

Terms of reference for Children Safeguarding Policy and Practice Panel

The terms of reference are set out below:

- (1) To examine and consider the effectiveness of the Council's policies and practice relating to the safeguarding of children.
- (2) To examine and consider the effectiveness of the arrangements for co-operation on child protection matters between partner agencies.
- (3) To consider the Council's policies and performance relating to safeguarding through observing practice in Haringey and obtaining the views of key stakeholders (staff, families and children /young people) to attain a qualitative understanding of safeguarding practice.
- (4) To make recommendations on these matters to the Cabinet or Cabinet Member for Children and Young People and Director of Children and Young People's Service in taking forward improvements to safeguarding of children.

Membership

Three non cabinet Councillors from the majority group, one of whom will chair the panel and two Councillors from the minority group plus one non-Councillor member having suitable experience and/or qualifications .The quorum will be three members.

The Chair will determine the Panel's procedures and the means for conveying the Panel's views to the Cabinet but, in the event of any dispute, the outcome will be determined by the majority vote of the Panel's membership with the Chair having a casting vote.

Duration

The terms of reference for the Panel will be reviewed by the Cabinet Member for Children and Young People following the Council Elections in 2010.