

## Performance & Quality Assurance Subgroup Terms of Reference

### 1. Purpose

The purpose of the Performance, Quality Assurance Subgroup is to:

- Develop and embed a comprehensive quality assurance framework
- Develop a data dashboard that meets the needs of the partnership
- Track the implementation and impact of learning and actions arising from local and national level practice reviews
- Review reports from audits, tracking progress on implementation of improvement plans
- Interrogate and analyse performance data from partner agencies, highlighting issues and concerns for further attention by the Executive

### 2. Accountabilities and Governance

Partners are accountable for their own performance and members of the subgroup are responsible for reporting progress, key issues and actions through their own governance structures.

As identified in *Working Together 2018*, strong leadership is critical for the new arrangements to be effective in bringing together the various organisations and agencies. It is therefore necessary for all partner representatives to 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, as appropriate, on behalf of and in consultation with 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

The chairs of the Subgroup will report to each Executive meeting.

### 3. Support and Finance

The Subgroup, safeguarding practice reviews, will be supported by the LSCP Business Manager and Business Unit. Activities of the Subgroup will be resourced from the agreed annual LSCP budget.

### 4. Membership of the Performance & Quality Assurance Subgroup will be split into a core and reference group and will include representatives from:

#### Core group:

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| <input type="checkbox"/> A data and performance specialist               | <input type="checkbox"/> Public Health – Director/Children’s Lead Consultant  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Health – Designated Nurse and Designated Doctor | <input type="checkbox"/> Community Safety - Director <input type="checkbox"/> |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Police – DCI, Public Protection                 | Black Thrive – CEO  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Education - Director                            | <input type="checkbox"/> The Independent Scrutineer                           |
| <input type="checkbox"/> CSC - Director                                  | <input type="checkbox"/> Relevant officers, including the LSCP Manager        |

**Reference group:**

- Guy's and St Thomas' NHS Foundation Trust
- King's College Hospital Trust
- Primary Care
- Lambeth Council Housing
- School representatives
- South London and Maudsley NHS Trust
- Youth Offending Service
- Community Voluntary Sector Forum Representative
- Violence Against Women and Girls representative
- Adult's Safeguarding representative

The Subgroup will ordinarily meet every 6 weeks.

**5. The role of the Chair/s of the Performance & Quality Assurance Subgroup**

The Chair/s of the subgroup will be appointed by the LSCP Executive. The Chair/s will be responsible for chairing the meetings of the subgroup, including approving the agenda and meeting minutes. The Chair/s will work with the Business Manager to sustain the engagement and momentum of the Subgroup, monitoring progress and actions in between meetings.

**7. Escalation**

*Working Together 2018* states that safeguarding partners are expected to work together to resolve disputes locally. In the event of any disagreement, the Executive will be notified and the Designated Officers from the three statutory partners will meet to agree a resolution.

**8. Independent scrutiny**

As established in *Working Together 2018*, the role of independent scrutiny is to provide assurance in judging the effectiveness of multi-agency arrangements to safeguard and promote the welfare of all children in a local area, including arrangements to identify and review serious child safeguarding cases. As such, the Independent Scrutineer may attend Subgroup meetings and work with relevant partners and/or the Chair/s of the Subgroup as necessary.

**9. Annual Reporting**

As set out in *Working Together 2018*, the LSCP will publish a report at least once in every 12-month period. The report will set out LSCP actions, including on child safeguarding practice reviews, and how effective partnership arrangements have been in practice. The Subgroup, through the Chair/s will provide information to feed into this report as requested.

