



HARROW STRATEGIC SAFEGUARDING PARTNERSHIP Terms of Reference – MAY 2019

1. Legal context

The Children and Social Work Act 2017 introduced a requirement for new Safeguarding Partnership Arrangements to be established in every local authority. These partnerships replace Local Safeguarding Children Boards.

In Harrow, the new arrangement is led by Harrow Strategic Safeguarding Partnership (HSSP) and its remit extends to overseeing the safeguarding arrangements for both children and adults with care and support needs.

To maintain a balanced focus, both the Harrow Safeguarding Adults Board (HSAB) and Harrow Safeguarding Children Board (HSCB) will continue with their existing functions to coordinate local arrangements to safeguard and promote the welfare of relevant groups across Harrow and to ensure their effectiveness.

2. Key concepts for HSSP

- Child protection is the protection of individual children who are suffering or who are likely to suffer significant harm.
- Safeguarding is preventing harm to children.
- Safeguarding adults is the protection of adults with care and support needs and the promotion of the welfare of those adults specifically identified as requiring support in the Safeguarding of Vulnerable Groups Act 2006.

3. Vision and values

The HSSP's values are rooted in:

- A well developed understanding of the needs of Harrow's diverse community.
- Placing the service user and their families at the heart of what we do
- Each partner taking their share of responsibility
- Supporting a *Think Whole Family* approach to safeguarding by supporting and promoting collaboration between both Safeguarding Boards

4. Functions of the HSSP

- a. To ensure that services to safeguard and promote the welfare of vulnerable groups including children are delivered effectively across Harrow, whether provided directly or through commissioned arrangements

- b. To participate in local planning of services for children and adults with care and support needs in Harrow
- c. To confirm the priorities for both Safeguarding Boards and ensure that they reflect the needs of vulnerable groups in Harrow
- d. To ensure that business plans for the Safeguarding Boards are aligned to the agreed priorities
- e. To ensure that the business plans are adequately resourced by the Partnership, including resourcing Serious Child Safeguarding Case Reviews, Safeguarding Adults Reviews and Local Practice Reviews
- f. To consult and/or advise the relevant Safeguarding Board on decisions that impact on safeguarding children and adults with care and support needs
- g. To offer appropriate challenge the Safeguarding Boards and Sub-Groups on their direction and effectiveness
- h. To consider challenges from the Safeguarding Boards on the direction and effectiveness of the HSSP
- i. To address any inter-agency strategic differences that have not been resolved by the intervention of the relevant Safeguarding Board
- j. To inform and where appropriate collaborate with other Strategic Partnerships in Harrow
- k. To consider and where appropriate respond to challenges raised by the HSAB and HSCB's Independent Chair
- l. To publish an annual report on the impact and effectiveness of the Safeguarding Partnership in Harrow

5. Shared governance arrangements for the HSSP

The HSCB and the HSAB will have a two-way relationship involving consultation and challenge with the HSSP, but statutory responsibility rests with the three Safeguarding Partners, the Local Authority (LA), The Clinical Commissioning Group (CCG) and the Metropolitan Police Service (MPS). Both Safeguarding Boards will keep the HSSP apprised of relevant developments.

6. Membership of the HSSP

The membership of the HSSP reflects statutory leadership requirements and political accountability:

- Chief Executive – Harrow Council
- Director of People Services
- Managing Director –CCG
- Chair –CCG
- Chief Police Officer (Senior Representative)
- Independent Chair for the HSCB and the HSAB
- Schools Representative
- Colleges Representative
- Designated Safeguarding Nurses (for children and adults)
- Leader of the council

7. Chairing

The HSSP will be chaired by one of the Safeguarding Partners on a rotation basis.

8. Meeting frequency

The HSSP will meet three times a year and in response to exceptional circumstances when required.

