

Protocol between Dudley's Health and Wellbeing Board, Dudley Safeguarding Children Board, Dudley Safeguarding Adults Board and safe & sound - Dudley's Community Safety Partnership

Section 1

Introduction

Dudley has a long and proud history of working in partnership in order to ensure the safety and wellbeing of all its communities but particularly children, young people and vulnerable adults.

Senior representatives of all relevant statutory agencies have worked effectively with elected members and the voluntary and community sectors to meet the aims and objectives of

- Dudley Safeguarding Adults Board
- Dudley Safeguarding Children Board
- Dudley Health and Wellbeing Board
- Dudley safe and sound – the Community Safety Partnership

These four partnerships have had a certain degree of shared membership and this, together with the more formal presentation of each other's aims and achievements through an annual reporting process, has led to a coordinated and cohesive approach.

As the demand for services in respect of safeguarding, health and wellbeing and community safety has grown both in size and complexity, so has the work of the strategic partnerships that overarch them. It therefore follows that there is an increasing need to ensure greater clarity between each partnership thereby building a bigger picture that will make sure nothing is missed, duplicity is avoided and potential for confusion negated.

Purpose

The need to develop a protocol to define the work of each partnership and to determine the relationship between all the partnerships was recommended in a Health and Wellbeing Peer Challenge that was conducted in September 2014. It is also recommended in Working Together to Safeguard Children 2013 and the Care Act 2014.

It is anticipated that this protocol will

- Ensure mutual understanding of the statutory framework, roles and responsibilities of each partnership
- Set out and compare key priorities and clarify the relationship between them
- Provide both clarity and direction to partnership members and professionals alike
- Allow for effective business planning and unambiguous measurement of achievement
- Articulate an explicit commitment to work together and support each other
- Illustrate to the communities of Dudley that the work we do is both comprehensive and coordinated

Section 2

	Health and Wellbeing Board	Safeguarding Adults Board	Safeguarding Children Board	Safe & sound (Dudley's CSP)
Statutory Framework	The Health and Social Care Act (2012) requires local areas to set up a Health and Wellbeing Board. The Board is an overarching strategic group that produces an annual joint strategic needs assessment (JSNA) which is used to identify the high level priorities for a Joint Health and Wellbeing Strategy for Dudley.	The Care Act 2015 instructs each local authority to set up a Safeguarding Adults board from April 2015. Prior to this date the Board operated within the framework promoted by "No Secrets" published in March 2000 and a document Safeguarding Adults published by then Association of Directors of Social Services in October 2005.	The LSCB is the key statutory mechanism for agreeing how relevant organisations will co-operate and work together to safeguard and promote the welfare of children and young people in Dudley and for ensuring the effectiveness of what they do. LSCB statutory objectives are set out in section 14 of the children Act 1989 and its functions are defined in Working Together 2013.	Crime and Disorder Act 1998 (and subsequent amendments), the Police and Justice Act 2006, Police Reform and Social Responsibility Act 2011 and the Health and Social Care Act 2012.
Role	The Health and Wellbeing Board's strategy provides the strategic framework for elected members, Health watch, alongside statutory partners, to commission health, social care and public health services in a co-ordinated way. Its purpose	Its role is to monitor and evaluate the effectiveness of local arrangements for safeguarding for an adult who; <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • has needs for care and support (whether or not the local authority is meeting any of those needs) and • as a result of those care and support needs is unable to protect themselves from either the risk of or the experience of abuse or 	Its role is to monitor and evaluate the effectiveness of local arrangements for safeguarding children through; <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • developing policies and procedures for safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children • communicating with persons and bodies in Dudley the need to safeguard and promote the 	Safe & Sound (Dudley's Community Safety Partnership) is the Statutory Community Safety Partnership for Dudley. Strategic Board directs the work of the partnership. Strategic Board is responsible for ensuring compliance with the statutory duties and responsibilities set out in the Crime and Disorder Act 1998

	is to improve the health and wellbeing of all Dudley residents and reduce health inequalities.	neglect. The Board also works as a partnership with local agencies to support people to protect themselves from abuse and neglect by raising awareness of abusive situations and promoting a personalised approach to safeguard issues.	welfare of children, raising their awareness of how this can best be done and encouraging them to do so. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Monitoring the effectiveness of partners individually and collectively to safeguard and promote the welfare of children and advising them on ways to improve Participating in the planning of services for children. Undertaking reviews of serious cases and advising the authority and board partners on lessons to be learnt. 	(and subsequent amendments), as well as other legislation including the Police and Justice Act 2006, Police Reform and Social Responsibility Act 2011 and the Health and Social Care Act 2012.
Responsibilities	The HWBB provides system leadership for all aspects of health, public health and social care in Dudley. It is responsible for ensuring Dudley's Safeguarding Board contributes to the Health and Wellbeing	The Care Act mandate membership of key agencies at the Safeguarding Adults board. There is a duty to share information, to make enquiries or cause partners to do so, if it believes an adult is experiencing or at risk of abuse or neglect. There is a responsibility for the Board to produce an Annual Report and a Business Plan and establish a Safeguard Adults Review when	DSCB aims to work with and alongside a range of statutory and non statutory partnerships in the knowledge that co-ordinating and maximising the effectiveness of safeguarding and promoting children's wellbeing is best achieved through collaboration, and holding to or being held to account. The Board produces an Annual Report and a	Working within the legislative framework above safe & sound aims to: To prevent and reduce crime, disorder, anti-social behaviour, reoffending and the harm caused by substance misuse in order for those who live, work or travel through Dudley to be safe and feel

