statutory partners.
- Approves local Domestic Homicide reviews

3.3 The overall aim of the Community Safety Partnership is to identify and enable partnership working opportunities to prevent and reduce crime and disorder and the fear of crime and disorder in Warrington.

### 4 Warrington Safeguarding Adults Board

4.1. Warrington's Safeguarding Adults Board (SAB), is the strategic body which oversees safeguarding vulnerable adults activity locally. It brings together key agencies in Warrington who by working closely in partnership, ensure that safeguarding vulnerable adults is prioritised and coordinated effectively.

4.2. The overall aim of the WSAB is to ensure all vulnerable adult residents of Warrington are able to live safely, free from the fear of abuse, neglect or victimisation.

4.3. The WSAB key responsibilities are to:

- **Promote understanding and awareness** of the Safeguarding Adults agenda and ensuring that across Warrington we are

united in our 'zero tolerance' of abuse.

- **Prevent abuse and neglect** through positive action, support and promoting dignity in care.
- **Ensure prompt and effective responses** to protect individuals when allegations of abuse are made, and to ensure that enquiries are made and allegations are appropriately investigated.

4.4. The above are generic overall aims and are achieved by the following key activities:

- The scrutiny of all partner agencies in relation to safeguarding and advise on ways to improve.
- The development and implementation of multi-agency safeguarding policies, procedures and training. .
- Monitoring and evaluating the effectiveness of what is done by Warrington Borough Council and its partners individually and collectively to safeguard and promote the welfare of vulnerable adults, and advising those agencies on ways to improve;
- Seek assurances from all agencies about local activity in relation to safeguarding and hold agencies to account when expected outcomes are not achieved.
- Agree a work plan that involves all agencies and ensure the effective coordination of safeguarding locally.
- Task other key groups with ongoing and discreet pieces of work that support the work of the WSAB.
- Undertake reviews of cases that meet the Serious Case Review criteria and also cases where multi and single agency reviews may be appropriate, and advise Board partners on lessons to be learned.

4.5 The implementation of the Care Act 2014 in April 2015 will place the Safeguarding Adults Board on a statutory footing, and will strengthen a number of aspects of its work, including the requirement to work in partnership across its locality.

## **5. The Relationship between Warrington Safeguarding Children Board, Warrington Community Safety Partnership and Warrington Safeguarding Adults Board**

### **5.1 Roles and Responsibilities**

The roles and responsibilities of the Boards and the Partnership are different but in relation to children, young people and vulnerable adults complementary. All promote joint working and co-operation between partner agencies to improve the wellbeing of children, young people and vulnerable adults in Warrington.

## 5.2. Membership

The Executive Director of Families and Wellbeing (who is also the Director of Children's Services (DCS) and Director of Adults Social Services (DASS) is a member of the WSAB, the WCSP and WSCB.

## 5.3 Domestic Abuse

Both Safeguarding Boards and the Community Safety Partnership work to protect victims of domestic abuse, to ensure perpetrators of domestic abuse are prosecuted and monitor the impact of perpetrator programmes. All recognise that if children and young people live in homes where domestic abuse is happening that this is a safeguarding issue. It is also recognised that vulnerable adults are at increased risk of being victims of domestic violence and that where they are, or it is suspected that they may be victims of domestic abuse, this is also a safeguarding issue. Both Boards and the Partnership have agreed to ensure that Practitioners working with adults who have parental responsibility, where domestic abuse is occurring, will give due priority to protecting any children and young people present in the home, and that practitioners working with children report any concerns about abuse or neglect of vulnerable adults living in the home

This approach will ensure a 'Whole Family' and 'Think Safeguarding' approach by all practitioners.

The performance framework for the SAB includes quarterly reporting of domestic violence data including that which relates specifically to vulnerable adults

In addition, representatives of both the SAB and WSCB attend WDAP.

