

LLR SAFEGUARDING CHILDREN PARTNERSHIPS BUSINESS PLAN APRIL 2020 to MARCH 2021

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Covid-19 context statement

We are working under the expectation that the impact of and responses to Covid-19 will continue over the next year and therefore all of the work of the SCP will take place in that context. Many areas of our work will change to adapt to this context. There will also be some areas of business that need a specific focus related to Covid-19 and our response to it. As this is a changing situation this plan will be regularly reviewed to respond to this.

1. Voice of the Child			
Ensuring the voice and lived experience of children is given prominence in all safeguarding of children.			
Outcome statements			
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The priorities and work of the partnership has been influenced by the voice and experience of children who have received safeguarding support. • Partners evidence that work with children to safeguard them is directed by their voice and lived experience and this is having a positive impact on their safety and wellbeing. • The partnership is assured that messages and measures online safety are reaching children and young people and supporting them to be safe online 			
Key Deliverables	Lead	Activity	Timescale
1. Assurance reports that evidence the impact of agencies hearing and	Chair of Performance and Delivery Group (Chair: Deputy	Evidence provided as part of regular assurance reporting and focused assurance	October 2020 January 2021

responding to the voice and lived experience of children (including the voice of children who have experienced the safeguarding process)	Director Children's Services Rutland County Council)	work, that agencies are seeking and responding to the voice and lived experience of children, and this is improving the lives of children.	
2. Young People's safeguarding priorities to feed into partnership priority setting, ensuring the voice of young people who have been through safeguarding processes is heard.	L&R County participation officers and LR Business office	Meetings of YPAG with input from SCP members to identify young people's priorities regarding safeguarding and areas for improvement. These are presented to SCP in priority review process.	In line with priority setting meetings each year i.e. June 2020
	City Participation officers and Safeguarding Partnership Office	Young People's priorities from participation work in Leicester that are relevant to safeguarding are collated. These are presented to SCP in priority review process.	In line with priority setting meetings each year i.e. June 2020
3. LLR SCPs co-produce work with local young people	L&R participation officers and L&R Business office LRSCP Independent Advisor	YPAG take part in one independent scrutiny and assurance piece of work and co-produce recommendations and actions to be progressed by the SCP.	March 2021
	Local young people with the support of LCity participation officer/s	Local young people to co-lead on a piece of work with the LSCPB relating to safeguarding children priorities. This could be scrutiny and assurance work with L&R YPAG (see above) if felt to be appropriate.	March 2021
4. Recruitment of Independent Advisor informed by views of local young people	LLR Safeguarding Partners	Young people involved in panel to interview and recruit of LLR Independent Advisor	September 2020

5. Co-produced voice of the child materials to be promoted with a view to them being used in reflective practice across the partnerships	Chair of LLR Multi-Agency Learning and Development Group (Chair: Trust Lead for Safeguarding, Leicestershire Partnership NHS Trust)	Promote the Was Not Heard video and other relevant material i.e. How Will You Hear Me? videos as part of the LLR training offer and resources	Was Not Heard Video to be launched July 2020
6. Report showing the reach and impact of online safety messages	Chair of Performance and Delivery Group (Chair: Deputy Director Children's Services Rutland County Council)	Explore concerns further with young people, utilizing existing participation arrangements. Seek assurance report from appropriate partnership/agency.	March 2021

2. Mental Health

What will success look like?

- The emotional and mental health needs of children with learning disabilities and/or autism are understood in the context of safeguarding and support for this group of children is in place as required to reduce risk.
- Safeguarding and mental health support for children is joined up and partners work together and with young people to reduce risk of harm.

Key Deliverables	Lead	Activity	Timescale
1. Enhance and align safeguarding children and mental health procedures	Chair of Mental Health Task and Finish Group (Head of Service, Safeguarding Improvement and Quality Assurance, Leicestershire County Council)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Scope LLR partnership requirements • Confirm terms of reference • Update or create relevant policies and procedures for the partnerships 	March 2021
2. Clear procedures and pathways in meeting emotional and mental health needs in the context of safeguarding children	Chair of Performance and Delivery Group (Chair: Deputy Director Children's Services Rutland County Council)	Scope out the work required regarding the emotional and mental health of needs of children with learning disabilities and/or autism in the context of safeguarding and	Scoping to be complete by November 2020 with a view to required work being completed by March 2021

		allocate work to subgroups accordingly / set up new task and finish group if required	
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3. Domestic Abuse

What will success look like?

