



PROTOCOL ON THE WORKING ARRANGEMENTS BETWEEN

THE ISLE OF WIGHT HEALTH AND WELLBEING BOARD

AND

THE ISLE OF WIGHT SAFEGUARDING CHILDRENS BOARD

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1. PURPOSE OF PROTOCOL

1.1 Both Isle of Wight (IOW) Health and Wellbeing Board and Isle of Wight Safeguarding Childrens Board (IOWSCB) have distinct roles in keeping our children and young people safe. The responsibilities of the Local Safeguarding Childrens Board will complement those of the Health and Wellbeing Board, but not be subordinate to it. This protocol aims to support the two Boards to operate effectively in relation to one another in terms of safeguarding and the means which we will secure effective co-ordination and coherence.

1.2 This protocol sets out the working arrangement between IOW Health and Well-Being Board (HWB) and the IOW Safeguarding Children Board (IOWSCB). It outlines the inter-relationship that should exist between the two Boards, their distinct functions, responsibilities, accountability and channels of communication.

2. THE ROLE OF ISLE OF WIGHT HEALTH AND WELLBEING BOARD

2.1 Isle of Wight Health and Well-Being Board was established in 2013 to fulfil statutory obligation of the Health and Social Care Act 2012. It brings together partners with a role in improving outcomes for people of all ages to agree a common strategy on how they will co-ordinate to improve health and wellbeing. It provides the strategic framework within which partners may commission services in a co-ordinated way.

2.1 IOWHWB is a statutory committee of IOW County Council. Members include Isle of Wight Council, Isle of Wight NHS Trust, Isle of Wight Clinical Commissioning Group (CCG), National Health Commissioning Board (Wessex Local Area Team), Hampshire & Isle of Wight Constabulary and Healthwatch.

2.2 The role of the HWB is as follows:

- To oversee and assure the translation of the Joint Strategic Needs Assessment (JSNA) into a Joint Health and Wellbeing Strategy (JHWS) to address the identified health and social care needs
- To join up commissioning through a robust knowledge of need by ensuring the delivery of a comprehensive JHWS
- To provide an opinion to the CCG and the Local Authority on whether commissioning plans have taken proper account of the JHWS and to refer plans to NHS Commissioning Board where there are concerns.

- To ensure that the CCG, IOW County Council and NHS Commissioning Board Wessex LAT execute their commissioning activities in accordance with the JHWS.
- To encourage integrated working between health and social care commissioners and health related services in order to ensure appropriate use of resources across all partners' budgets in order to achieve the best outcomes for local residents.

3. THE ROLE OF ISLE OF WIGHT SAFEGUARDING CHILDRENS BOARD

IOW Safeguarding Children Board (IOWSCB)

3.1 The key objectives of the IOWSCB as set out in 'Working Together to Safeguard Children 2013' are:

- To co-ordinate local work to safeguard and promote the well-being of children;
- To ensure the effectiveness of that work

3.2 Safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children is defined as:

- Protecting children from maltreatment
- Preventing impairment of children's health or development
- Ensuring that children are growing up in circumstances consistent with the provision of safe and effective care
- Taking action to enable all children to have the best outcomes

3.3 A key objective in undertaking these roles is to enable children to have optimum life chances and enter adulthood successfully.

3.4 The role of an LSCB is to scrutinise and challenge the work of agencies both individually and collectively. The LSCB is not operationally responsible for managers and staff in constituent agencies.

4. THE RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN THE TWO BOARDS AND SAFEGUARDING CHILDREN

4.1 In line with national guidance the HWB should receive the IOWSCB Annual Report and respond to the key messages and challenges that it highlights that need to be addressed in order to strengthening service responses that will safeguard children and young people. It will be necessary to put in place an appropriate timetable to enable this to happen. (refer to 5.6)

4.2 In the event of an urgent or significant safeguarding issue the Independent Chair of the safeguarding Board should have a ready mechanism to engage directly with the HWB. Such processes will need to be clear and put into place to enable this to happen. (refer to 5.3)

4.3 Joint plans developed to support delivery of the Joint Health and Wellbeing Strategy should include safeguarding as a cross-cutting theme to ensure that existing strategies and service delivery as well as emerging plans for change and improvement include effective safeguarding arrangements that ensure that all people of Isle of Wight are safe and their well-being is protected. The two safeguarding boards have a responsibility to scrutinise and challenge these arrangements.