As appropriate, both Boards and the Partnership will support the work of MARAC (Multi-Agency Risk Assessment Conference) and MAPPA (Multi-Agency Public Protection Arrangements) at the strategic level, whilst ensuring that there is operational engagement from staff members

## 5.4. Domestic Homicide Reviews

The CSP agrees to seek appropriate involvement from both Safeguarding Boards to participate in any local DHRs, to ensure circulation of reports and action plans. The safeguarding boards agree to implement and monitor any relevant actions arising from any DHRs undertaken locally. . The Safeguarding Boards and the WCSP will ensure that the learning from any local and relevant national Domestic Homicide Reviews are disseminated and applied in practice, taking responsibility to monitor impact of changed ways of working.

## 5.5 Serious Case Reviews

The WSCB Learning and Improvement Framework sets out processes to ensure opportunities for learning from audits and reviews of cases (including Serious Case Reviews) properly engages all partners.

The WSAB and the WCSP will ensure that staff members attend the training and workshops provided by the WSCB as appropriate, and use the information provided on the WSCB website by regularly referring to the professionals section of the website.

WSAB has set out the criteria for undertaking Serious Case Reviews with regard to vulnerable adults and, following the ongoing implementation of the Care Act, will publish its criteria for undertaking Safeguarding Adult Reviews.

Where there are possible grounds for both a Serious Case Review and a Domestic Homicide Review then a decision should be made at the outset by the Chairs of the Boards to which process is to lead and who is to chair with a final joint report being taken to both Boards.

#### 5.6 Crime, Fear of Crime, Anti-Social Behaviour and Hate Crime

All practitioners will work to ensure the safety of Warrington residents and to prevent and reduce crime, working to keep Warrington a place where residents feel safe.

The Boards and the WCSP will ensure that all practitioners operate a 'Whole Family' and 'Think Safeguarding' approach when working with:

- perpetrators and victims of crime and anti-social behaviour,
- residents, children and young people and vulnerable adults who fear crime
- perpetrators and victims of all forms of hate crime
- and will work to reduce the risk of radicalisation.

The Boards and the WCSP recognise the vulnerability of children and young people in care, vulnerable adults and other key groups to crime. Joint working by all partners will ensure a coherent response to both tackling crime and to protecting and supporting residents, children and young people and vulnerable adults. The WSAB and WCSP will also work alongside WBC Trading Standards services and others to ensure people receive justice and perpetrators of abuse are identified and dealt with appropriately, especially those people who target and financially exploit vulnerable members of our society.

The Hate Crime Partnership is a multi-agency partnership which reports to the WCSP. It is dedicated to challenging Hate Crime and abuse and is chaired by the Assistant Director of Adult Social Care who also sits on the SAB. The partnership is supported by a Communications sub group that includes, amongst others, representation from children's and police services. Both Boards and WCSP have agreed the pledges of the Hate Crime Partnership which are to:

- prevent hate crime,
- increase reporting and
- improve the response to victims.

On a quarterly basis, the SAB receives updates from the Hate Crime Partnership including the reporting of hate crime and specific disability related hate crime data. The WSAB is represented on the Hate Crime Partnership through the attendance of the Operational Director of Social Care.

## 5.7 Sexual Exploitation

The WCSP and WSAB will work jointly with the WSCB to support children and young people at risk of sexual exploitation with full regard to the strategic structures (compliant with national guidance) in operation in Warrington, established by the WSCB Missing Children and Child Sexual Exploitation Subgroup and the WSCB Missing Children and Sexual Exploitation Trafficking Operational Group (MCSETO).

Joint working will support improved intelligence and information sharing, joint case management and consistency of approach, including the delivery of prosecutions in criminal proceedings as appropriate, the use or Risk Alerts that allow professionals to put preventative and protective measures in place to stop children either visiting or coming into contact with high risk areas or adults and awareness of learning from national and local serious case reviews and inquiries.

The Boards and the WCSP will also work together to support vulnerable adults at risk of sexual exploitation. It is acknowledged that a strategic structure to parallel that in working with children and young people is not in place currently though operational information sharing, cooperation and access to justice should likewise be evident in practice.

## 5.8 Board contributions to WCSP agenda

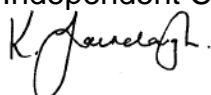
There will be one agenda item a year from both Boards on Safeguarding at the WCSP. This will ensure that the WCSP is giving due regard to local and national safeguarding issues, concerns, research and strengths.



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