- The partnership is assured that there are appropriate support and interventions for children living with domestic abuse.

Key Deliverables	Lead	Activity	Timescale
1. Receive assurance from partners and the Vulnerability Board that partnerships are responding appropriately to children living with domestic abuse.	Chair of Performance and Delivery Group (Chair: Deputy Director Children's Services Rutland County Council)	Request and receive assurance i.e. from Audit and Assurance Group, via S11 audit, through quarterly reporting mechanisms, that effective support and interventions are in place for children who are living with domestic abuse (including young people affected by domestic abuse in their intimate partner relationships). Use and enhance established links with LLR Vulnerability Executive and Community Safety Partnerships (who oversee the operational work of multi-agency domestic abuse interventions across the partnerships) to ensure that appropriate assurance is received.	Throughout the business year March 2021

4. Communications

What will success look like?

- People who work or live in Leicester, Leicestershire and Rutland report child abuse and neglect and concerns they are aware of.

Key Deliverables	Lead	Activity	Timescale
1. LLR media/comms campaign that raises awareness of how to recognise signs of abuse and neglect and how to report concerns (including in the context of COVID-19)	LLR Safeguarding Partners with support of the business managers and comms leads	Agree key messages and develop a media / comms campaign which is implemented across the partnerships, including: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Social media key messages and assets • Posters • Leaflets which are available in places such as supermarkets, and disseminated to households across the partnerships 	Social media campaign to be in place by April 2020 Posters and leaflets to be developed and disseminated May 2020 onwards Continue throughout business year

5. Meeting Statutory Responsibilities & Maintaining Business as Usual

Ensuring core duties under the Children Act 2004 (as amended by the Children and Social Work Act, 2017) and statutory guidance Working Together 2018 are met as outlined by our published arrangements.

What will success look like?

- The Partnership has carried out the statutory requirements of the Safeguarding Partners and assured itself they are meeting these.
- Child Safeguarding Practice Reviews and Partnership assurance work result in timely learning and changes in systems and practice to improve safeguarding/outcomes for children.
- There is evidence that the work of the Partnership has improved safeguarding and welfare of children and young people
- The impact of Covid-19 on safeguarding and welfare of children is understood, emerging issues are identified, and partnership approaches to address this and mitigate future risk are in place.

Key Deliverables	Lead /s	Activity	Timescale
1. Annual Report. The safeguarding partners must publish a report at least once in every 12-month period. The report must set out what they have done as a result of the arrangements, including on child safeguarding practice reviews, and how effective these arrangements have been in practice (Working Together, 2018, p.79)	LRSCP: Safeguarding Partnerships Business Office Manager LSCP/B: Safeguarding Boards Manager LRSCP/LSCP/B Independent Advisor	LRSCP annual report to be written by LRSCP Manager, and signed off by LRSCP, prior to being published on www.lrsb.org.uk LSCP/B annual report to be written by LSCP/B Manager, and signed off by LSCP/B, prior to being published on www.lcitylscb.org LSCP/LSCP/B Independent Advisor to provide independent scrutiny of these reports (Working Together, 2018, p.77)	At least once in every 12-month period. Publish as soon after the end of the business year as is feasible and ideally no later than September of each year.
2. Undertake Local Safeguarding Children Practice Reviews. See Chapter 4, Working Together (2018).	LRSCP: Chair of LRSCP Case Review Group (Assistant Director - Children's Social Care & Early Help, Leicestershire County Council)	Each partnership will undertake Local Safeguarding Children Practice Reviews in line with Chapter 4 of Working Together, 2018 and as set out arrangements for conducting local reviews.	Ongoing throughout the reporting year.

