

North Somerset Safeguarding Children Partnership (SCP)

Structure

May 2022



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Operational Planning and Development Group –
Chaired by Independent Chair of NSSCP: Attended by agency safeguarding leads and sub-group chairs

CSPR/Rapid Reviews including
Child Death Review
(to link with Adult
Safeguarding Board where
appropriate)

Learning & Development

Quality Assurance &
Performance Monitoring

Communications &
Engagement

Exploitation / Contextual
Safeguarding Working Group

Childhood Neglect Working
Group



Executive Leadership Group

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Executive will meet monthly during 2022 and chaired by Independent Chair

- Executives will agree and sign off membership and TOR of Sub Groups
- Executives will receive exception reporting from Sub Groups requiring decisions



Executive Plus Sub Group Chairs/Vice

The group will meet 8 weekly during 2022 enabling 2 way communication between Execs and Sub Groups chaired by Independent Chair

- Sub Group/Working Group Chairs/Vice Chairs will brief Executives of work undergoing activity of sub groups using reporting template
- Sub group/working Group Chairs/Vice Chairs will provide exception reporting via the reporting template
- Executives will provide support and direction to Sub Group/Working Group Chairs

Operational Planning and Development Group (to become live in 2023)

This group will include being responsible for agreeing levels of need (thresholds) and information sharing; strategy & actions for new/emerging issues; ownership of contextual safeguarding outputs; equalities assessment and strategic partner sign off.

The main responsibilities of this group will be to:

- Develop and drive the implementation of the SCP Business plan on behalf of the SCP under the leadership of the Executive Board
- Ensure the work of the partnership is clearly understood and that actions are implemented
- Ensure a cross agency responsibility and accountability for safeguarding children and young people and their families and that risk is understood and challenged when required

This group will also ensure priorities of local issues and concerns and that the work of the subgroups cover the implementation of strategic intent and serve as an assurance mechanism to highlight local emerging priority safeguarding themes.

Core membership of this group will be the chairs of the subgroups, Business Manager and the safeguarding partners, represented at Heads of Safeguarding or Safeguarding lead level and will be chaired by the Independent Chair .

Will also identify task and finish groups to relevant work streams when necessary or as directed by the Executive SCP Board.



Other relevant agencies

In addition to the three main statutory safeguarding partners, a number of other relevant agencies will also work as part of the Safeguarding Children Partnership and be members of the subgroups and relevant action groups:

- Schools, Colleges, Further & Higher Education Providers
- Early Years Settings & Nurseries
- District council
- CAFCASS
- OPCC
- BTP and Border Authorities
- Probation and Youth Justice
- NHS provider services
- Public Health
- Other providers of services to children and families (e.g. DA, drug and alcohol, housing, mental health, adoption and fostering)



The role of the subgroups

The subgroups will have a strong focus on holding agencies to account for their safeguarding activity and ensuring an emphasis on assurance, learning, and improving practice, enabling a feedback loop across all agencies and with the front line. They will be chaired by a senior safeguarding partner.

The Operational Planning and Development Group will be chaired by the Independent Chair thereby acting as the golden thread between strategic and operational assurance arrangements.

Subgroup and Working Group Membership will be agreed locally and will include the Safeguarding Partners and relevant agencies who play a critical role in delivering services and safeguarding children in the locality.

Subgroups

1. Learning and Development
2. Communications and Engagement
3. Child Safeguarding Practice Reviews (CSPR/Rapid Reviews)
4. Quality Assurance & Performance Monitoring

Working Groups

1. Exploitation/Contextual Safeguarding
2. Childhood Neglect

1. Learning & Development subgroup

The Learning and Development subgroup will be responsible organising the delivery of multi-agency training programmes and providing assurance in respect of the sufficiency and quality of single- and multi-agency training. It will also collate partnership wide learning and ensure that this is disseminated through the partnership's multi-agency training offer, for which it will be responsible.

2. Communications and Engagement subgroup

The Communications and Engagement subgroup will be responsible for identifying and delivering safeguarding messages to all stakeholders, including practitioners, the general public and children. The effectiveness of campaigns will be evaluated and used to inform future activity.

The subgroup will also be responsible for engaging with children and families and ensuring that their voices are heard throughout the partnership groups.

3. Child Safeguarding Practice Reviews (CSPR/Rapid Reviews)

The Reviews subgroup will be responsible for the consideration of Child Safeguarding Practice Reviews (CSPR)

- referrals, and oversight of CSPR and any other agreed review activity.
- overseeing the implementation of action plans resulting from review activity so that all learning and improvement activity is co-ordinated by one group

4. Quality Assurance & Performance Monitoring subgroup

The Quality Assurance and Performance Monitoring subgroup will oversee all quality assurance activity including:

- self-assessment Section 11 audits of the safeguarding partners and relevant agencies
- Section 175 and 157 audits of schools
- Collection of performance data and intelligence (commissioned by Executive)
- multi-agency audit activity (commissioned by Executives or as an action from Reviews)
- engagement with frontline practitioners.

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