



## **Governance arrangements between the Dudley Safeguarding Children Board (DSCB) and other local strategic partnerships and arrangements**

The DSCB needs to have a robust relationship with other local partnerships to ensure that safeguarding is considered and that effective responses are made across the whole local system for service planning and delivery for children.

This Protocol provides the framework for effective joint working between the Dudley Safeguarding Children Board (DSCB), the Dudley Health and Wellbeing Board (HWBB), the Dudley Safeguarding Adults Board (DSAB), the Dudley Safe & Sound Partnership (CSP) and the Children and Young People's Alliance (CYPA)

## **Relationship between the Dudley Safeguarding Children Board (DSCB) and the Dudley Adults Safeguarding Board (DSAB)**

Dudley Safeguarding Adults Board works to protect adults who may be being neglected, harmed or abused, or are at risk from these things. The board also helps people to protect themselves from abuse and neglect, and ensures that people are being treated fairly, with dignity and respect

- The safeguarding of and promotion of the welfare of vulnerable members of the community, whatever their age, is a shared responsibility and it is recognized by both the DSCB and the DSAB that a commitment to a 'whole family' approach is essential in ensuring the safety and wellbeing of both adults and children.
- The Head of the Safeguarding and Reviewing Service attends the DSAB and there is crossover within Professional attendance at both boards.
- The DSCB report must be presented to the DSAB
- DSCB and DSCB will undertake joint working events whenever appropriate

## **Relationship between Dudley Safeguarding Children Board and the Children & Young People's Alliance Board**

Dudley Children and Young People (CYP) Alliance provides the overall leadership and integrated accountability for delivery of improved outcomes for children and young people in Dudley, and their effective transition to adulthood. It is the overall Alliance between all those agencies who play a part in improving outcomes for children and young people in the borough. The CYP Alliance replaces the Children and Young People's Partnership and represents a new way of working together and in collaboration with children, young people and families.

- The DSCB should not be subordinate to nor be subsumed within the Children & Young People's Alliance Board structures in a way that might compromise its separate identity and independent voice.
- There must be clear distinction between the roles and responsibilities of the DSCB and CYPA
- The Alliance will receive DSCB annual report and use this to inform commissioning activity/ children and young

- people's plan
- The Alliance will report twice yearly to DSCB including on progress and impact of early help strategy
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## **Relationship between the Local Safeguarding Children Board and the Health and Wellbeing Board**

The Health and Social Care Act 2012 establishes health and wellbeing boards as a forum where key leaders from the health and care system work together to improve the health and wellbeing of their local population and reduce health inequalities. Health and wellbeing board members will collaborate to understand their local community's needs, agree priorities and encourage commissioners to work in a more joined-up way. As a result, patients and the public should experience more joined-up services from the NHS and local councils in the future

- The DSCB will scrutinize relevant work of Dudley Health and Wellbeing Board
- The DSCB will be consulted as part of the development and review of any plans from the Health and Wellbeing Board that reference Children, Young People and their families.
- The DSCB Annual Report must be presented to the HWBB" and the HWBB will ensure child safeguarding priorities inform and are included in its work
- The HWBB will consult with DSCB on the JSNA
- The Independent Chair is a member of the HWBB

## **Relationship between the Dudley Safeguarding Children Board (DSCB) and the Dudley Safe & Sound Partnership (CSP)**

Safe & Sound (Dudley's Community Safety Partnership) is Dudley's statutory Community Safety Partnership as required in statute by the Crime and Disorder Act 1998 (and subsequent amendments), and later legislation including the Police and Justice Act 2006, Police Reform and Social Responsibility Act 2011 and the Health and Social Care Act 2012.

The partnership's statutory requirements include:-

- To do all it reasonably can to prevent crime and disorder including anti-social behaviour
- Reduce re-offending
- Prevent behaviour adversely affecting the environment
- Prevent the misuse of drugs, alcohol and other substances in its area
- Take responsibility for Domestic Homicide Review process
- CSP provides governance framework for MARAC
- CSP will address child safeguarding in its commissioning activity/ priorities e.g. CSE and DV and report as required to DSCB on community safety issues that it leads on e.g. PREVENT

The partnership takes responsibility for commissioning services from the Police and Crime Commissioners Community Safety Fund Grant these some services in respect of domestic violence and abuse and offender management and the CSP contributes to other commissioning arrangements.

- The Head of Community Safety is a member of DSCB
- The Head of Community Safety when requested will discuss the work of the partnership and discuss matters pertinent to safeguarding children and young People

### **Relationship between the Dudley Safeguarding Children Board (DSCB) and the Childrens Services Improvement Board (CSIB)**

- The Independent Chair attends the meetings and is responsible for action area 4of the CSIB plan which is Effectiveness of the DSCB

## **Local Arrangements**

### **Relationship between the DSCB Safeguarding Children Board and the Police and Crime Commissioner**

Section 11 of the Children Act 2004 links the role of the Police and Crime Commissioner to protecting and promoting the welfare of Children and young people. The Police and Crime Commissioner has a legal responsibility to hold their chief officer to account for their duties in terms of protecting children.

Specifically, section 1(8) (h) of the Police Reform and Social Responsibility Act 2011 states that: 'The police and crime commissioner must, in particular, hold the chief constable to account for the exercise of duties in relation to the safeguarding of children and the promotion of child welfare that are imposed on the chief constable by sections 10 and 11 of the Children Act 2004.'

The DSCB must ensure that the annual report is submitted to the Police and Crime Commissioner

- PCC will use DSCB annual report to drive improvement in child safeguarding with the Police and across the wider partnership

### **Relationship with the Scrutiny Committee**

- DSCB and scrutiny will share work plans on annual basis.
- The Independent Chair reports to the Council Scrutiny Committee on an annual basis to discuss the work of the Board and safeguarding matters and to present the DSCB Annual Report

## Dudley Safeguarding Children Board Relationship with local Partnership Boards