4.4 The Joint Health and Well-Being Strategy is a key commissioning strategy for the delivery of services to children and adults across Isle of Wight and so it is critical that in drawing up, delivering and evaluating the strategy there is effective interchange between the Health and Well-Being Board and the Safeguarding Children Board through the following:

- The needs analyses that drive the formulation of the Joint Health and Well-Being Strategy and the LSCB Business Plan. This needs to be reciprocal in nature ensuring both that safeguarding boards' needs analyses are fed into the JSNA and that the outcomes of the JSNA are fed back into safeguarding boards' planning;
- Ensuring each Board is regularly updated on progress made in the implementation of the Joint Health and Well Being Strategy and the individual Board Business Plans in a context of mutual scrutiny and challenge;
- Annually reporting evaluations of performance on Plans again to provide the
- Opportunity for reciprocal scrutiny and challenge and to enable Boards to feed any improvement and development needs into the planning process for future years' strategies and plans.

4.5 The opportunities presented by a formal working relationship between the IOW Health and Wellbeing Board and the IOWSCB can, therefore be summarised as follows:

- Securing an integrated approach to the JSNA, ensuring comprehensive safeguarding data
- Aligning the work of the LSCB business plan with the JHWB Strategy and related priority setting.
- Ensuring safeguarding is "everyone's business", reflected in the public health agenda and related determinant of health policies and strategies.
- Evaluating the impact of the JHWB Strategy on safeguarding outcomes, and of safeguarding on wider determinants of health outcomes

- Identifying coordinated approach to performance management, transformational change and commissioning
- Cross Board scrutiny and challenge and “holding to account” the HWB for embedding safeguarding, and the IOWSCB for overall performance and contribution to the JHWB Strategy.

5. WORKING TOGETHER

5.1 IOWHWB and IOWSCB have a shared membership in relation to the Director of Children’s Services (DCS) and Clinical Commissioning Group. The DCS and Clinical Commissioning Group will liaise closely with the independent chair of IOWSCB to support the on-going and direct relationship and support regular communication. They will support effective working between the two boards to prevent duplication of effort to:

- understand and evaluate the effectiveness of service outcomes – including where services need to be improved, reshaped or developed;
- ensure action taken complements each Board and does not duplicate
- ensure alignment of strategy and associated work

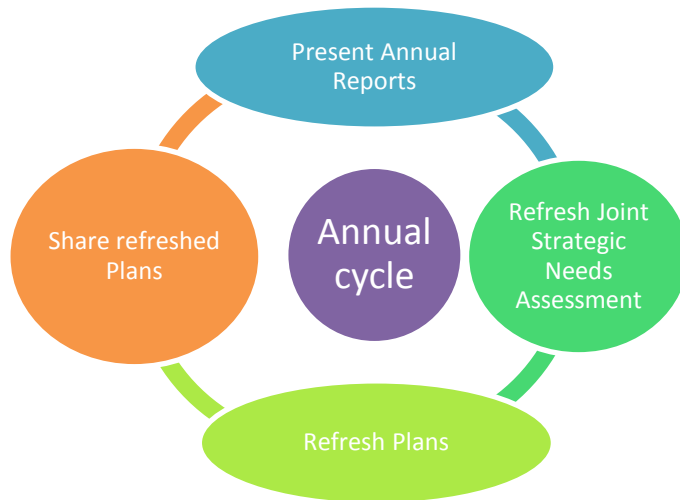
5.2 The Independent Chair of IOWSCB will attend the HWB annually to present the IOWSCB Annual Report. It will contain a honest assessment of local safeguarding arrangements and recommend areas of safeguarding that need to be addressed within the refreshed Joint Health and Wellbeing Strategy and inform the Joint Strategic Needs Assessment refresh.

5.3 The Independent Chair of IOWSCB will have a right of audience to the HWB in the event of an urgent or significant safeguarding issue that needs to be referred to HWB for consideration.

5.4 The HWB will ensure that the advice and information from HSCB is disseminated within the HWB infrastructure, informs the Joint Strategic Needs Assessment and Joint Health and Wellbeing Strategy.

5.5 The HWB will seek assurance from the IOWSCB that it will work effectively through its membership to address local concerns and implement any changes required as a result from new statutory guidance or lessons learnt from serious case reviews and other learning reviews.

5.6 In order to ensure opportunities are secured for joint working the following annual cycle of action has been devised:



6. EVALUATION AND REVIEW

- 6.1 If there are any areas of significant concern that cannot be resolved in accordance with this protocol then a strategy meeting will be held between the Independent chair of IOWSCB, the Director of Childrens Services and the chair of HWB and any other senior person that is regarded as being required.
- 6.2 The HWB and IOWSCB should undertake to review the implementation of this protocol annually.