



Warrington Safeguarding Partnership

Working Together (July 2018) states

'The three safeguarding partners should agree on ways to coordinate their safeguarding services; act as a strategic leadership group in supporting and engaging others; and implement local and national learning including from serious child safeguarding incidents.'

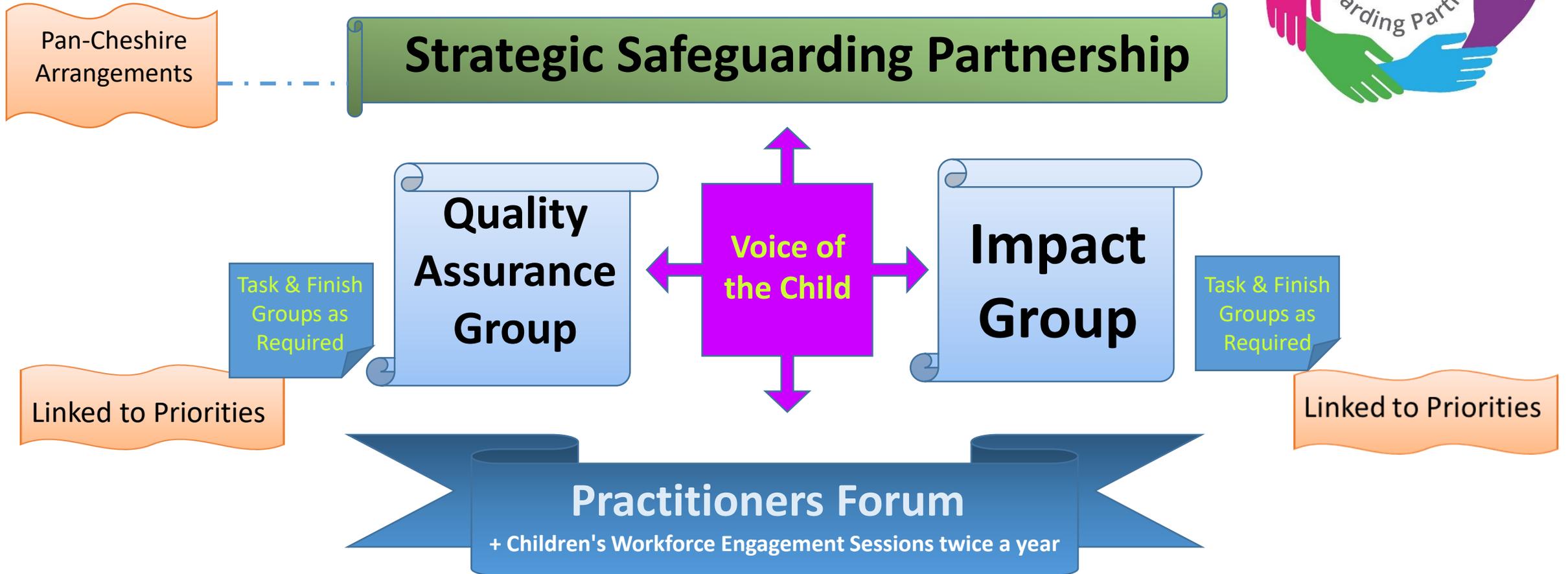
'To fulfil this role, the three safeguarding partners must set out how they will work together and with any relevant agencies. Relevant agencies are those organisations and agencies whose involvement the safeguarding partners consider may be required to safeguard and promote the welfare of children with regard to local need'

Working Together to Safeguard Children – A Guide to Inter Agency Working to Safeguard and Promote the Welfare of Children (July 2018) – Chapter 3



The aim is to begin the transition from WSCB to Warrington's Safeguarding Partnership by 1st April 2019 and to update the published arrangements in full detail by 17th June 2019.

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Strategic Safeguarding Partnership



Purpose:

- This strategic partnership will create the environment for the safeguarding partners to discharge their responsibilities to safeguard and promote the welfare of all children in the local area in a coordinated way. It will enable the partners to scrutinise the coordination of targeted services to ensure the best possible outcomes for children and their families.

