

Cumbria

**Memorandum of Understanding:
Partnerships Relating to Safeguarding**



Health & Wellbeing Board



Safer Cumbria Partnership

Introduction

This document makes explicit the key responsibilities and accountabilities relating to the way Cumbria links the key strategic public service partnerships in Cumbria relating to Safeguarding both Children and Adults, namely:

- Health and Well-being Board (HWBB)
- Cumbria Children's Trust Board (CTB)
- Cumbria Local Safeguarding Children Board (LSCB)
- Cumbria Safeguarding Adults Board (CSAB)
- Safer Cumbria Partnership (SCP)

This document will also reference the key role of the Cumbria County Council's Overview and Scrutiny committees.

The legislation and guidance that underpins the legal status, objectives and functions of these partnerships as set out in Appendix 1.

Cumbria Health and Well-being Board - HWBB

- HWBB is responsible for producing the Joint Strategic Needs Assessment (JSNA), which will identify and set the commissioning priorities for our vulnerable population.
- The Business Plans and Annual Reports from both Safeguarding Boards will be presented to the HWBB.
- The HWBB takes a lead in Cumbria for Suicide Prevention, which includes Suicide in Children

Children's Trust Board - CTB

- CTB sets out the strategic priorities for children and young people in Cumbria.
- This will influence the priorities set by LSCB and their published levels of need.
- The LSCB has a role in influencing the priorities of the CTB.
- The LSCB Annual Report and Business Plan will be scrutinised and challenged by the CTB.

- The CTB takes a lead for Emotional Well-being and Mental Health of Children, Children with a Disability and Child Poverty.

Safeguarding – LSCB and CSAB

- The key accountability and responsibility for safeguarding lies with the two Safeguarding Boards (LSCB and CSAB);
 - LSCB in relation to children and young people up to their 18th birthday
 - CSAB in relation to safeguarding adults 18 years and over
- However the other bodies referenced in this document all have significant roles in safeguarding.

Safer Cumbria Partnership (SCP)

- This partnership combines the work of the Domestic Violence Board, the Safer and Stronger Thematic Partnership and the Criminal Justice Board.
- The SCP is responsible for producing the annual Community Safety Agreement which is based on the findings of the Cumbria Strategic Assessment (SA) and the SA's from the four Community Safety Partnerships. Building on previous successes in crime reduction the focus remains firmly on Anti-Social Behaviour, Reducing Reoffending and addressing Domestic and Sexual Abuse/Violence.
- The key accountability and responsibility for Domestic Violence rests with this group, and takes account of the impact on Children living with Domestic Violence.

Formal links

In order to make formal links there are members of each Board that sit on the other Boards. These dual roles ensure that Children and Young People are at the forefront of decision making across all of these Boards. These members are:

HWBB - The Portfolio Holder for Children and Young People sits on this group and represents her own role and her role as the Chair of the CTB. Additionally the Corporate Director - Children's Services also attends and represents the LSCB as well as Children's Services. The Suicide Prevention Leadership Group (a subgroup of the HWBB) also reports to the LSCB Business Group.

CTB - The vice-chair for the LSCB attends and represents the LSCB on the CTB. The Chair of the CTB is a member of both the HWBB and LSCB.

LSCB - the Chair of CTB attends the LSCB. The Director of Public Health is the link to the CSAB.

CSAB - the Corporate Director for Children's Services attends this Board and represents Children and Young People as he is a Member of all the other Boards. The Director of Public Health is also a Member of LSCB and HWBB.

SCP - the Senior Manager - Targeted Youth Support is a member of both the LSCB and the SCP and links the two Boards.

There are standing agenda items on all Boards to ensure "key messages" are shared across all meetings.