	LSCP: Chair of LSCP Case Review Group (Director - Children's Social Care & Early Help, Social Care and Education, Leicester City Council)		
<p>3. Reviewing Published Arrangements. The three safeguarding partners should report any updates to the published arrangements in their yearly report and the proposed timescale for implementation.</p> <p>'The three safeguarding partners should agree on ways to co-ordinate their safeguarding services; act as a strategic leadership group in supporting and engaging others; and implement local and national learning including from serious child safeguarding incidents. To fulfil this role, the three safeguarding partners must set out how they will work together and with any relevant agencies as well as arrangements for conducting local reviews' (Working Together, 2019, p.72-73).</p>	<p>LRSCP The three safeguarding partners (Police, LA, CCG) with support from:</p> <p>LRSCP: Safeguarding Partnerships Business Office Manager</p> <p>LRSCP Independent Advisor</p>	LRSCP: Review LRSCP arrangements, including voluntary sector engagement and agree timescale for implementation of any updates.	LRSCP: Initial conversations July 2020, for completion March 2021
	<p>LSCP The three safeguarding partners (Police, LA, CCG) with support from:</p> <p>LSCP: Safeguarding Boards Manager</p> <p>LSCP Independent Advisor</p>	LSCP: LSCP arrangements published June 2019, effective September 2019 in line with Working Together (2018). Any updates to be considered in September 2020 (once the arrangements have been in use one year and had chance to embed, at that stage the new Independent Advisor is also likely to be in post).	LSCP: Begin September 2020, for completion March 2021
<p>4. Multi-Agency Safeguarding Children Training. Implement local and national learning including from serious child safeguarding incidents (Working Together, 2018, p.105).</p>	Chair of LLR Multi-Agency Learning and Development Group (Chair: Trust Lead for Safeguarding, Leicestershire Partnership NHS Trust)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Carry out needs assessment • Set up a multi-agency safeguarding children training programme • Adapt programme throughout the year to take into account learning from reviews and audits 	<p>Needs assessment complete by June/July 2020</p> <p>Work programme in place once business plan confirmed.</p>

<p>Multi-agency training will be important in supporting the collective understanding of local need... To enable this, the three safeguarding partners should consider what training is needed locally and how they will monitor and evaluate the effectiveness of any training they commission. (Working Together, 2018, p.12-13)</p>		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Evaluate the programme 	<p>Evaluation ready in time for end of year reporting (i.e. April 2021)</p>
<p>5. Maintaining multi-agency policies and procedures. In order to work together effectively, the safeguarding partners with other local organisations and agencies should develop processes that:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> facilitate and drive action beyond usual institutional and agency constraints and boundaries ensure the effective protection of children is founded on practitioners developing lasting and trusting relationships with children and their families (Working Together, 2018, p.73) 	<p>Chair of LLR Multi-Agency Policies and Procedures Group (Chair: Head of Service, Safeguarding Improvement and Quality Assurance, Leics County Council)</p>	<p>Reviewing, developing and maintaining inter-agency safeguarding children policies and procedures via the <u>LLR Safeguarding Children Partnerships Procedures Manual</u></p>	<p>Ongoing throughout the reporting year.</p>
<p>6. Impact of COVID-19</p>	<p>Groups to feed into LLR Performance and Delivery Group as follows:</p> <p>LLR Audit and Assurance Group: when undertaking audit and assurance work, ensure the</p>	<p>Chair of Performance and Delivery Group (Chair: Dawn Godfrey, Deputy Director Children’s Services Rutland County Council) to receive information from:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> LLR Audit and Assurance Group 2 x Review Groups 	<p>Throughout the business year.</p>

	<p>impact of Covid-19 on safeguarding and welfare of children is understood and emerging issues are identified. Report this into the Planning and Delivery Group to ensure that partnership approaches are put in place to address this and mitigate future risk.</p> <p>City and County/Rutland Review groups: reviews undertaken are to ensure that the impact of Covid-19 on safeguarding and welfare of children is understood and that emerging issues are identified.</p> <p>LLR Safeguarding Sub Cell: feeds in the impact of Covid-19 on safeguarding and welfare of children at an operational level, identifying emerging issues and partnership approaches taken to address these / mitigate future risk are in place.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • LLR Safeguarding Sub Cell <p>to identify the impact of Covid-19 on safeguarding and welfare of children update the LSCPB about</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • emerging issues, and • any partnership approaches to address these issues and mitigate future 	
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