



## **Derby and Derbyshire Safeguarding Children Partnership Business Plan 2020-2021**

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Under the *Children and Social Work Act 2017*, the three statutory safeguarding partners (Local Authorities, Chief Officers of Police, and Clinical Commissioning Groups (CCGs)) must make arrangements to work together with relevant agencies to safeguard and protect the welfare of children in the area. These are referred to as Multi-Agency Safeguarding Arrangements. *Working Together to Safeguard Children (July 2018)*, sets out the statutory guidance to which all Multi-Agency Safeguarding Arrangements must adhere. Under the guidance it is permissible for the new arrangements to cover more than one local authority area with the same principle applying for Clinical Commissioning Groups and Chief Officers of Police. The statutory safeguarding partners across Derby and Derbyshire retain equal and joint responsibility for local safeguarding arrangements.

Derby City Council, Derbyshire County Council, Derby and Derbyshire Clinical Commissioning Group, Tameside and Glossop Clinical Commissioning Group and Derbyshire Constabulary approved the establishment and implementation of multi-agency safeguarding arrangements across Derby and Derbyshire. The new arrangements are called the Derby and Derbyshire Safeguarding Children Partnership and bring together the lead members and chief officers from the statutory agencies to oversee and scrutinise the work of a joint executive board comprising both statutory and other key partners. The chief officer group and executive board of the partnership are chaired independently of any of the Partnership members. The role of Chair includes scrutiny of the effectiveness of local arrangements consistent with the national guidance.

The new arrangements have increased the capacity within the system to improve its scrutiny of safeguarding arrangements whilst ensuring duplication is minimised. The arrangements build on the excellent performance of the two separate local safeguarding children boards allowing for wider sharing of both learning and resources.



## Objectives

The local arrangements have a specific remit to support and enable organisations and agencies across Derby and Derbyshire to work together so that:

- children are safeguarded and their welfare promoted;
- partner organisations and agencies collaborate, share and co-own the vision for how to achieve improved outcomes for vulnerable children;
- organisations and agencies challenge appropriately and hold one another to account effectively;
- there is early identification and analysis of new safeguarding issues and emerging threats;
- learning is promoted and embedded in a way that local services can become more reflective and implement changes to practice identified as positive for children and families; information is shared effectively to facilitate more accurate and timely decision making for children and families.

## Purpose of the Business Plan

The Business plan supports the Priorities agreed by the Chief Officers' Group on 27 January 2020. These were identified in response to a combination of specific local intelligence and demands, previous priorities, national directives, performance information and individual casework and audits. The top five set out here have been identified by the Partnership as the main objectives to be achieved in 2020/21. This Plan seeks to incorporate into a single document the Strategic Priorities alongside the relevant lead agencies/subgroups, Performance Indicators and identified risks to be addressed by the partnership.



## Strategic Priorities

Priority	Description	Links to subgroups
1	Promote emotional health and wellbeing and reduce the impact of Adverse Childhood Experiences (ACE's) <i>WTOG ref (a)</i>	QA Groups EVYP Groups LOD Group Ed Groups
	Performance measures: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Section 47 enquiries</li> <li>• Use of graded care profiles</li> <li>• Use of CRE risk assessments</li> <li>• Children who are victims of crime</li> <li>• Missing from care/home</li> <li>• High risk CRE</li> <li>• Children admitted to hospital due to self-harm / substance misuse</li> <li>• CAHMS referral rates and waiting times</li> </ul>	
2	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Safeguard children at risk of exploitation reflecting additional features such contextual safeguarding and our understanding of emerging vulnerabilities <i>WTOG ref (a)</i></li> <li>• Reduce the vulnerability of Electively Home Educated Children (EHE), Children excluded from school and Children who are Missing (From home, school and care) <i>WTOG ref (c)</i></li> </ul>	EVYP Groups Ed Groups
	Performance measures: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Use of CRE risk assessments</li> <li>• Missing from care/home</li> <li>• High risk CRE</li> <li>• Children Missing Education and Children Electively Home Educated</li> </ul>	
3	Reduce the adverse impact of Parental Substance Misuse and Parental Mental Health <i>WTOG ref (a)</i>	QA Groups P&P Group
	Performance measures: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Substance misuse (including alcohol)</li> </ul>	



4	Promote and obtain assurance of Early Help arrangements (including responding to neglect) and response to requests for services <i>WTOG ref (a)</i>	QA Groups P&P Group
	Performance measures: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Early help (including volume, source and escalation)</li> <li>• Use of graded care profiles</li> <li>• Contacts and referrals</li> </ul>	
5	Reduce the adverse impact of Domestic Abuse and family conflict <i>WTOG ref (a)</i>	Ed Groups EVYP Groups QA Groups
	Performance measures: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Total CPP where DV is a significant factor</li> <li>• DASH score when Children present at DA Incident reported quarterly</li> <li>• DA figures at the MASH/Starting Point</li> </ul>	

*References to Outcome of Multi Agency Safeguarding Arrangements - Working Together 2018*

- Children are safeguarded and their welfare promoted - **WTOG ref (a)**
- Partner organisations and agencies collaborate - **WTOG ref (b)**
- Early identification and analysis of new safeguarding issues and emerging threats - **WTOG ref (c)**
- Learning is promoted and embedded - **WTOG ref (d)**
- Organisations and agencies challenge appropriately and hold one another to account effectively - **WTOG ref (e)**

## Operational Priorities/Partnership Subgroups

Additional priorities identified will be addressed as business as usual by the Partnership Subgroups, within their own terms of reference and in addition to their contributions to the five strategic priorities. Success will be measured through the Performance Framework and audit activity. In all cases, the Subgroup will be expected to identify the practitioner/manager development requirements to meet the stated priority and the capacity needed to ensure resilience. These will be shared with the other relevant groups, particularly the Learning and Organisational Development Subgroup, to ensure that a holistic view is taken of development and capacity needs. Any shortfalls will be identified and reported to the Executive Board, if they cannot be addressed within the Partnership Subgroup process.

