

**Haringey Safeguarding Children
Partnership Annual Report
April 2021 – March 2022
Safeguarding is Everyone's Business**



What is the HSCP?

- The Children and Social Work Act 2017 replaced LSCB's with new local safeguarding arrangements, led by the three statutory safeguarding partners; the Local Authority, Clinical Commissioning Group (now ICB) and Police, who have a shared and equal duty to ensure that these new arrangements effectively safeguard and promote the welfare of children
- The arrangements are subject to independent scrutiny by an independent scrutineer.
- The partners must publish a yearly report setting out what has been achieved and what challenges were encountered during the year.

HSCP Vision and Objective

Vision

The partnership will provide the strategic leadership, vision and influence which ensures:

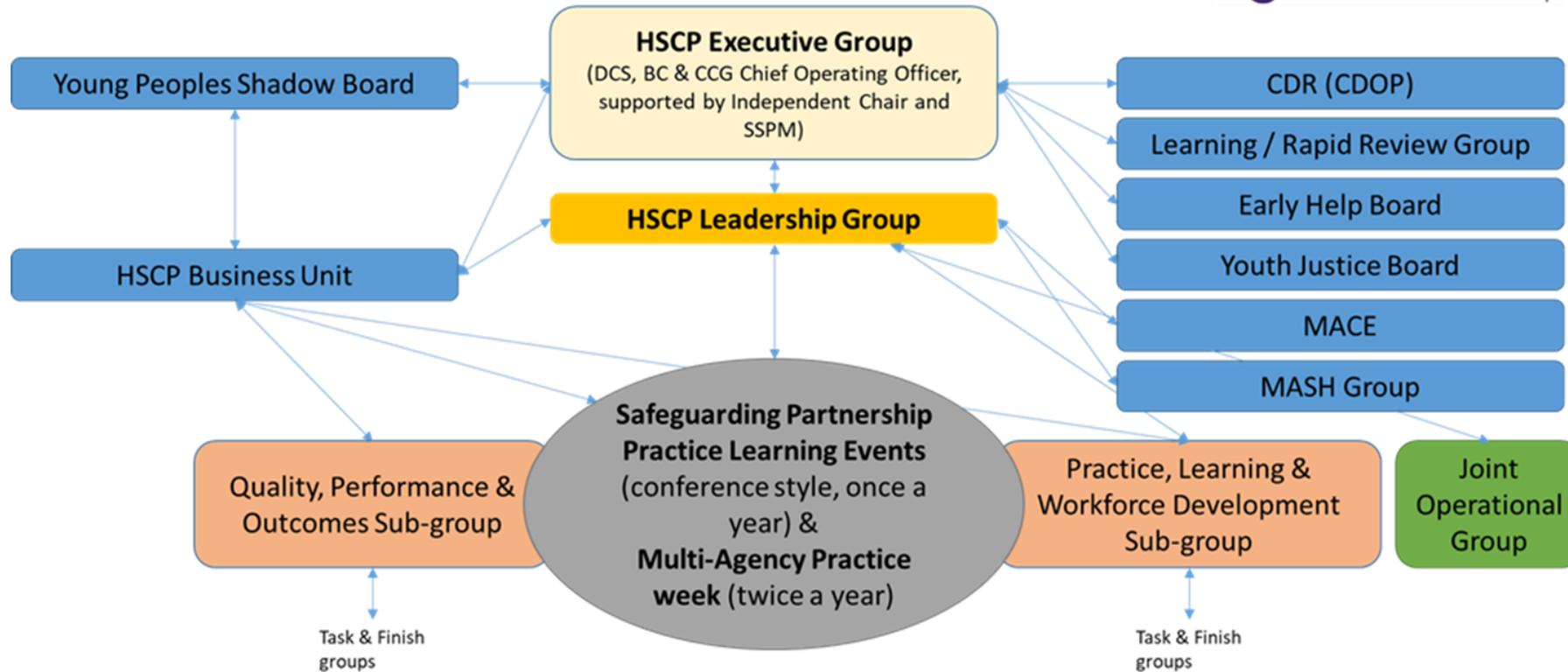
- At every opportunity, the lived experience of children and young people is integral to how we safeguard and protect
- There are improved outcomes through strengthening partnership workforce and community resilience
- Our relationship-based practice is strengthened, demonstrating continuous improvement

Objective

The objective of the HSCP multi-agency safeguarding arrangements is to support and enable local agencies to work together in a system that:

- Promotes excellent practice across the partnership as the norm
- Partner agencies hold one another to account
- There is early identification of emerging safeguarding concerns and trends
- Information is shared effectively
- Promotes community confidence

HSCP structure



Funding

- Working Together 2018 states the three safeguarding partners should agree on the level of funding secured from each partner (which should be equitable and proportionate)
- The LA contributed £274,672.35
- All other agencies combined contributed £39,746.65
- The total HSCP cost was £314,419 for 2021/22
- 'In-kind' contribution included secondment of a police staff for two days a week and other partners have supported HSCP subgroups, i.e. Health Designates Chair the Quality, Performance and Outcomes & Planning, Learning and Workforce Development Sub-groups

Key Safeguarding Performance Data

- We received 13,079 contacts compared to 10,757 contacts received in 2020/21. The highest proportion of contacts come from the police (37%), followed by health services (18%) and schools (16%).

13,079
Contacts



- 2,919 assessments were completed in 2021/22 compared to 2,563 in 2020/21.
- 92% of assessments were completed within 45 working days; down on 2020/21 when 94% were completed within 45 working days.

2,919
Assessments



- 178 children were the subject of a Child Protection Plan at the end of 2022. A 33% decrease from the number of children at the end of 2021 (264).
- 231 children started and 307 ceased a CP plan in 2021/22.

178 CP



- 3,378 referrals were received in the last 12 months compared to 2,851 referrals received in 2020/21.
- Of the referrals received, 9% were rereferrals. Lower in comparison to 2020/21 when the re-referral rate was 16%

3,378
Referrals



- There were 4,168 Children in Need who had received a service at any point within 2021/22 compared with 3,744 CIN in 2020/21. On 31/03/2022 2,151 children had an open of Children in Need episode.

4,168 CIN



- 1,199 Early Help cases were closed with a successful outcome compared to 1,194 cases in 2020/21.
- 49% of the families engaging with Early Help were closed with a successful and sustained outcome, slightly higher than last year (48%).

1,199
Early Help



- 1,164 children were the subject of a Section 47 enquiry in 2021/22.
- This equates to a rate of 196 children with a S47 enquiry per 10,000 children in 2021/22, a slight decrease on the rate last year (184) as 7% increase.

1,164 S47



- At 31 March 2022 there were 387 Looked After Children.
- As at March 2022 the rate of LAC was 65 per 10,000 children in Haringey, the same rate as 2020/21.

387 LAC



Key Activities – Audits

Section 11 Audits

- In total, eight organisations were requested to submit a return and every organisation fulfilled their responsibility by submitting their completed audit returns. The HSCP introduced support and challenge sessions, chaired by the HSCP Independent Chair and Scrutineer and the Strategic Safeguarding Partnership Manager, throughout November and December 2020. Agencies were scrutinised and asked to reflect on their safeguarding processes. Partners valued sessions with an opportunity to discuss responses to their Section 11 self-evaluation audits.
- Overall, the partnership demonstrated a strong commitment to safeguarding via dedicated safeguarding teams and officers who provided clear, accountable governance processes and procedures and excellent evidence of safeguarding documentation. The S11 audits illustrated a desire to deliver best practice around safeguarding.
- Across agencies, there was evidence of a real commitment by senior management to promote safeguarding throughout individual agencies. It was demonstrated that staff had knowledge of the management structure and could approach individual safeguarding teams for advice if required. Partners showed commitment to attending partnership meetings and disseminate any learning. Each agency was proud of its dedicated safeguarding team and the commitment they demonstrate daily.

