

Manchester City Council Report for Information

Report to: Children and Young People Scrutiny Committee – 25 May 2022

Subject: Manchester Safeguarding Partnership (MSP) Annual Report 2020/2021

Report of: Paul Marshall, