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A summary of changes to our partnership arrangements for safeguarding adults and children, enabling community safety and promoting health and wellbeing

Our story



A commitment to improvement

Following an peer review (LGA 2015) and external inspection (Ofsted 2016) which identified room for improvement, we took action to transform the way we were working together. After carrying out a thorough consultation in 2017 and agreed some far-reaching changes.

The creation of a single adult and children's safeguarding board (2017)

Successful recruitment to a brand new partnership support team (2018)

Approval of a ten year health and wellbeing strategy (2018)



An opportunity to do more

But we wanted to do more. Much of the business of our successful Community Safety Partnership supports the safeguarding agenda and developing the link with this partnership seemed to be the next step on our journey.

A time to think

So, after our 2017 consultation and partnership changes, we took the opportunity presented by the Children and Social Work Act and the requirement to consult on our safeguarding arrangements to carry out a much broader review into our approach to partnership working.

Our consultation

Ran during April and May 2019.
27 responses, from 13 organisations.

The main proposals

Develop what we've got – build a **single management board** to support the work of the Health and Wellbeing Board and the Community Safety Partnership and to have responsibility for our multi agency safeguarding arrangements.

Introduce a new **independent safeguarding scrutineer** to work across boards to scrutinise and help improve practice.

Create a more streamlined set of **affiliated boards** which would enable the best use of resources and reduce duplication.

Integrate the **partnership support teams** for safeguarding and community safety.

Feedback



Generally positive

There was support overall for a single management board, but not right now for the work of the Integration Board to be included, which has a remit for health and social care integration.

There was also concern expressed about a potential loss of focus on the safeguarding agenda.

There was support overall for a new independent safeguarding scrutineer, but feedback that a clear role profile will be needed.

There was support overall for the proposed affiliated boards, but concerns from some about organisational capacity to fully participate.

And there was some points made about getting the membership of the boards right.

What we consulted on...

Core membership (14 members)
 Leader of MKC (Chair)
 MKCCG Chair (Vice chair)
 MKCCG Chief Operating Officer
 MKC Chief Executive
 MKUHFT Chief Executive
 GNWL Chief Executive
 GP Federation Chief Executive
 TVP Area Commander
 Director of Public Health
 Healthwatch representative
 VCS representative
 MKC councillor from each group

4 Meetings annually
 Safeguarding Scrutineer

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Executive board

Responsible for addressing the identified priorities of the Health and Wellbeing Board and Community Safety Partnership and oversight of our multi-agency safeguarding arrangements by:

- Fostering the right kind of relationships and culture to support place based working.
- Developing integrated services, making best use of the total resources available.
- Effective use of joint working arrangements, including those made under Section 75 of the NHS Act 2006, through the Better Care Fund and as part of the BLMK ICS.
- Co-ordinating the work of the eight affiliated boards (listed right), delegating effectively and providing active support and sponsorship.
- Agreeing strategic priorities for the safeguarding of children and adults and reporting on progress annually
- Commissioning any reviews including Safeguarding Practice Reviews, Safeguarding Adult Reviews and Domestic Homicide Review.

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 MKC (four places to include DASS and DCS)
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 BFR
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 GP Federation
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12 Meetings annually
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Planning

Responsible for system-wide multi-agency planning, service redesign and innovation as well as ensuring partner level plans are well aligned. Maintains the partnership risk register. Chair: TBC

Workforce

Promotes consistency and best practice through developing joint policy and procedures and ensuring the provision of appropriate multi-agency training and events. Responsible for learning from case reviews. Chair: TBC

Voice

Ensures the voice of local people is heard and that feedback is provided to stakeholders, service users and the public. Works closely HealthWatch and other existing groups. Co-ordinates multi-agency public consultation. Chair: TBC

Risk

Identifies new and emerging areas of risk and exploitation and responses. Oversight of case-based panels (Channel, Multi-Agency Risk Management Group, Vulnerable Adults Risk Management and CR-MARAC). Chair: TBC

Tasking

Develops and delivers local and borough-wide multi-agency interventions, including awareness raising campaigns and joint disruption or enforcement operations, in response to specific problems or issues. Chair: TBC

Assurance

Monitors performance against partnership plans and organises thematic reviews, audits and data review as appropriate. Responsible for oversight of statutory safeguarding assurance duties. Chair: TBC

Review

Manages local and statutory case and practice reviews, ensuring they are appropriately commissioned, meet quality expectations and are timely with any actions taken forward and learning is shared. Chair: TBA

Child Death

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Name change

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Was 12

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Sponsors added

What's next?

Final sign off

Now we have completed our consultation and professional dialogue, the new arrangements need to be signed off by the safeguarding partners at the Safeguarding Board meeting on **10 June**. At the same time it will be sent to the Health and Wellbeing Board and the Community Safety Partnership to be agreed virtually.

Then that's it. We will publish our arrangements by **29 June 2019** and will begin the move to the new model for a **September 2019** formal start.



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