

Safeguarding Reassurance Meeting – Terms of Reference

Role

Lead representatives of the CHSCP's statutory safeguarding partners will formally meet with the Independent Safeguarding Children Commissioner (ISCC) and collectively consider the sufficiency of the local safeguarding arrangements in the City of London and Hackney.

Separate meetings will be held for lead representatives in the City of London and Hackney.

City of London Membership

- The Town Clerk of the City of London Corporation
- The CEO Designate of the ICB, NEL CCG
- The Commissioner, City of London Police
- The Independent Safeguarding Children Commissioner
- The CHSCP's Senior Professional Advisor

Hackney Membership

- The Chief Executive of Hackney Council
- The CEO Designate of the ICB, NEL CCG
- The Commander of the MPS Central East BCU (delegated from MPS Commissioner)
- The Independent Safeguarding Children Commissioner
- The CHSCP's Senior Professional Advisor

Responsibilities

In line with their equal and joint responsibility for the CHSCP's local safeguarding arrangements, lead representatives will meet to seek reassurance, and where required make decisions, on the following:

- The vision for multi-agency arrangements and the partnership commitment.
- The key risks within the local safeguarding arrangements and the effectiveness of the partnership in mitigating these.
- The CHSCP's risk strategy - identifying and adapting to challenges / new events and establishing a core intelligence capacity.
- The strategy for information and data sharing, including to allow for identification of vulnerable children in need of early help.
- The resource framework, e.g. contributions, cost of any new and agreed partnership initiatives, e.g. joint training, agreed local research, innovation in service design.
- The methods to assess outcomes of multi-agency practice, including how intervention happens if performance falters or practice improvement is identified - and how 'independent' external assurance/scrutiny will be utilised.
- High-level oversight of workforce planning, e.g. gaps in skilled areas.
- The multi-agency communication strategy on protecting children.

Standards of Operation

- The Safeguarding Reassurance meeting will be chaired by the ISCC
- Lead representatives will meet a minimum of two times per year.
- The Terms of Reference will be reviewed annually.