Key Activities – Audits cont.

Multi-agency Audits

Themed Audit 1: Children and Young People’s Mental Health:

The audit aimed to focus on a multi-agency deep dive into how Haringey local services respond to children and young people living with mental ill-health.

Themed Audit 2: Child in Need of Support & Protection Audit:

This audit activity was undertaken to focus upon children in need, in particular those where concerns arose in relation to neglect.

Themed Audit 3: Children Affected by Domestic Abuse (DA):

The focus of this audit was to provide a child-centred assessment in relation to the provision of services available for children affected by Domestic Abuse in the London Borough of Haringey.

The HSCP Annual Report 2021/22 highlights the themes, challenges, outcomes and evidence of good practice in further detail

Key Activities – Case Reviews

- In April 2021 the Child Safeguarding Practice Review Guidance was launched. This document helps to guide all partners through the process of safeguarding practice reviews, including their roles and responsibilities.
- From 1st April 2021 – 31st March 2022 the HSCP received five notifications where a Virtual Threshold Meeting with Statutory Partners took place and where appropriate, the National Panel were informed.
- Of the five cases referred to the HSCP:
 - 3 resulted in a Local Child Safeguarding Practice Review (CSPR) being undertaken
 - 2 did not meet the threshold to progress to a formal Safeguarding Practice Review, however learning was taken forward in the form of Action Plans which are monitored for progress by the QPO subgroup.
- In addition at the time of this annual report, the HSCP has three CSPR in progress.

Key Activities – Multi Agency Training

- In 2021/22 HSCP had another strong offering of Multi-Agency Training. HSCP offered 2678 free spaces to professionals for 24 courses and learning events.
- We held a total of 59 training sessions throughout the year
- 1060 places were booked (up 8% from the previous year)
- These are fully funded and taught by professionals from the partnership who are experts in their respective fields. The trainers can speak and teach with confidence due to their many years of hands-on experience.
- Planning for 2022/23 the HSCP are considering introducing a range of new training opportunities across the partnership which include:
 - Communicating and understanding children with disabilities
 - Reducing parental conflict
 - Engaging with absent fathers
 - Suicide prevention in Young People
 - Understanding the development of babies

Priorities for 2022/23

The Partnership priorities over the next year will be based on the following themes:

- Children living with mental health issues
- Prevention and early intervention
- Older children in need of help and protection, and contextual safeguarding, including exploitation

The Partnership focus will be:

- Measuring impact linked to practice
- A strong evidence base
- Workforce development; and sustainability

Additional areas of focus and synergy include:

- Transitional Safeguarding with the Safeguarding Adults Board
- Neglect with the Early Help and Health & Wellbeing Boards

Partnership Leads

Ann Graham (Director Children's Services), Sebastian Adjei Addoh (Detective Superintendent), Jenny Goodridge (Director of Quality & Chief Nurse for NCL Clinical Commissioning Group)

Multi-Agency Practice Week

- Started on Monday 27th February with Opening Words from CYPS DCS and ADCS and a Pre-recorded Video by Isabelle Trowler, (attended by over 118 people across the partnership).
- Lite Bite Sessions across the week with a Domestic Abuse Theme facilitated from all of the partnerships were attended; great attendance with between 45 over 70 people per session.
- 18 Direct Observations took place across the partnership, which involved observations of meetings, Panels, managers 121 supervision, direct work with children and young people, Children Looked After Review Meetings , Child Protection Conferences and Clinics.
- Audits took place over the week across the Partnerships.

Good Practice Identified

- Good sharing of information across the Partnership: MASH in Particular stood out.
- Timely decision making across the partnership; including Strategy Meetings, Child Protection Conferences, MACE and MARAC.
- Clear recording on systems across the Partnership.
- Good and clear Communication
- Effective use of Supervision across the partnership.