Torbay MASH – who is involved in the MASH?

A Multi-Agency Safeguarding Hub (MASH) is a collaborative framework that brings together professionals from various sectors, including social care, police, and health services, to protect vulnerable individuals, particularly children. A MASH plays a crucial role in safeguarding by facilitating effective information sharing among agencies to identify risks early and provide appropriate support. By working together, the MASH ensures that vulnerable individuals receive timely and coordinated assistance.

Torbay Multi Agency Safeguarding Hub (MASH) is made up of a number of services within Children’s Services and partner agencies. The Mash supports with the provision of a children’s safeguarding response to Torquay, Paignton and Brixham.

**Children’s Services:**

* Children’s Social Care – consisting of a Team Manager and 2 Assistant Team Manager posts, including 1 full time and 2 job shares (all qualified social workers), 3.5 social workers, and 3 Referral Co Ordinators
* Supported by the co-location of:
* The Local Authority Designated Officer
* The Missing and Exploitation Team - consisting of a Team Manager (social worker), Exploitation Coordinator, and a Business Support Officer.
* Domestic Abuse and Sexual Violence Coordinator.
* Early Help – consists of the Service Manager, 2 Assistant Team Managers, the Family Intervention Team (FIT) and Family Group Conference.

**Partners:**

* Health – consist of the Named Nurse, 6 Safeguarding Nurse Practitioners who cover MASH on a duty basis in the office, and an administrator.
* Police – consists of a Sergeant and 3 officers and one researcher.
* TESS (Torbay Education Safeguarding Service) – consists of the Team Manager (social work qualified) and 3 Educational Safeguarding Advisors, and 1 administrative support.
* Probation – supported by a virtual link at this time with plans for part time co-location.

Each agency will collate information from their area to inform decision making in the MASH.

Health will access their systems and contact other agencies directly where required when there is no direct access to a system, such as Drug and Alcohol Services.

Police will access their local system (Niche) and Storm (system used for logging of 999/101 calls for allocation to police resources such as Response Officers or Neighbourhood Officers/PCSO’s), and access required to do so the Police National Computer and the Police National Database.

TESS will liaise directly with schools to request information.

Probation review their own systems and if appropriate discussions can be held with the Probation worker.

The Early Help service are available to discuss current plans for children who are open to the service. They will refer families onwards to appropriate services such as Action for Children, and these services can be contacted directly.