

# ISLE OF WIGHT SAFEGUARDING CHILDREN PARTNERSHIP

## Groups

### Partnership Board

All relevant agencies and safeguarding partners are members of the Partnership Board. Attendees are expected to have a good understanding of safeguarding and be of a senior level to represent their organisation or sector. The partnership meetings will be led by the Independent Chair and meet quarterly.

Summary of functions include:

- Facilitating communication between all the safeguarding partners and relevant agencies, strengthening working relationships between organisations.
  - Means of consulting with senior safeguarding leads in agencies / sectors.
  - Dissemination of learning from case reviews and assurance activities.
  - Identifying emerging issues to inform priority setting and raising awareness of emerging issues across the partnership.
  - Identifying challenges to safeguarding work and contributing towards the development of solutions
  - Linking with other strategic partnerships including the Health and Wellbeing Board, Adult Safeguarding Board, Local Family Justice Board, Strategic MAPPA Board, Corporate Parenting Board and Community Safety Partnerships.
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### Business Group

The Business Group comprises those with lead responsibility from each of the safeguarding partners and the chairs of the subgroups of the main Partnership Board. The group has overall responsibility for the safeguarding arrangements.

Summary of functions:

- Defining how the safeguarding arrangements will operate.
- Ensuring the safeguarding arrangements are working effectively.
- Identify and escalate concerns regarding the delivery of services and/or interagency working regarding the delivery of services and/or interagency working
- Setting the strategic priorities for the partnership.
- Supporting and engaging with relevant agencies through the Partnership Group.
- Ensuring that local and national learning is implemented.
- Maintaining a risk register that identifies strategic risks to the safeguarding of children in the area and the operation of the safeguarding arrangements.
- Produce and publish a yearly report on behalf of the partnership.

Wherever possible, decisions will be made by consensus. Where this is not possible, decisions of the Business Group will be taken by a majority vote of the safeguarding partners.

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### Scrutiny and Assurance Group

This group is chaired by a member of the partnership nominated by the Business Group. The core membership of the group is made up of senior operational managers from the safeguarding partners who act as decision makers for their organisations.

Summary of functions:

- Develop an annual scrutiny and assurance programme derived from the annual business plan, emerging safeguarding issues and inspections of services.
  - Commission audits and reviews of safeguarding arrangements and practice within partner agencies.
  - Maintain a multi-agency dataset of agreed safeguarding indicators and provide a quarterly analysis on trends and themes to the Partnership Board.
  - Ensure that the 'voice of the child' is considered in scrutiny and assurance work undertaken.
  - Ensure findings identified from audits, including good practice, are disseminated to front-line professionals.
  - Monitor agency compliance with Section 11 of the Children Act 2004, challenge organisations where appropriate and report findings to the Partnership Board.
  - Ensure actions arising from quality assurance activities are completed, reviewed and monitored for impact.
  - Escalate risks to the Business Group and Partnership Board through the Risk Register.
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### Learning and Inquiry Group

This group is chaired by a member of the partnership nominated by the Business Group. The core membership of the group is made up of senior operational managers from the safeguarding partners who act as decision makers for their organisations. Representatives from relevant agencies are invited to contribute to the group depending on the nature of the cases involved.

Summary of functions:

- Undertaking a 'Rapid Review' of cases in accordance with the requirements in Working Together 2018
- Making recommendations about whether to undertake a Child Safeguarding Practice Review / local learning review or to recommend a National Learning Review.
- Receive details of cases which have undergone a Rapid Review and undertake further analysis when requested by the safeguarding partners.
- Draft Terms of Reference for Child Safeguarding Practice Reviews / local learning reviews.
- Oversee the conduct of and/or undertake Child Safeguarding Practice Reviews / local learning reviews
- Report to the Partnership Board with review findings and proposed actions.
- Dissemination of learning via the Partnership Board and the Workforce and Development group.
- Informing the Partnership Board and relevant subgroups of emerging issues and risks

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Decisions on recommendations arising from Rapid Reviews will be made by the three safeguarding partners. They will be shared with the Independent Chair to allow independent oversight and scrutiny of the recommendations and decisions.

Learning arising from local reviews will be shared with the HIPS Executive.

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### Education Subgroup

This group is chaired by a member of the partnership nominated by the Business Group. The core membership of the group is made up of senior education leaders from primary, secondary and special schools including academies; further education colleges; independent education establishments and senior local authority officers within the Education and Inclusion branch of Children's Services.

Summary of functions:

- Provide a forum for strategic discussion of child protection and safeguarding in educational establishments across Isle of Wight.
  - Develop and review new and relevant safeguarding guidance and disseminate information accordingly.
  - Consider IOWSCP decisions and recommendations relating to educational establishments and to ensure that they are implemented through a co-ordinated education response.
  - Monitor compliance with S175/S157 Education Act 2002 and 'Keeping children safe in education: for schools and colleges' (2018).
  - Ensure that there is appropriate discussion and dissemination of lessons emerging from case reviews, audits and best practice and to ensure required actions are completed, reviewed and monitored for impact.
  - Review local, regional and national guidance relevant to educational establishments in relation to child protection and safeguarding.
  - Identify and address concerns in relation to the delivery of services and/or interagency working within the educational sector.
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### Workforce Development Group

This group is chaired by a member of the partnership nominated by the Business Group. The core membership of the group is made up of senior operational managers from the safeguarding partners who act as decision makers for their organisations. This group operates across both the IOWSCP and the IOW Safeguarding Adults Board.

Summary of functions:

- Identify multi-agency learning and development needs by undertaking an annual needs analysis.
- Develop, maintain and review a multi-agency learning policy.
- Agree a costed programme of learning events and contribute to commissioning arrangements on behalf of the Partnership Board.

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- Ensure that learning events remain up to date, relevant and provide local context.
- Ensure that the 'voice of the child' is considered in the commissioning of the multi-agency learning programme.
- Ensure that learning from audits, inspections and case reviews is incorporated within the multi-agency learning programme.
- Consider opportunities for children to contribute to the Partnership Board's annual conference.
- Consider, through member updates, agency compliance with in-house and multi-agency training and to escalate risks to the Business Group and Partnership Board through the risk register
- Monitor and evaluate the effectiveness of the programme of learning through observations and impact assessments.
- Work with other strategic Boards to maximise co-commissioning of learning events to achieve efficiency and promote a family approach.

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## Health Subgroup

This group is chaired by a senior clinical leader from the Isle of Wight Clinical Commissioning Group. The core membership of the group is made up of senior operational managers from the health services on the Island. This group operates across both the IOWSCP and the IOW Safeguarding Adults Board.

Summary of functions:

- To provide a forum for open and honest strategic discussion of child/adult protection and safeguarding in health services across the Isle of Wight and to provide a common health voice at IOWSCP.
- To consider IOWSCP decisions and recommendations relating to health services and to assure the Partnership that they are implemented through a co-ordinated health response.
- To ensure that those responsible at a senior level for safeguarding children on the Isle of Wight health services are linked into the Partnership.
- To authorise decisions of the Partnership (e.g. approval of policies and procedures).

To ensure that there is appropriate discussion and dissemination of lessons emerging