

Thurrock Local Safeguarding Children Partnership Delivery Plan 2019 – 2020

Introduction by Thurrock Safeguarding Partners

The Safeguarding Partners are pleased to present our first Delivery Plan following the introduction of the new safeguarding arrangements for Thurrock. The plan provides the opportunity to review our current practice and those areas of safeguarding that are important to develop and improve as part of our multi-agency functions. We intend to build on the excellent work of the previous LSCB and will continue to review our practice and procedures through independent scrutiny and self-analysis of the impact we achieve. We will publish those achievements within an Annual Report setting out our first year's activity.

Can we take this opportunity of thanking those Partners that have already made a significant contribution and to those that will be joining us on this journey for your support to safeguard Thurrock's Children. We look forward to the challenges ahead.



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Our Vision

Thurrock children and young people are happy, healthy, safe and can achieve their full potential, by providing effective support to all, with special attention given to those who are most vulnerable and at risk

Our Strategic Aims

1. **Safeguarding is everybody's business**
2. **Reduce number of children in need of responsive safeguarding through effective help and support at an earlier stage**
3. **Voice of the child**
4. **Responding to Serious Youth Violence**
5. **A Partnership fit to meet future demands**

The LSCP is ambitious to achieve consistent excellence in regard to the quality of frontline practice to Thurrock's most vulnerable children and families. Ensuring the effectiveness of child protection services is still the core business of the Thurrock LSCP.

Our strategic aims place a greater value on improving the child's journey through services they receive, so that early help leads to improved diversion from specialist interventions later. This will be a key area of business for the partnership supporting the focus to target early multi-agency support effectively so that we see a reduction in social care referrals and an increase in pre-referral work with families.

Our Priorities

In developing our multi-agency plan, we have taken into account our partners strategies and priorities to ensure that we have a holistic approach that adds value to safeguarding Thurrock children and young people.

Key documents taken into account include.

- Thurrock Community Strategy
- Thurrock Health & Well-Being Strategy
- Violence against Women and Girls Strategy
- Joint Strategic Needs Assessments
- Partnerships agencies aims and objectives
- Community Safety Partnership plan and strategic needs assessment
- SET strategies



Our Delivery Plan identifies those areas we shall focus on at the start of our journey under the new safeguarding arrangements. During our first year our role in supporting safeguarding children will evolve as new challenges and opportunities emerge. Underpinning our objectives are actions and activity that will enable the Safeguarding Partners to oversee the impact of the Partnership.

In setting our priorities, Partnership members have sought to ensure that we will be able to lead, influence, support and respond to keeping children and young people safe, in a way that is realistic, builds on the solid work of the past LSCB, and maintain confidence in the arrangements for how people work together across Thurrock.

Our Delivery Plan 2019/2020

Strategic Aim 1		Safeguarding is everyone's business			
Action No	Objective	Action	Measure	Time Scale	Lead Group
1.1	Develop our workforce to be more effective in safeguarding	Develop a multi-agency approach to identification of emerging safeguarding training needs by conducting a multi-agency Training Needs Analysis (TNA)	Identified additional training and learning opportunities	Completed by December 2019	LPR Group
1.2		Produce an interagency online newsletter to incorporate training, recently published Learning Practice Reviews and updates on policies and procedures	Four publications per business year	Initial publication September 2019. (May, Sept, Jan, March)	LSCP Business Team
1.3		Conduct multi-agency Learning events sharing outcomes from National & Local Learning Practice Reviews, Audits and evolving safeguarding procedures e.g. signs of safety	Learning & Development programme of work	July and December 2019	LSCP Business Team and Agencies
1.4		Introduce 'Back to Basics' training around Child in Need (CIN) procedures and Neglect following SCR recommendations and introduction of Graded Care Profile 2.	Learning & development programme of work	As per training cycle	LPR Group
1.5		Conduct review and evaluation of effectiveness of the Multi-agency training and learning programme	Change in practice procedures and awareness	As per meeting cycle	LPR Group
Action No	Objective	Action	Measure	Time Scale	Lead Group
2.1	Effective strategic arrangements are in place for the LSCP in Thurrock which promote safeguarding	Produce the LSCP Annual Report	Annual Report published	Annually July	Strategic Group
2.2		LSCP Management Executive Board undertake themed multi-agency audits supporting our scrutiny of improving outcomes for children	Learning outcomes	As per meeting cycle	Management Executive Board
2.3		Circulate and review Section 11 and school 157/175 audits which include a Prevent audit.	Compliance and action plans	Biennial - August	Audit Group
2.4		Receive and review Annual Report from LADO	Report and learning opportunities	October 2019	Management Executive Board
2.5		Receive and review Annual Report from IRO	Report and learning opportunities	October 2019	Management Executive Board

2.6		Monitor use of Signs of Safety, promoting its benefits and impact on improving safeguarding interventions	Report from agencies attending CP Conferences	September 2019	LPR Group
2.7		Receive and review an Annual Report from Essex Fire & Rescue on their role with education establishments promoting safeguarding	Impact on safeguarding children	January 2020	Management Executive Board
2.8		Non mandatory Serious safeguarding Incidents (SI's) to be reported to the partnership and included as part of the Learning and Improvement framework	Number of SI's reviewed and learning identified	As per meeting cycle	LPR Group
3.1	Ensure the partnership has access to relevant Data and information	The Data and Performance Dashboard presented to LSCP groups provides national, regional and local multi-agency information to enable identification of safeguarding trends and impact of partnership activity	All agencies to provide an agreed data set	Various dates	LSCP Business Team
4.1	Reduce the number of children affected by neglect	Review the multi-agency response for children at risk of neglect making recommendations for any additional processes	Outcome report	March 2020	LPR Group
5.1	Increase local understanding of the prevalence of neglect and to improve the identification of, and responses to neglect	Review and refresh the Neglect Strategy	Progress of strategy to be tracked	November 2019	LPR Group
5.2		Monitor use and impact of Neglect strategy	Practice outcomes	February 2020	LPR Group
5.3		Monitor use and impact of GCP2 by trained staff and promote its use	Report from agencies	February 2020	LPR Group
6.1	Children are kept safe in communities, with a focus on faith groups, voluntary groups and hard to reach sectors of the wider community	Identify methods of communication to improve engagement with local faith groups and hard to reach sectors to support their understanding in safeguarding children.	Liaison outcomes with CVS services and faith groups	As per meeting cycle	LPR Group
6.2		Engage with Voluntary groups involved in sport and recreational activities to ensure they understand their safeguarding responsibilities	Improved awareness and Safeguarding procedures in place and understood	As per meeting cycle	LPR Group

6.3		Review the distribution of safeguarding material provided by the partnership to ensure where practicable it reaches all sectors of the community	Audit existing process format and access to partnership information	As per meeting cycle	LPR Group
7.1	Review and monitor the safeguarding procedures of commercial providers of sport and recreational activities	Identify providers and develop opportunities to improve communication and safeguarding	Safeguarding procedures in place and understood	December 2019	LPR Group
7.2		Ensure compliance with WT 2018 – Part 2, Sections 63 and 64	Compliance check	February 2020	LPR Group
8.1	Reduce the number of children affected by physical abuse	Review the multi-agency response for children at risk of Physical abuse making recommendations for any additional processes	Outcome report	March 2020	LPR Group
8.2		Introduce awareness sessions for BME parents and carers on the use of physical chastisement	Outcome report	As per meeting cycle	LPR Group
9.1	Reduce the number of children affected by emotional abuse	Review the multi-agency response for children at risk of emotional abuse making recommendations for any additional processes	Outcome report	March 2020	LPR Group
10.1	Reduce the number of children affected by sexual abuse	Review the multi-agency response for children at risk of sexual abuse making recommendations for any additional processes	Outcome report	March 2020	LPR Group
11.1	LSCP to ensure that safeguarding policies and procedures are reviewed through a challenge and scrutiny process	Conduct audits to ensure that agencies meet statutory requirements in the following areas:- <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Early offer of help • CIN • CP • Neglect • LAC 	Compliance check outcomes Six monthly report on findings and learning from audits undertaken	As per the Audit Group Programme	Audit Group
11.2		Audit of the step up and step down process following the reduction in Child Protection Plans to identify what has impacted	Report	As per the Audit Group Programme	Audit Group
11.3		Undertake an Audit of Signs of Safety cases to establish impact on child protection conferences	Workers demonstrate the ethos of Signs of Safety in their	As per the Audit Group Programme	Audit Group

			language and behaviour with families		
11.4		Obtain feedback using a variety of processes from Professionals, Parents and Young People on the use and impact of Signs of Safety within Child Protection Conferences	Feedback outcomes	As per meeting cycle	LPR Group
12.1	Monitor activity and impact of Community Safety Partnership interventions on wellbeing of children	Report from Community Safety Partnership on current activity supporting children's safeguarding	Outcomes report	January 2020	Management Executive Board
13.1	Reduce avoidable child and young person's deaths	Child Death Overview Panel to review every child death in Thurrock	CDOP minutes and actions	As per meeting cycle	LPR Group
13.2		Review CDOP procedures, Annual Report and recommendations/actions for strategies for reducing child deaths in Thurrock	CDOP learning outcomes	July	Management Executive Board
13.3		Review agencies work to prevent children being killed or injured on the roads and actions taken	Agency Reports	February 2020	LPR Group
13.4		Review LeDer Annual report	Learning outcomes considered	June 2019	LPR Group
13.5		Conduct community activity and provide information in support of raising awareness of avoidable child deaths	Awareness campaign	As per meeting cycle	LSCP Business team
13.6		Review annual report from SET Rapid Response Team	Outcomes report	December 2019	LPR Group
14.1	Monitor and quality assure multi-agency contributions to CIN, CP LAC arrangements	Review the local MASH process that collates information about multi-agency contributions to CIN, CP and LAC information sharing and decision making and ensure fit for purpose.	Audit to be undertaken	As per the Audit Group Programme	Audit Group
15.1	Looked After Children live in a safe environment and are	Annual update from CSC as the Corporate Parent on the provision and support for LAC and actions to reduce the numbers of children brought into care	Report findings	October 2019	Management Executive Board

15.2	protected from abuse and exploitation	Local Authority Fostering Report on support provision and recruitment programme	Outcome and update report	October 2019	Management Executive Board
15.3		Report from the Designated LAC Nurse on Health Assessments of Looked After Children	Outcome and update Report	October 2019	Management Executive Board
15.4		Local Authority Adoption Report on support provision and recruitment programme	Outcome and update Report	October 2019	Management Executive Board
16.1	Privately fostered children are identified, assessed and supported	An annual report on progress and oversight of privately fostered children	Outcome and update Report	January 2020	Management Executive Board
17.1	Children who are subject to offending and Youth Detention are safeguarded and their needs are met	Annual report to be prepared by Youth Offending Service	Outcome and update Report	February 2020	Management Executive Board
18.1	Ensure that our emergency safeguarding procedure is fit for purpose	A thematic is undertaken on the provision of the out of hour's services by all agencies	Report and recommendations	Oct 2019	Management Executive Board
19.1	Support communities and practitioners to know how to report concerns about a child's welfare or safety	Work with communication leads from Partner agencies to develop and promote National and Borough wide campaigns that informs the community about what to do if they have a concern about a child	Report from agencies on the work undertaken	October 2019	Management Executive Board
20.1	Reduce the number of teenage suicides and self-harming behaviours	Reports from EWMHS and BTUH and relevant partners on presentations at acute settings	Reports from relevant agencies	As per meeting cycle	LPR Group
20.2		Monitor the use of supporting guides and toolkits to assist professionals.	Audit process	As per the Audit Group programme	Audit Group
20.3		Conduct community activity and information in support of raising awareness of teenage suicide and self-harm	Awareness campaign	As per meeting cycle	LSCP Business team
20.4		Conduct an audit of self-harm incidents	Report	As per the Audit Group programme	Audit Group

21.1	Increase the awareness of contextual safeguarding and impact on the protection of children	Plan and organised a contextual safeguarding conference	Event	October 2019	MACE
21.2		Develop the learning and understanding across the Partnership of contextual safeguarding through signposting information and monitoring its effect on safeguarding children	Sharing of information and guidance	As per meeting cycle	MACE
Strategic Aim 2		Reduce the number of children and young people in need of responsive safeguarding through effective help and support at an earlier stage			
Action No	Objective	Action	Measure	Time Scale	Lead Group
22.1	Ensure arrangements are in place to offer effective Early Offer of Help (EOH) provision	Annual review of the effectiveness of MASH from MASH Strategic Group	Report from MASH	February 2020	Management Executive Board
22.2		Receive annual report from Brighter Futures Board	Report	February 2020	Management Executive Board
22.3		Audit of Prevention and Support Service (PASS) cases to include a review of the Troubled Families element of PASS and its impact on early intervention	Report from Audit Group	As per the Audit Group programme	Audit Group
22.4		Receive outcome and impact data on Prevention and Support Services (PASS) quarterly to enable scrutiny and challenge where appropriate, including Domestic Abuse	Data set	As per meeting cycle	LPR Group
22.5		Support partnership understanding of the role & responsibilities of the Lead Professional by refreshing previous LSCB Lead professional guidance	LSCP document	July 2019	LPR Group
22.6		Report from Children's Social Care Commissioning in relation to EOH commissioned services on safeguarding compliance	Document	October 2019	Management Executive Board
23.1		Ensure the Thresholds to intervention are clearly understood and appropriately	Conduct an audit on the number of EOH cases that are raised to CP and LAC threshold	Audit to be undertaken	As per the Audit Group programme
23.2	To ensure a good understanding of thresholds is embedded with newly appointed staff		Awareness programme	As per meeting cycle	LPR Group
23.3	Threshold document to be reviewed annually by the partnership		Threshold document	December 2019	Management Executive Board

