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To: All Members of the Children and Young People's Scrutiny Panel

Dear Member,

Children and Young People's Scrutiny Panel - Tuesday, 18th November, 2025

I attach a copy of the following reports for the above-mentioned meeting which were not available at the time of collation of the agenda:

8. HARINGEY SAFEGUARDING CHILDREN PARTNERSHIP ANNUAL REPORT 2024-2025 (PAGES 1 - 10)

To note the Haringey Safeguarding Children Partnership Annual Report 2024-25.

Yours sincerely

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**Haringey Safeguarding Children
Partnership Annual Report
April 2024 - March 2025**
Safeguarding is Everyone's Business



Lead Safeguarding Partners

Following the publication of Working Together 2023 Lead Safeguarding Partners (LSPs) has transitioned to Chief Executives of the Local Authority and ICB, and the Assistant Commissioner for Front line Policing (London MPS). Each LSP has now appointed a Delegated Safeguarding Partner (DSP) to act on their behalf. DSPs are sufficiently senior to speak with authority, make decisions, and hold their sectors accountable.

The three statutory Lead Safeguarding Partners (LSPs) are:

- Andy Donald, Chief Executive, Haringey Local Authority
- Matt Twist, Assistant Commissioner for Frontline Policing, Metropolitan Police Service
- Frances O'Callaghan, Chief Executive, North Central London Integrated Care Board

Delegated Safeguarding Partners

The HSCP Executive Group remains the high level, overarching local governance for the partnership that continues to have the primary focus on safeguarding systems, performance and resourcing. The membership of the Executive Group is the three statutory partner agencies under the new arrangements and will be known as Delegated Safeguarding Partners (DSPs) who will report to their Lead Safeguarding Partners (LSPs). In addition to those members, there will be an Independent Scrutineer, but this role will not be part of the chairing arrangements or decision making.

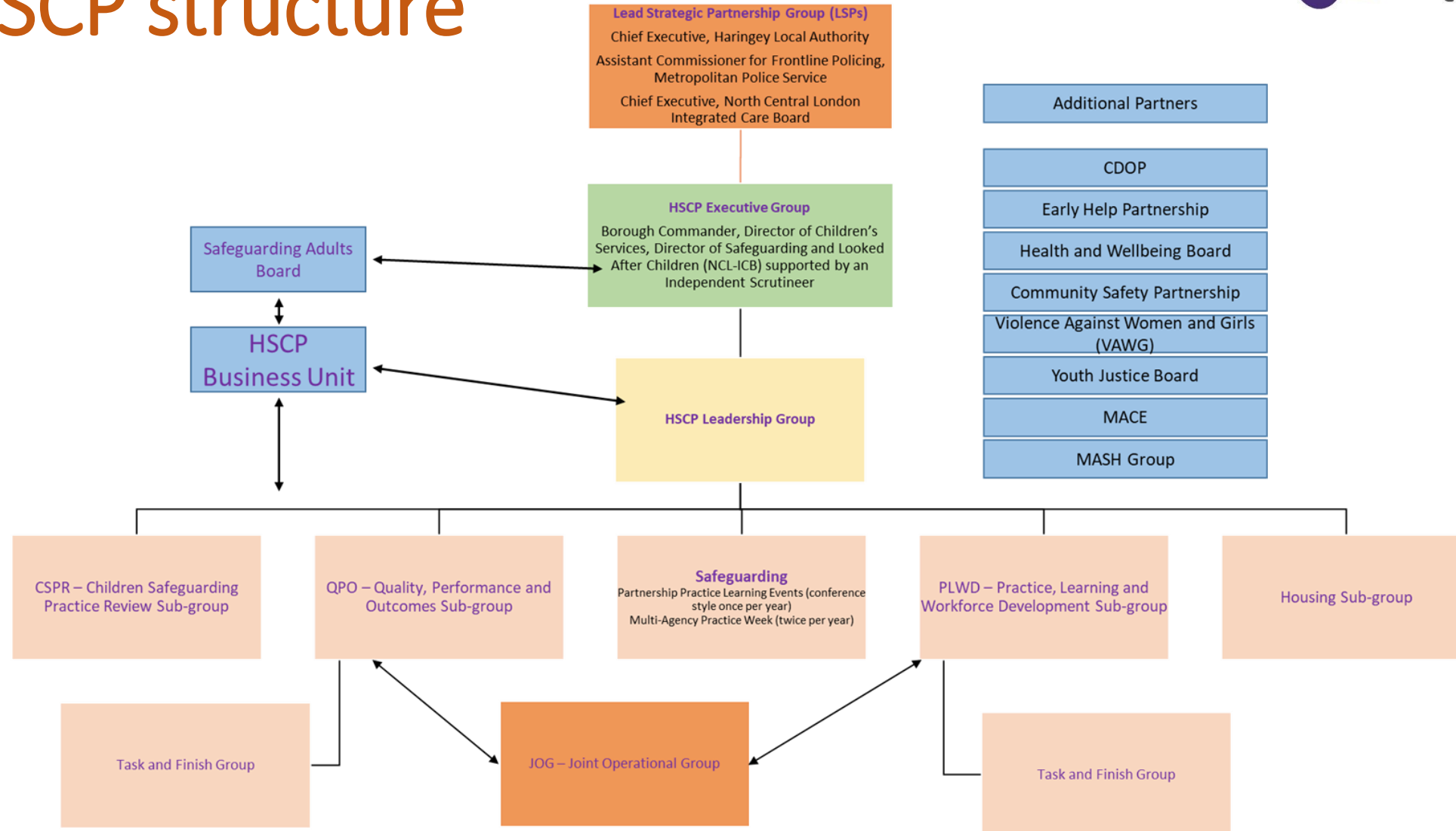
The Executive Group continues to have:

- Strategic ownership of the safeguarding arrangements in Haringey, with a strong joint responsibility for the whole system.
- The responsibility for financial, strategic and reputational risk.
- The responsibility for ensuring cross-partnership collaboration and agency participation, convening and supporting participation in the HSCP

The membership of the Executive Group in line with the requirements of Working Together 2023 is the three Delegated Safeguarding Partners (DSPs):

- Detective Chief Superintendent North Area Borough Commander (Haringey and Enfield) Marco Bardetti, North Area BCU, Metropolitan Police Service
- David Pennington Director of Safeguarding and Looked After Children for North Central London Integrated Care Board
- Ann Graham, Director of Children's Services, Haringey Local Authority
- David Archibald, Independent Scrutineer - attending in their role as a critical friend, to provide support and challenge, and not as a decision maker.

HSCP structure



What we have done this year

This year we:

- Used evidence to demonstrate the value and rationale behind our three priorities
- Continued to provide information on the impact of our activities and interventions on the well-being and safety of children and families

Continued to deliver on our three key priorities:

- Children Impacted by Mental Ill Health
- Children Impacted by Neglect
- Children Impacted by Domestic Abuse

We also promoted and developed:

- Transitional safeguarding arrangements with the Safeguarding Adults Board
- Continued to promote the Think Family Approach.
- Continue to promote our Neglect Campaign with a focus in early identification

Our Three Priorities – A Snapshot

Children impacted by mental health	<p>Improved access to mental health services: introduction of a single point of access (SPoA), the 'no wrong door approach' which became live on 1st April 2024. The delivery of mental health services to children and young people has improved with more Haringey children engaged with CAMHS</p> <p>Improved training and awareness for our frontline practitioners to ensure they have a broader awareness of the impact of parental mental health.</p> <p>Culture and Diversity : increased awareness around the impact that culture and heritage may affect individuals with mental ill health</p> <p>Child assessments and outcome-based plans demonstrate positive progress and Partnership work addressing children's mental health particularly during transition</p>
Children impacted by neglect	<p>Further embedded "Think Family Approach" across the Partnership to ensure early identification of neglect so that support can be offered at the earliest opportunity</p> <p>Community engagement has improved awareness of identifying the early signs of neglect</p> <p>Continued to promote the use of the Neglect Toolkit across the Partnership</p> <p>In Haringey all Safeguarding Practice Reviews and Rapid Reviews held in 2024/25 contained an element where neglect was a factor</p> <p>The HSCP Practice Week in September 2024 focused on neglect and was attended by almost 200 professionals from across the Partnership</p>
Children impacted by domestic abuse	<p>There has been a positive response from Haringey Educational setting in relation to Operation Encompass which has improved information sharing and early identification</p> <p>The HSCP undertook a themed audit which focused on domestic abuse and the learning from this audit has been disseminated across the Partnership. Additionally , this piece of work has informed our multi agency training plan for 2025/26</p>

Cross-cutting themes from scrutiny: reviews, scrutineer activity and audits

- **Complexity:** Domestic abuse, child and parental mental health issues, substance misuse, and contextual safeguarding often intersect. Addressing these interconnected factors requires integrated and comprehensive approaches
- **Importance of Multi-Agency Collaboration:** Effective safeguarding depends on collaboration beyond core statutory partners, including housing, the voluntary sector, and other relevant agencies. Successful outcomes demonstrate the value of working across and beyond local boundaries
- **Understanding Children's Lives:** Emphasising the need to fully understand children's lived experiences and those of their families
- **Leadership and Commitment:** Strong leadership and governance are evident, with established processes and high standards in safeguarding training. Effective leadership supports critical thinking and constructive professional challenge
- **Effective Information Sharing:** The success of information-sharing arrangements like the MASH highlights the importance of this
- **Holistic View of Children:** Agencies are increasingly able to understand and address the broader context of children's lives, including complex factors like domestic abuse and mental health issues, beyond immediate concerns
- **Cultural Considerations:** There is an increasing understanding of the need to consider racial, ethnic, and cultural identities and how they impact
- **Whole Family Approach:** The understanding and application of a whole family approach to risk assessment continues to be a focus. Expanding the involvement of absent parents and extended family members will further enhance support

Forward Planning for 2024 – 2027: Our Focus

HSCP Three Priorities:

- Children impacted by mental ill health
- Children affected by neglect
- Children affected by domestic abuse

Within each of the above priority areas there are golden threads:

- The voice of the child
- Harmful behaviours
- The impact on housing and education.
- The impact of the Think Family approach and
- Joint working of the HSCP and Haringey Safeguarding Adults Board (HSAB).

Haringey Safeguarding Children Partnerships Annual Report 2024-25



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