Membership



The membership for this group is:

- Operational Director Children's Social Care- WBC
- Det. Superintendent Police
- Chief Nurse CCG
- Assistant Director Education WBC
- Chief Executive Officer Warrington Voluntary Association
- Children's Advocacy Representative (NYAS)
- Lead Member
- Head of Service Children's Safeguarding & Quality Assurance
- Designated Nurse Safeguarding Children and Children in Care Warrington CCG

Quality Assurance Group



This Group will provide the scrutiny and challenge by leading on the Quality Assurance Framework which will provide data, intelligence and qualitative information. The proposed membership of this group has been deliberately set at a senior level in recognition of its significant role requiring the right level seniority in order to speak for their agencies and make informed decisions. This also links to ability to drive the safeguarding agenda within their own organisation. Part of its remit will be to require the setting up of task and finish groups as required e.g. reviewing specific safeguarding policies.

Membership

The membership for this group is:

- Cheshire Police - Detective Chief Inspector
- Head of Service - Children's Social Care
- Health Agencies - Deputy Chief Nurse
- CCG - Designated Nurse CCG
- Early Help Division - Head of Service
- WASCL & WAPH - Head Teacher
- Youth Justice – Head of Service
- Head of the Virtual School



Impact Group



This group will complement the role of the Quality Assurance Group and will take the lead on embedding learning and will lead on the training plan. Although not be responsible for single agency training and workforce development, this group will seek assurance that the multi-agency children's workforce has the appropriate level of skills and training. The group will also have lead on safeguarding policies and procedures.

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Membership

The membership for this group is:

- Cheshire Police - Inspector
- Service Manager - Children's Social Care
- Designated Nurse for Safeguarding
- Service Manager - Early Help Division
- WASCL & WAPH - Head Teacher
- Youth Justice – Manager
- Education Safeguarding Manager



Practitioners Forum



This will be a key forum providing an opportunity to hear directly from frontline practitioners and to cascade significant information. The intention is to have a greater level of understanding and engagement from frontline staff with our local safeguarding arrangements and to ensure that any safeguarding developments are informed by the views of those responsible for the operational delivery.

Wider engagement will be achieved by having a twice yearly whole staff engagement sessions which is open to all frontline staff.

Membership



The membership for this group is:

- Frontline practitioners across the partnership i.e. Social Workers, Health Visitors, Teachers, Nursery Staff, Safeguarding / Children in Care Nurse, Advanced Practitioners, Police Sergeants/Officers.
- Senior Managers from groups to attend and lead sections each time on rotation or required by period focuses.

Independent Scrutiny



The new arrangements (Working Together 2018) includes a requirement for having ‘independent scrutiny.’

‘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 safeguard and promote the welfare of all children in a local area’

The decision about how to deliver on independent scrutiny is left to local determination with the proviso that:

‘it is objective, acts as a constructive critical friend and promotes reflection to drive continuous improvement’

WSP Arrangements



- For the period of transition from 1 April 2019 to 1 September 2019 the current Chair of the WSCB will take on the role of Independent Scrutineer for the Safeguarding Partnership.
- Scrutiny will run throughout all activity.
- The role will be developed in detail during the transition period from 1 April 2019 to 17 June 2019.

Safeguarding Partnership Support Team



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A joint team will continue to provide support to the Safeguarding Adult Board and the new Safeguarding Partnership for children which enables strong links and drive for the Think Family approach.

The models propose a Safeguarding Partnerships manager role who will have expertise in relation to intelligence, quality assurance and learning and development. These posts will take on some of the role of independent scrutineer of single agency data and quality assurance activity and report this to the forums.

Safeguarding Partnership Support Team



The new team will be working in a different way to ensure sufficient support to both the Safeguarding Children and Adult arrangements for the area.

The function of this new structure will be to challenge the partners to achieve their set goals.

Communication & Engagement with All Safeguarding Partners



Whilst Working Together demands a streamlined Partnership Arrangement, this does not reduce or remove any children's workforce organisation's safeguarding responsibility.

Warrington Safeguarding Partnership will continue to support the sharing of information with existing WSCB partners. During the transition period, this will be done through virtual communications to keep the partnership informed of development, good practice, learning and effectiveness of the new arrangements. This will be developed to include new partners as we progress with the new arrangements.