

HEALTH AND WELLBEING BOARD			
Report Title	LB Lewisham Protocol for Safeguarding Partnerships		
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Strategic Context	This report outlines the partnership relationship of the aforementioned boards, with a commitment to working together to shared aims.		

1. Purpose

This report informs members of the Health and Wellbeing Board of the newly created protocol between partnership boards in Lewisham.

2. Recommendation

Members of the Health and Wellbeing Board are recommended to:

- Agree the protocol in relation to role and responsibilities of all partnerships.

3. Policy Context

- The key objectives of the LSCB are compliant with those set out in *Working Together to Safeguard Children 2015*, ie, to coordinate work to safeguard children locally and to monitor and challenge the effectiveness of local arrangements.
- Safeguarding Adults Boards are statutory bodies required by the Care Act 2014. Like the Safeguarding Children Board, the main objective of the SAB is to assure itself that local safeguarding arrangements and partners act to safeguard adults at risk, with a strategic oversight of adult safeguarding across the locality.
- Health and Wellbeing Boards were established by the Health and Social Care Act 2012. They are a forum for leaders from the health and care system to work together to improve the health and wellbeing of the local population and reduce health inequalities.
- The Safer Lewisham Partnership is the crime and disorder reduction partnership for the Borough of Lewisham and was established by the Crime & Disorder Act 1988. Its aim is to make Lewisham a safer place and a place where people feel secure by delivering integrated services that tackle crime, antisocial behaviour and substance misuse.

- v. The SLP has oversight of the Lewisham Youth Justice Management Board (YJMB) which was established under the Crime and Disorder Act (1998) to be responsible for the creation and delivery of effective youth justice services. The YJMB is subject to the regulatory framework of the Youth Justice Board as established by the Ministry of Justice and Inspection by HMI Probation.
- vi. Section 10 of the Children Act (2004) requires local authorities and relevant partners to co-operate to improve the well being of children. The local authority must take the lead in making arrangements to promote cooperation between local agencies.

4. Summary of report

Effective services are based on a clear understanding of the needs and views of children and young people and their families and adults. Strategic plans, whether formulated by individual agencies or by partnerships, should include safeguarding as a theme to ensure that existing strategies and service delivery as well as emerging plans for improvement include effective safeguarding arrangements so that residents in Lewisham are safe and their well-being is protected. The two safeguarding boards have a responsibility to scrutinise and challenge these arrangements.

The opportunities presented by a formal working relationship between HWB, SLP, YJMB, LSAB and LSCB and can, therefore, be summarised as follows:

- Securing an integrated approach to the JSNA to include analysis of safeguarding data, including evidence of prevalence of CSE
- Aligning the work of the LSCB Business Plan and LSAB Strategic Plan with the Health and Wellbeing Strategy, the Lewisham Children and Young People Plan and the Safer Lewisham annual plan
- Ensuring safeguarding as “everyone’s business” and as a determinant of health and well-being is reflected in the community safety strategy.
- Evaluating the impact of the Health and Wellbeing Strategy on safeguarding and community safety outcomes; of safeguarding on wider determinants of health outcomes through cross partnership scrutiny and challenge; the Health and Wellbeing Board and Safer Lewisham Partnership for embedding safeguarding and the Safeguarding Boards for overall performance and contribution to the Health and Wellbeing Strategy and Safer Lewisham annual plan
- Identifying a coordinated approach to performance management, service improvement and commissioning.

5. Financial implications

Both the LSCB and LSAB publish financial positions on an annual basis, and is published in their respective annual reports, which are submitted to the HWB.

There are no other specific financial implications as a result of this report.

6. Legal implications

Members of the Board are reminded that under Section 195 Health and Social Care Act 2012, health and wellbeing boards are under a duty to encourage integrated working between the persons who arrange for health and social care services in the area.

Formal interface between the Health and Wellbeing Board, Safer Lewisham Partnership, Children and Young People's Strategic Partnership Board and the Safeguarding Boards is necessary at key points in order to fulfil respective statutory obligations.

7. Crime and Disorder Implications

There are no specific crime and disorder implications arising from this report.

8. Equalities Implications

The creation of this partnership protocol is intended and likely to have a positive impact on the safeguarding of vulnerable children, and adults.

9. Environmental Implications

There are no environmental implications arising from this report.

Background Documents

Working Together to Safeguard Children (2015)

Further information on the both safeguarding boards can be found at <http://www.safeguardinglewisham.org.uk/>

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