	applied including step up/step down process				
24.1	Improve the quality of service provisions on children and young people's lives	Periodic report from Violence Against Women and Girls (VAWG) Strategic Group on action taken and strategy	Report from VAWG Group	Feb 2020	Management Executive Board
24.2		Periodic report from MACE on action taken to combat Child Sexual Exploitation and Child Criminal Exploitation	Report	As per meeting cycle	Management Executive Board
25.1	Families of children who are identified as being high risk of abuse receive the appropriate support	A report on the evaluation of effectiveness of the MARAC safeguarding process	Report and recommendations	February 2020	Management Executive Board
25.2		Report from the SARC on the number of referrals received for Thurrock Children and Young People	Report	July 2019	Management Executive Board
25.3		Report from Children's Social Care on the number on children and young people on a plan under the category of Sexual Abuse for comparison with the data provided from the SARC.	Data Report	September 2019	LPR Group
25.4		LSCP to receive a report on children and young people who are home educated and not on school roll	Annual Report	January 2020	Management Executive Board
25.5		Report on the work from Risk Management Meeting and Gang Related Violence Group meetings into identifying key trends, hotspots and why children go missing	Reports	February 2020	LPR Group
25.6		Conduct an audit on children that are elective home educated to ensure their safeguarding needs are met	Report	May 2019	Audit Group
26.1	To reduce incidents of alcohol and substance misuse	Local Authority to provide a report to LSCP on effectiveness in reducing young people's access to alcohol	Alcohol policy and action plan	Feb 2020	LPR Group
26.2		Reports from Police, BTUH and Wize-Up on the numbers of young people presenting under the influence of drugs or alcohol.	Report	Jan 2020	LPR Group
27.1	Review the commissioning requirements on	Request a report from Commissioning in relation to Semi Independent placements, detailing what checks are in place and also detailing their annual checks undertaken	Report	Feb 2020	Management Executive Board

	Semi-Independent Placements				
28.1	Ensure that appropriate support is in place for those children at risk of child exploitation	Review the level and risk of Child Sexual Exploitation and the support services in Thurrock making recommendations for any additional processes.	Outcome report	March 2020	MACE
28.2		Review the level and risk of Child Criminal Exploitation and support services in Thurrock and make recommendations for any additional processes.	Outcome report	March 2020	MACE
28.3		Monitor and support the activity and work plan of the SET CSE Board to ensure a cohesive approach	Work programme	As per meeting cycle	LPR Group
28.4		Review the level and risk of Modern day slavery and Trafficking and support services in Thurrock making recommendations for any additional processes.	Outcome report	March 2020	MACE
29.1	Ensure that appropriate support is in place for children affected by Domestic Abuse	Review the level and risk of Domestic Abuse and support services in Thurrock making recommendations for any additional processes.	Outcome report	March 2020	MACE
29.2		Monitor and support the activity and work plan of the SET Domestic Abuse board to ensure a cohesive approach	Outcome report	As per meeting cycle	MEB
30.1	Ensure that appropriate support is in place for children in transition to adult hood	Review the level of risk for young people in transition to adult hood that are at risk of child exploitation making recommendations for any additional processes	Outcome report	March 2020	MACE
31.1	Children at risk of bullying receive the appropriate support	Review the level of risk for young people at risk of bullying and support services in Thurrock making recommendations for any additional processes	Outcome report	March 2020	MACE
32.1	Ensure that appropriate support is in place for children affected by FGM	Review the level and risk of Child FGM and the support services in Thurrock and make recommendations for any additional processes	Report	March 2020	LPR Group
33.1	Children that have additional needs	Review the findings of the 2019 Thurrock SEND report and support any safeguarding learning	Report	Oct 2019	LPR Group

