

TRAFFORD COUNCIL

Report to: Health Scrutiny Committee
Date: 31st October 2017
Report for: Information / Decision
Report of: Children Safeguarding Board, Adult Safeguarding Board and Safer Trafford Partnership (Protecting Vulnerable People group)

Report Title

Changes to the structure of Children and Adult Safeguarding Boards and Protecting Vulnerable People aspects of Safer Trafford Partnership.

Purpose

To inform the Committee of changes made and planned to the organization of the Safeguarding Boards for children and Adults and aspects of Safer Trafford Partnership in Trafford.

Details below.

Briefing Paper – Creation of a single Safeguarding Board for Trafford

1. Background

Similar to most Local Authority areas, Trafford has 2 Safeguarding Boards; one for children and one for adults. Each of these Boards are at very different stages of their development. Currently the Boards meet separately and have separate agendas. Until recently they had separate chairs, separate budgets, some separate and some shared infrastructures and were organised in different ways; but the membership is very similar with the Council, CCG, Police, Pennine Care, NPS, CRC etc sending the same representatives to each separate board.

The Children and Social Work Act 2017 removed the requirement for LAs to establish Children's Safeguarding Boards, and instead placed a duty on three safeguarding partners – the local authority, police and health - to work together to safeguard and promote the welfare of children in their area. This mirrors the Adult Safeguarding Board requirements as laid out in the Care Act 2014.

While significant differences still exist, there is also a notable amount of overlap between the remit and membership of the two current Boards. There is also some overlap with Safer Trafford Partnership, particularly its 'Protecting Vulnerable People' (PVP) sub-group.

In Trafford we have developed a unique integrated all-age health and social care service, and many of the other services in Trafford also cover both a child and

adult protection and support agendas. Increasingly we are looking at all-age and whole family based approaches to addressing needs and concerns.

In light of the above, the 3 statutory partners decided that it is worth revisiting our model of delivery for safeguarding governance and assurance in Trafford.

This paper outlines a different way to organise the approach and working of the Safeguarding Boards in Trafford and how to also bring it closer to the work of some aspects of Safer Trafford Partnership. The details are now being worked through with a view to the new arrangements being fully in place early in 2018.

2. Proposal for a different way to organise these functions

The proposal is that all the functions of both safeguarding boards come together. The new Board will also look at how it can incorporate the Protecting Vulnerable People (PVP) aspects of Safer Trafford Partnership to ensure the common issues are discussed under a single banner.

Underneath the joint board will be a series of sub-groups or committees that will ensure the detailed work is undertaken. A proposed sub-group structure is contained in Appendix 1.

Work already done to move us to this approach:

- The Health & Well-being Board have approved the new model.
- We have appointed one Independent Chair initially for both Boards (Maureen Noble). As the Boards merge the Chair will cover the new joint Board.
- There will one joint Annual Report and Business Plan organised in the same way as above.
- The budgets of the Children and Adult Board are being pooled.
- The staffing for both Boards have been brought together under one single structure
- There will continue to be full consultation with stakeholders and a legal test to check the statutory requirements of the Children's safeguarding Board, Adult Safeguarding Board and the PVP aspects of the community safety partnership is met.

Work now being developed:

- A small multi-agency Transformation Group are working on the detail behind this change to ensure whatever is put in place is robust a fit for purpose.
- In the meantime the existing Board and sub-group arrangements remain in place.
- Membership of the new Board and its various sub-groups are being reviewed and finalised over the next few months.
- A legal test will be done to ensure that whatever arrangements are established fulfil all our legal requirements.
- A proposed Board and sub-group structure has been developed (below).

Trafford Safeguarding Board

EXECUTIVE GROUP

COMMS & ENGAGEMENT (TBC)	PERFORMANCE MONITORING & AUDIT (Marie Wilson & DCI Paul Parker)	LEARNING & DEVELOPMENT (Debbie Ward & Debbie Walsh)	POLICY & PROCEDURES (Mark Albiston & Jan Trainor)	PREVENTION PREVENTION / EARLY HELP / SELF MANAGEMENT / ASSET BASED COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT etc (Kerri Purnell & Paula Lee)	PERSONAL and FAMILY SAFEGUARDING (Intra-familial) Eg- DOMESTIC ABUSE / MENTAL HEALTH / DRUGS & ALCOHOL/ABUSE WITHIN THE FAMILY/HONOUR BASED VIOLENCE etc (Chris Reilly & Helen Gollins)	COMPLEX SAFEGUARDING (Extra-familial) Eg - CSE /MISSING/ ORGANISED CRIME/ORGANISATIONAL CRIME /PREVENT/ E-SAFETY / ANTI-BULLYING/ HATE CRIME / HUMAN TRAFFICKING / MODERN DAY SLAVERY etc (Superintendent Paul Savill & Glynis Williams)	LEARNING REVIEWS SCR / DHR / SAR/LEARNING REVIEWS / SINGLE AGENCY REVIEWS etc (Jacquie Coulton & Steph Whitelaw)
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CASE BASED DISCUSSIONS FOR ESCALATED CASES FROM BAU

EG - TARGET / MAPPA / MARAC / SEAM / CHANNEL PANEL / PRIVATE FOSTERING WORKING GROUP / SPOTLIGHTS IOM / OPERATION CHALLENGER (OCE) / ASB – YOUTH & COMMUNITY MEETINGS / CDOP / ORGANISATIONAL ABUSE RESPONSE/ 4 PLACE BASED TEAMS/GOLD MEETINGS etc

SINGLE SUBJECT BOARDS

EG – DOMESTIC ABUSE BOARD, PREVENT BOARD ETC (details to be confirmed)

BUSINESS AS USUAL (BAU) PROCESSES FOR CASE MANAGEMENT