

Westminster Health & Wellbeing Board

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Title:	Local Safeguarding Children Partnership Annual Report September 2019 – September 2020
Report of:	Local Safeguarding Children Partnership
Wards Involved:	The Partnership covers the borough of Hammersmith and Fulham, Kensington and Chelsea, and Westminster.
Financial Summary:	2019/2020 partnership financial contributions detailed in table below:
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1. Executive Summary

- 1.1 The report sets out the legal and statutory context for our multi-agency safeguarding arrangements, a profile of safeguarding data across the three boroughs, our shared safeguarding priorities (peer on peer abuse including child exploitation, voice of the child and domestic abuse), the activity to address these

- priorities, the impact upon safeguarding during the Covid19 pandemic, and how we made a difference.
- 1.2 Despite the Partnership, in its first year, having to address the needs arising out of the Pandemic, we have continued to innovate. With our multi-agency partners we have sought to process our 'alternative child protection pathways' in recognition of the need to better engage parents in the safety planning for their children, ensure information is effectively shared with families, the voice of the child / young people is heard, and that activity outcomes are agreed within timeframes which are relevant and effective for the child.
- 1.3 In partnership with the Safeguarding Adults Board for the Bi Borough we have developed a shared workstream to look at transitions. We have considered how all agencies can work more effectively together, to meet the needs of young people requiring access adult services, whether that be social care, health, mental health, education, housing. The work has informed the development of our 'Think Family' approach, and the role of safeguarding in the care we offer to Care Leavers. A conference was held in late 2020, and the learning is being taken forward by a project group consisting of membership from both boards/partnership groups. This work is also contributing to the learning and development of our service delivery model by the Council.
- 1.4 Following a commissioned review of the three borough arrangements in September 2020, it was agreed that the three-borough shared LSCP arrangement would end as of 31 March 2021. A new partnership arrangement to cover Kensington and Chelsea, and Westminster areas is established from April 2021.
- 1.5 Our response to the Covid19 pandemic will be a key priority for the new Partnership.

2. Key Matters for the Board

This report is for information.

To provide the Board with an update in respect to our multi-agency safeguarding arrangements and how they are delivered to meet the needs of children and their families.

3. Background

This is the first annual report of the new Local Safeguarding Children Partnership, covering the borough footprints of Hammersmith and Fulham, Kensington and Chelsea and Westminster.

This is a report completed by the LSCP Business Team on behalf of the Partnership, as per the statutory guidance published in Working Together to Safeguard Children 2018.

4. Options / Considerations

This report is for information only.

5. Legal Implications

No legal implications.

6. Financial Implications

Non applicable

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