Additional responsibilities for safeguarding vulnerable people in Cumbria

- The two Safeguarding Boards are independent of each other but need to ensure that they take a whole family approach to setting their priorities and reporting performance.
- The Chair of the LSCB will attend the Cumbria Overview and Scrutiny Committee on request and will scrutinise the Annual Report of the LSCB. The role of the Committee is to provide scrutiny and challenge to the work of the LSCB.
- The Local Authority Chief Executive is responsible for the appointment and performance of the Independent Chair of the LSCB as laid out in Working Together 2013 and agrees the chair of the CSAB.
- Each Chair will meet with the Chief Executive and the respective Corporate Director, and lead member on a quarterly basis.
- There is a requirement for LSCBs to work together particularly in relation to children living in Cumbria known to other Local Authorities as well as Cumbrian children living elsewhere.

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Enc. Appendix 1

STATUTORY BASIS AND RESPONSIBILITIES OF THE BOARDS

Health and Wellbeing Board (HWBB)

HWBB is a statutory body established by S.194 of the Health and Social Care Act 2012.

The Board's functions are set out in S.195 (duty to encourage integrated working) and S.196 (duty to undertake a joint strategic needs assessment of health and social care needs and prepare a joint health and wellbeing strategy)

The legislation is underpinned by Department of Health statutory guidance issued in March 2013 on preparation of joint strategic needs assessments and joint health and wellbeing strategies

The HWBB is chaired by the County Council Lead Member and Portfolio Holder for Health and Wellbeing and has agency representation from health, Health Watch, housing, district Councils, children's services, voluntary sector, adult social care, providers. The Chair of the CTB also sits on the HWBB.

Cumbria Children's Trust Board (CTB)

The CTB is not a statutory body

The Children's Trust Board leads the Children's Trust Arrangements and has the overall, strategic responsibility for improving outcomes for children, young people and their families in Cumbria.

The Board is chaired by the Council's Lead Member and Portfolio Holder for Children and has agency representation from health, schools, district councils and children's services and the Chair of the LSCB has a place on the CTB (currently delegated to the vice-chair of the LSCB).

Cumbria Local Safeguarding Children Board (LSCB)

LSCB is a statutory body established by Section 13 of the Children Act 2004.

Section 14 sets out the objectives of the Board which are to

- Co-ordinate what is done by each person or body represented on the Board for the purposes of safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children in the area ; and
- To ensure the effectiveness of what is done by each such person or body for those purposes

Regulation 5 the Local Safeguarding Children Board Regulations 2006 sets out the functions of the Board.

Chapter 3 of Working Together 2013 is the relevant statutory guidance.

The LSCB has an independent Chair and the chair of the CTB sits on the LSCB.

Cumbria Safeguarding Adults Board (CSAB)

The CSAB is currently a non-statutory body whose role is to ensure that:

- there are appropriate procedures in place in all agencies and between partners in respect of adult safeguarding
- training is available to all staff working with adults across all sectors and a multi-agency basis
- the key strategic priorities for safeguarding adults at risk are agreed and formed the basis of our ongoing work
- where necessary, serious case reviews and learning reviews will be convened to identify key learning

On enactment of the Care Bill the objectives of the CSAB will be to help and protect vulnerable adults by co-ordinating and ensuring the effectiveness of what each of its members does. Regulations and statutory guidance to underpin the primary legislation will be issued.

The CSAB has an independent Chair.

Safer Cumbria Partnership (SCP)

The Safer Cumbria Partnership structure was formed in 2011; and it combined the work of the Domestic Violence Board, the Safer and Stronger Thematic Partnership and the Local Criminal Justice Board.

The role of this partnership is to:

- Provide strategic leadership in all areas of community safety.
- Improve outcomes in crime prevention, reduction and detection through local partnerships and through joint commissioning where possible.
- Support and enhance services offered to victims of crime and ensure that effective partnerships are maintained and developed.

- Increase offender accountability within the criminal justice system and the community.
- Communicate and raise awareness of the services available; the training available and the successes we have achieved.
- Engage with statutory and voluntary partners to achieve buy in and support for existing services.
- Increase confidence in the criminal justice system.

The Chair of the partnership is the Police and Crime Commissioner; with the deputy chair position held by the Deputy Chief Constable. There is agency representation from the Local Authorities, Police, Probation, HM Courts, Voluntary Sector, Crown Prosecution Service, Clinical Commissioning, GP Services, PCT, Cumbria Mental Health Team, Public Health and HM Prison.