

Safeguarding the Children of Trafford



T S C B

Annual Report 2013/14

Business Plan 2014/15

How does TSCB fulfil its Statutory Responsibilities?

- p Co-ordinating Local work to Safeguard and Promote the Welfare of Children
 - n Business Plan
 - n Work of committees and working groups
- p Ensuring the Effectiveness of Safeguarding
 - n Child Protection Conferences, Statistics
 - n Cycle of reports
 - n Case File Audits
 - n Multiagency Audits
 - n Critical Friend Reviews



Learning and Improvement Framework (Working Together 2013)

- p Local Safeguarding Children Boards (LSCBs) should maintain a local learning and improvement framework which is shared across local organisations who work with children and families (WT 2013).
- p Establishment of Learning and Improvement Committee
- p CDOP

Lessons Learnt Summary

p Sources of Learning

- n Serious case reviews both National and Local
- n Local cases not reaching the criteria for a Serious Case Review but from which it is likely lessons can be learned
- n Multiagency audits
- n Critical Friend Reviews
- n Child Death Reviews
- n Quality Assurance & Performance Management activities (audits, surveys, data analysis, performance indicators)
- n Audits of training both single agency and multi-agency
- n TSCB conferences, seminars, courses and briefings
- n Government Guidance and Policy

p Circulated every 6 months

p How can HWB make maximum use of this?



Outstanding Issues from GM Safeguarding Q A Framework

- p Poverty and socio-demographic risk factors in the local area
- p Outcomes for all children in the local area
- p Homelessness
- p Child or young person substance /drug and alcohol misuse (HWB Priority 3)
- p Children and young people are physically health and enjoy good emotional and mental health (HWB Priority 2)

TSCB Business Plan 2013/14 and 14/15

p **Theme 1:** Reduce the impact of parental factors leading to safeguarding issues

p **Theme 2:** Improve Early Intervention, Promoting Health, Wellbeing and Development

p **Theme 3:** Support engagement of children and young people

p **Theme 4:** Ensure core TSCB Responsibilities

p **Priority 1:** Effective responses to parental mental health problems, drug and alcohol abuse and domestic abuse

p **Priority 2:** Specific safeguarding situations that national or local information suggests require particular attention

p **Priority 3:** Effective early help and safeguarding

p **Priority 4:** Communication and engagement

p **Priority 5:** Learning/Assurance

Number of referrals going to Child Protection


	Education	Police	Health
March 2014	70	84	33
March 2013	46	58	34
% change	+52%	+45%	-3%

Safeguarding Context: Balance of Levels

	2012/13	2013/14	% Increase
CAFs	50.6	68.8	36%
CIN Plans	175.7	94.2	
CPP	41.7	54.1	30%
Safeguarding Statistics (rates per 10,000 children)			

Safeguarding Context: Parental Factors

	Trafford CP Conferences	National SCRs
Domestic Abuse	29%	63%
Parental Mental Ill Health	30%	58%
Parental Drug Abuse	27%	29%
Parental Alcohol Misuse	36%	27%
None of these factors	-	14%



TSCB Priority 1: Effective responses to parental mental health problems, drug and alcohol abuse and domestic abuse

- p Priority 3: Reduce alcohol and substance misuse
- p Priority 8: Reduce the occurrence of common mental health problems amongst adults
- p Priority 7: Support people with enduring mental health needs...to live healthier lives

CAFs where Parental Factors identified.

Number of CPPs	283
Number of Domestic Abuse CAFs	12
Number of CAFS Parental Drug or Alcohol Abuse	53
Number of CAFs Parental Mental Health	114
Numbers of CAFs where adult facing services contributed	9



Priority 1 Challenges and Questions

- p Ensure that children and their needs are not overlooked in these circumstances
- p Ensure that all commissioned adult services have robust safeguarding data collection frameworks in place to ensure safeguarding children is transparent and a priority
- p To reduce the number of cases that come to child protection conferences where parental factors are an issue and increase the number of child in need plans and CAFs where parental factors are an issue.
- p Increase the number of CAFs initiated by commissioned adult services
- p Child or young person substance /drug and alcohol misuse
- p Should there be some reference to Domestic Abuse given its importance?

Priority 2 Specific safeguarding situations

- p Girls are effectively safeguarded from Female Genital Mutilation
- p That Children and Young People who are at risk of sexual exploitation receive effective help and those who are being sexually exploited are safeguarded
- p That children who go missing are effectively safeguarded and early indicators of risk, including CSE, are responded to effectively
- p That Disabled Children are effectively protected from abuse (HWB Priority 4)
- p Ensure all agencies, including adult mental health/drug/alcohol services, police and social work working with DA and services for adults with learning disabilities work effectively, assess and agree plans for children who experience neglect (HWB Priority 3 and 4)

Arrangements for cross-Board scrutiny and challenge

- p TSCB is represented on the HWB by the Director of Children's Services
- p Director of Children's Services as TSCB representative on TSCB will ensure that Safeguarding Children issues are addressed in all HWB Business
- p HWB Action Plan will be reviewed by TSCB
- p HWB will ensure TSCB has opportunity to input into JNSA
- p HWB will present an annual progress report to TSCB
- p TSCB Annual report will be presented to HWB
- p There will be a standing invitation to TSCB to raise any Safeguarding concern with the HWB



In conclusion

- p There is good synergy between the TSCB Business Plan and the Health and Wellbeing Strategy
- p Progress on the linked priorities would have a major impact on safeguarding children
- p This will take time to be fully achieved and in the meanwhile recognising and responding to the children's needs is essential
- p Hopefully this overview will have suggested some ways in which the safeguarding implications of the HWB Strategy can be made more explicit and embedded in the action plan