

EXECUTIVE BOARD

REVISED TERMS OF REFERENCE

1 December 2022

AIMS

- To provide strategic direction and governance for the development and delivery of local safeguarding arrangements.
- To fulfil the statutory responsibility for safeguarding and promoting the 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 the risk of harm to children and young people.
- 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 to improve outcomes for children.
- To commission serious child safeguarding reviews or other local reviews.

GOVERNANCE

The LSCP Executive will be chaired by an Independent Chair.

There is an equal and shared responsibility between the three statutory agencies to ensure the multi-agency safeguarding arrangements are effective to safeguard and promote the welfare of children.

The statutory lead representatives for safeguarding partners are -

- the London Borough of Lambeth Chief Executive,
- the Chief Executive Officer of Integrated Care Board for South East London, and
- the Commissioner of the Metropolitan 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 delegated officers are:

Strategic Director of Children's Services

Strategic Director, Integrated Health and Care Systems

Detective Superintendent, Head of Public Protection - Central South Basic Command Unit

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 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

In addition to the delegated officers from the three statutory partners, the following representatives will attend the Executive meetings

- Director of Children Social Care
- Assistant Director, Quality Assurance, Children's Social Care
- Director of Education
- Designated Doctor SEL ICB (Lambeth)
- Designated Nurse SEL ICB (Lambeth)
- Director of Nursing, Guy's and St Thomas' NHS Foundation Trust
- Detective Chief Inspector of Public Protection Hub - Central South BCU
- Four School representatives

The LSCP Executive will ordinarily meet four times per year.

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

The Chair will be responsible for the organisation of 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.