#### Purpose

To hold each other to account in their responsibility to safeguard children. To act as a forum for partner organisations and agencies to collaborate, share and co-own the vision for how to achieve improved outcomes for vulnerable children.

#### Objectives

* To come together as a wider partnership, to work collaboratively to safeguard children.
* To act as a critical friend and to support partner agencies in their work to safeguard children.
* To be aware of the work of statutory partners in helping, protecting, and caring for children on the Isle of Wight and the mechanisms in place to monitor the effectiveness of these arrangements.
* To oversee the monitoring and evaluation of multi-agency frontline practice to safeguard children and identify where improvement is required.

#### Responsibilities

* Identify emerging issues to inform priority setting and raising awareness of emerging themes across the partnership.
* Consider regular reports from the Learning Inquiry Group and ensuring recommendations are acted upon and lessons learnt embedded into improved practice.
* Ensure engagement in policies and procedures and that they are monitored, and learning embedded across the partnership.
* Have oversight of the arrangement’s agencies are required to have in place under Section 11 of the Children Act 2004.
* Facilitate communication between all the safeguarding partners and relevant agencies, strengthening working relationships between organisations.

#### Accountability

IOWSCP Board is accountable to the IOWSCP Executive Group.

#### Membership

Each safeguarding partner and some relevant agencies are members of the Partnership Board. Attendees are expected to have a good understanding of safeguarding children and be of sufficient seniority to be able to:

* Speak for their organisation with authority
* Commit their organisation on policy and practice matters; and
* Hold their own organisation to account and hold others to account

The partnership meetings will be led by the independent chair and scrutineer. Membership includes:

* Adult Mental Health services
* Child and Adolescent Mental Health Services (CAMHS)
* Portsmouth Diocese
* Hampshire & Isle of Wight Fire & Rescue Service (HIOWFRS)
* Hampshire & Isle of Wight Constabulary
* Hampshire and Isle of Wight Integrated Care Board (ICB)
* HMP Isle of Wight
* Housing Providers
* Isle of Wight Council, Adults Social Care
* Isle of Wight Council, Childrens Social Care
* Isle of Wight Council, School Improvement
* Isle of Wight Council, Housing
* Isle of Wight Council, Public Health
* Isle of Wight Council, Regulatory Services
* Isle of Wight NHS Trust
* Isle of Wight Safeguarding Adults Board
* Isle of Wight Youth Offending Team (YOT)
* National Probation Service (NPS)
* NHS England/Improvement
* Primary School Representative
* Secondary School Representative
* Special School Representative
* Solent NHS Trust
* Voluntary Sector Representative
* HMP Isle of Wight Probation

Other organisations may be invited by IOWSCP to be members having regard to Section 13(4) of the Children Act 2004, as amended (Working Together to Safeguard Children 2018).

The Cabinet Member for Children’s Services, Education & Skills is a participant observer.

Any member delegating to another colleague, must ensure their deputy has the same decision-making authority. Any substitute should be of the same grade or one grade lower within their organisational structure.

#### Frequency of meetings

The Partnership Board will meet quarterly.

#### Quoracy

The Board will be quorate if half of the members are present, which should include the independent chair/scrutineer and representatives from each of the three safeguarding partners:

* Hampshire and Isle of Wight Constabulary
* Isle of Wight Council - Children’s Services
* Hampshire and Isle of Wight Integrated Care Board

#### Support from the Partnership Team

* Agree the agenda with the independent chair and scrutineer and safeguarding partners at the Executive Group
* Send the agenda and supporting papers to members at least one week in advance of the meeting
* Produce and send to members the meeting minutes and an action tracker no later than one week after the meeting
* Maintain an up-to-date list of members and their contact details
* Provide updates to the group to enrich and improve local processes and procedures

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