

The Strategic Leadership Team – Terms of Reference

Role

The CHSCP Strategic Leadership Team (SLT) is established by safeguarding partners to agree on ways to co-ordinate safeguarding services; act as a strategic leadership group in supporting and engaging others; and implement local and national learning.

Membership

- The Group Director of Children and Education (Hackney Council)
- The Director of Children and Community Services (The City of London Corporation)
- Director of Transition, NHS North East London Clinical Commissioning Group
- The Commander of the Central East BCU (MPS)
- T/Commander of the City of London Police
- The Director of Education, Hackney Council

Responsibilities

To be retain overall accountability for:

- Ensuring that children and young people in the City of London and Hackney are safeguarded in the context of their families, peer groups, schools and communities and that their welfare promoted in line with the CHSCP's vision, principles and purpose.
- Defining how the safeguarding arrangements in the City of London and Hackney will operate.
- Setting the strategic priorities for the safeguarding partnership, ensuring that the local contexts in the City of London and Hackney are taken into account.
- Ensuring that the safeguarding arrangements covering the City of London and Hackney are properly coordinated and that partner organisations and agencies collaborate and co-own the CHSCP's vision.
- Ensuring that the safeguarding arrangements covering the City of London and Hackney are fully compliant with statutory guidance, working effectively and improving the lives of children, young people and their families.
- Ensuring that collaboration with children, young people, their families and communities is sufficiently robust to both inform safeguarding developments and improve practice.
- Ensuring that the safeguarding arrangements covering the City of London and Hackney effectively identify and analyse new safeguarding issues and emerging threats.
- Ensuring that information is shared effectively to facilitate accurate and timely decision making for children and families
- Supporting and engaging with relevant agencies to drive a culture whereby organisations and agencies challenge appropriately and hold one another to account effectively.
- Ensuring that local and national learning is disseminated, promoted and embedded in multi-agency safeguarding practice.
- Overseeing the maintenance of a comprehensive risk register that identifies strategic risks the operation of the arrangements and to the safeguarding of children in the both local authority areas.
- Maintaining strategic partnerships with the Health and Wellbeing Boards, CHSAB, Community Safety partnerships, the Local Family Justice Board and MAPPA.

- Producing and publishing a yearly report on behalf of the safeguarding partnership.

Standards of Operation

- The SLT will be chaired by the Independent Child Safeguarding Commissioner.
- A safeguarding partner representative will act as vice chair.
- The SLT will meet a minimum of 3 times per year.
- The SLT is inquorate in the absence of any safeguarding partner.
- The Terms of Reference for the SLT will be reviewed annually.