	agenda of Dudley's population.	someone in need of care and support dies and there is concern that partner agencies could have worked more effectively to protect the adult.	Business Plan to evidence the activity and outcomes of the priorities. The Board is responsible for leading on serious case reviews where children have suffered or died from a significant incident. Lessons learnt from reviews are disseminated across the children's workforce on a single and multi agency level.	safe. Safe & sound is responsible for producing:- <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Annual Strategic Assessment • Community Safety Plan and Action Plan • Police and Crime Plan
Key Priorities	<p>The Health and Wellbeing Strategy has identified five key priorities:</p> <p>1 Making our neighbourhoods healthy</p> <p>2 Making our lifestyles healthy</p> <p>3 Making our children healthy</p> <p>4 Making our minds healthy</p> <p>5 Making our services healthy</p>	<p>The SAB has identified agreed objectives and priorities for its work based on the six principles outlined in the statement of Government Policy on Adult Safeguarding 2013, they are:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Empowerment – the presumption of person led decisions and informed consent. 2. Prevention – It is better to prevent harm occurring. 3. Proportionally – ensuring the least intrusive response appropriate to the risk presented 4. Protection – support and representation for those in greatest need. 5. Partnership – Local solutions 	<p>DSCB have identified and agreed 5 priorities as part of its strategic plan. These are:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Improve the protection of children from abuse and neglect through more effective inter agency working and consistent approaches to minimising risk and strengthening resilience within families. 2. Improve the effectiveness of early help and intervention for children and young people who are vulnerable 3. Strengthen the effectiveness of support and challenge provided by partners of the Board to 	<p>Overarching priorities can be summarised as follows:-</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Reduce our repeat victims by tackling re-offending. 2. Safeguard vulnerable groups and increase the understanding of our youth and young people. 3. To manage tension and improve quality of life and safety in our neighbourhoods and town centres.

		<p>through services working together with the community.</p> <p>6. Accountability – transportation in delivering safeguarding</p> <p>These principles are the priorities for the focus of the Adult Safeguarding Business Plan.</p>	<p>improve safeguarding outcomes for children, young people and their families</p> <p>4. Improve inter-agency responses to young people who are at risk of, or who have suffered, sexual abuse or exploitation.</p> <p>5. Improve the safeguarding and protection of children and young people who are living in households where there is domestic abuse, parental mental health and parental substance misuse.</p>	
Relationship(s)	<p>The Health and Wellbeing Board has representation from a wide range of partners. It aims to provide the central architecture for all aspects of health and wellbeing, including safeguarding. It works co-operatively with the other statutory Boards to ensure that the priorities of both Safeguarding Boards and safe and sound are integrated across the whole system.</p>	<p>The roles and responsibilities of the respective bodies are different and complementary. They have a common purpose to promote joint working and co-operation between partners to improve the well-being of Children and adults in need of support. The partnerships will work together to ensure action taken by one body does not duplicate that taken by another and that there are no operational gaps in policies; protocols; services or practice. The Partnerships are</p>	<p>The Safeguarding Board interfaces with all partner agencies and respective Boards within the Directorate. Through this relationship the Board is able to account for its work, celebrate good practice and raise challenge for partners to address. It is also able to link different priorities of the respective Boards to enable a 'Golden Thread' approach in evidencing development and outcomes for children. The Board therefore is able to focus firmly with partners on the primary objective of</p>	<p>The work of safe & sound is carried out through a number of key sub-groups. Sub-group members are drawn from a wide range of partner organisations.</p> <p>The Community Safety Plan takes into account priorities for DSAB and DCSB. From 2015 it will also take into account health and wellbeing</p>

		<p>committed to develop a joined up approach to monitor effectiveness of services and priorities for change.</p> <p>The Adult Safeguard Board Annual report will provide information and challenge to the work of the Health and well-being Board ;the Safeguard Children Board and will be submitted to each Board for scrutiny and comment</p>	<p>keeping children safe in Dudley.</p> <p>DSCB annual report is submitted to the Chief Executive and the Leader of Dudley MBC, the Local Police and Crime Commissioner and a range of statutory partnerships and Boards including CYP Partnership and Health and Wellbeing.</p>	<p>priorities.</p> <p>The terms of reference for safe & sound Strategic Board includes formal reporting arrangements in respect of DSAB and DSCB.</p>
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Section 3

Conclusion

This protocol is a working document. By its nature it will change and evolve. It will therefore be the subject of review and update as and when necessary and in any event annually.

It will be ratified by each partnership board during February and March 2015 and, when signed by the chairperson of each board, become effective from 1st April 2015.

Any disagreement or difference of opinion regarding any of the content of the protocol will be the subject of discussion and joint decision by the chairpersons of the boards.

Signed

Chair of Dudley Safeguarding Adults and Children Boards

Date

Chair of Dudley Health and Wellbeing Board

Date

Dudley safe and sound

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