City of London Safeguarding Children Partnership Board Summary (website)

Date of Meeting	Tuesday 9 June 2025, 10:00-12:00
Venue	Online - MS Teams
Chair	Jim Gamble QPM (JG), Independent Safeguarding Children Commissioner
Minutes	Rushena Miah (RMi), Partnership Coordinator.

Agency	Membership	Attendance
CHSCP	**Jim Gamble (JG), Independent Safeguarding Children Commissioner**	**present**
	Rory McCallum (RM), Senior Professional Advisor	**present**
CAFCASS	Jessica Rowland (JC), Area Manager East, City & Hackney	apologies
CoL Corporation	**Chris Pelham (CP) Assistant Director, People**	**present**
	Valeria Cadena (VC), Team Manager Community Safety	**present**
	Laura Demetriades (LD), Head of Safeguarding & Quality Assurance	**present**
	Deborah Bell (DB) Head of Education	**present**
Fire Brigade	James O'Neill (JON) Borough Commander	apologies
NHS NEL	Dr Emma Tukmachi (ET), Named GP Safeguarding Children	apologies
	Korkor Caesar (KC), Deputy Director for Safeguarding Children, NHS NEL ICB.	**present**
	Mary Lee (ML), Designated Nurse (0.5) Sam Martin (SM), Designated Nurse (0.5)	apologies
	Nikhil Katiyar (NK), GP & Governing Body Lead for Safeguarding	apologies
	Dr Michael Ogundele (MO) Designated Doctor	**present**
	Vivienne Hobbs (VH), Named Doctor (Community)	apologies
Lead Member	Helen Fentiman (HF) Chair, Communities & Children Committee	apologies
ELFT	Ade Dosunmu (AD), General Manager CAMHS	apologies
	Andrew Horobin (AH), Deputy Borough Director	apologies
	Dinh Padicala (DP) Director Safeguarding	apologies
Homerton	Marcia Smikle (MS) Head of Safeguarding Children	apologies
Police	**Alistair Marman (AM), A/Detective Chief Inspector**	**present**
	Amanda Horsburgh (AH), Detective Chief Superintendent – Head of Specialist Operations	apologies
Probation	Stephanie Salmon (SS), HoPDU for Hackney and City	apologies
	Sharon Smith (SS), Probation Manager	**present**
Public Health	**Carolyn Sharpe (CS), Consultant in Public Health**	**present**

The City of London Safeguarding Children Partnership Board held a meeting on Tuesday 9 June 2025. Key discussions included:

1. **Minutes of the last meeting and matters arising:** The minutes from the 11 March 2025 meeting were accepted as an accurate record.

2. **Risk Register & Operational Risk Register:** The risk register remained largely unchanged, with

an added risk regarding financial pressures on NHS NEL ICS and other agencies.

3. **Learning & Improvement:** Updates were provided on ongoing case reviews.

4. **Family Help Programme:**

   - Discussions are ongoing to combine efforts for the family hub, aiming for a launch by 1 September 2025.
   - A venue in the east of the City of London has been secured for one day a week.
   - The family hub is expected to be the longest of the three social care reform initiatives.
   - Conversations about social care reforms are happening at local and regional levels, with no issues from the City of London's perspective.
   - An initial delivery plan report is due to the Department for Education on 27 June 2025.
   - A design lab for co-production has started, with families participating, and more specific details are anticipated by September.

5. **Partner Updates:** The board discussed partner updates, particularly focusing on workforce themes.

   a. **Education Services:** Engagement colleagues were working on the Families in the City programme. The education safeguarding forum discussed online misogyny with city police, receiving positive feedback.

   b. **Community Safety Team:** The update was noted.

   c. **NHS NORTH EAST LONDON ICB:** The ICB had submitted their model document. Questions about safeguarding resource protection were raised, with assurance that partners would be updated once information became available.

   d. **ELFT Paper:** The update was noted.

   e. **Homerton:** The update was noted.

   f. **Public Health:** Concerns were raised about the declining health visiting workforce, with the City of London less affected than some areas.

   g. **Probation Update:** A comprehensive probation update was noted, confirming confidence and stability despite retention challenges.

6. **Any Other Business:** A summary of national updates was provided for reading, including changes to the Child Safeguarding Practice Review Panel chair, new non-statutory guidance for schools on terrorism and PREVENT, a MASH guiding principles document from the National Police Chief's Council, and an illustrated guide to "Working Together 23".

   Local updates included refreshing the Priorities and Pledge Document and reviewing the CHSCP staff team's deliverables.