	receive the correct safeguarding support				
34.1	Children that are unable to engage with the police or support an investigation of sexual abuse are offered alternative options of support	Support the pilot programme “Project Goldcrest” being implemented in Thurrock through sharing of information and awareness that enables those children that are most vulnerable to receive the services and support they need	Project report	As per meeting cycle	MACE
Strategic Aim 3		Voice of the child			
Action No	Objective	Action	Measure	Time Scale	Lead Group
35.1	Improve the response to young people who report concerns about bullying, supporting Schools, communities, parents/carers and young people to take steps to prevent bullying	Support the development of strategies and support to young people at risk of being bullied through the Schools Safeguarding Leads Forum	Report from Schools Safeguarding Leads Forum	As per meeting cycle	Management Executive Board
35.2		Link in with the Youth Cabinet to request information of what activity is being conducted within schools and young people around safeguarding and identify next steps	Agreed set of questions to be presented at Youth Cabinet for them to take back to school	As per meeting cycle	LPR Group
36.1	Children, parents and professionals are informed of the risks of the internet and how to use it safely	The key messages of the “Virtual World” are disseminated to children and parents, relevant agencies and the Faith and Voluntary Sector	Walk on Line Roadshows – report from LSCP Business Team School survey	March 2020	LPR Group
Strategic Aim 4		Responding to Serious Youth Violence			
Action No	Objective	Action	Measure	Time Scale	Lead Group
37.1	Reduce the number of children at risk of serious youth violence	By 31 March 2020 Review the level and risk of County Lines and the support services available in Thurrock	Outcome report	As per meeting cycle	MACE

		and across SET making recommendations for any additional processes.			
38.1	Raise awareness of the vulnerability and risks associated with Gangs and groups	Support education establishments and community safety partnership in cascading information of risk	Awareness programme	As per meeting cycle	MACE
38.2		Request report from Community safety partnership on work in protecting and educating young people on knife crime	Report	Jan 2020	MACE
38.3		Audit of work undertaken in relation to young people involved with Gangs and Serious Youth Violence	Report	As per the Audit Group Programme	Audit Group
38.4		Request report from strategic GRV Group on activity and actions to reduce criminal gang and group association	Report	Jan 2020	MACE
38.5		Request report from agencies on incidents of knife related injuries/assaults and their actions	Report	Quarterly	MACE
Strategic Aim 5		A Partnership fit to meet future demands			
Action No	Objective	Action	Measure	Time Scale	Lead Group
39.1	A Board fit for purpose	The Safeguarding Partners are proactive and responsive to the impact of the national changes to LSCPs through the LSCP Strategic Group	Action log	As per meeting cycle	Strategic Group
39.2		Produce a LSCP Constitution and operational procedures	Report	July 2019	Strategic Group
40.1	Ensure the effective engagement of partner agencies on the LSCP	Attendance and input from agencies monitored quarterly, with those members not meeting the agreed standard to be held to account by the LSCP Management Executive Board	Data Analysis	As per meeting cycle	Management Executive Board
40.2		Identify opportunities to engage with wider cohort of organisation involved in the holistic response to Childrens safeguarding	New partners identified	Various dates	LSCP Business team

41.1	Ensure the effectiveness of the Partnership through independent scrutiny	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. Conduct an independent commissioned scrutiny of the partnerships response and effectiveness to the new arrangements b. Analyse findings and recommendations. c. Appoint two lay people to support and challenge the partnership arrangements d. Seek community feedback on the impact of the Partnership 	Independent Report	As per meeting cycle	Management Executive Board
42.1	Ensure the effectiveness of Signs of safety	The LSCP Management Executive Board and LPRG attend a half day Signs of Safety reflective practice session	SOS events	Various dates	Management Executive Board LPR Group
42.2		The LSCP website includes a Signs of Safety page including toolkits for use by Practitioners	Website	Various dates	LSCP Business Team
43.1	Safeguarding responsibilities are understood and linked across the different functions and meeting frameworks	Agree a safeguarding protocol between The Health & Wellbeing Board, Community Safety Partnership and Adults safeguarding Board	Protocol	December 2019	Management Executive Board

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Additional Objective and Actions evolving during 2019-2020					
Strategic Aim 1		Safeguarding is everyone's business (Additional Actions)			
Action No	Objective	Action	Measure	Time Scale	Lead Group
Strategic Aim 2		Reduce the number of children and young people in need of responsive safeguarding through effective help and support at an earlier stage (Additional Actions			
Action No	Objective	Action	Measure	Time Scale	Lead Group
Strategic Aim 3		Voice of the child			
Action No	Objective	Action	Measure	Time Scale	Lead Group
Strategic Aim 4		Responding to Serious Youth Violence			
Action No	Objective	Action	Measure	Time Scale	Lead Group
Strategic Aim 5		A Partnership fit to meet future demands			
Action No	Objective	Action	Measure	Time Scale	Lead Group

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