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**REVISED TERMS OF REFERENCE**

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**AIMS**

- To provide strategic direction and governance around the development and delivery of local safeguarding arrangements.
- To fulfil their statutory responsibility for promoting and maintaining safeguarding and welfare of children.
- To embrace a multi-agency partnership ethos, which respects the views and contributions of partners and is focused on improving outcomes for children

**OBJECTIVES**

- To provide leadership and focus on the strategic priorities of the partnership.
- To provide strategic governance to ensure the delivery of the Lambeth Safeguarding Partnership Business Plan through a robust governance structure,
- To develop systems and processes that reduce risk and promote the safety and wellbeing of children
- To identify good practice and share learning
- To commission research to enhance performance.
- To develop clear thresholds for intervention
- To facilitate the delivery of multi-agency training that equips practitioners with the appropriate skills and knowledge that improves outcomes for children
- To oversee serious child safeguarding reviews or other local reviews

**GOVERNANCE**

The LSCP Executive will be chaired by an Independent Chair.

There is a shared responsibility between organisations and agencies to safeguard and promote the welfare of children.

The statutory lead representatives for safeguarding partners are:

- the local authority chief executive,
- the accountable officer of a clinical commissioning group, and
- a chief officer of police.

Where the lead representatives delegate their functions, they remain accountable for any actions or decisions taken on behalf of their agency.

Where delegated, it is the responsibility of the lead representative to identify and nominate a senior officer in their agency to have responsibility and authority for ensuring full participation with these arrangements.

The lead representative from each of the three safeguarding partners will therefore play an active role.

The representatives, or those they delegate authority to, should be able to:

- speak with authority for the safeguarding partner they represent
- take decisions on behalf of their organisation or agency and commit them on policy, resourcing and practice matters
- hold their own organisation or agency to account on how effectively they participate and implement the local arrangements

## **SUPPORT AND FINANCE**

The Executive, its sub-groups, safeguarding practice reviews and associated activities will be supported by the LSCP Business Manager and Business Unit. Financial contributions to support the work of the Board and its Sub-Groups will be agreed on an annual basis.

## **MEMBERSHIP OF THE LAMBETH SAFEGUARDING CHILDRENS PARTNESHIP EXECUTIVE**

- Three representatives of the Local Authority (including statutory Director of Children's Services)
- Four representatives of the NHS (including Designated Doctor and Designated Nurse and a senior representative from a provider NHS trust)
- Two representatives of Metropolitan Police (Lambeth/Southwark Command Unit)
- Two School representatives

The following may also attend LSCP Executive meetings:

- > The Independent Scrutineer
- > Relevant officers, including the LSCP Manager as needed.

The LSCP Executive will ordinarily meet quarterly They will provide strategic oversight and focus around the following areas;

- Performance
- Child safeguarding practice reviews / Rapid reviews
- Policy/ procedures
- Delivery of business plan
- Emerging strategic issues (local/ national)
- Sub-group updates
- Multi-agency learning
- Audits and reviews

- Independent scrutineer work plan

## **THE ROLE OF THE CHAIR OF THE LAMBETH SAFEGUARDING CHILDREN PARTNERSHIP EXECUTIVE**

The LSCP Executive will be chaired by an Independent Chair.

The Chair will be responsible for chairing the meetings of the LSCP Executive, including approving the agenda and meeting minutes, in consultation with the other partners.

The Chair will work with the Business Manager to sustain the engagement and momentum of the partnership, monitoring the business plan and actions in between meetings.

The chair and independent scrutineer will meet with the LSCP Business Manager and agree an annual work plan, which is focused on the strategic priorities of the partnership and any emerging issues.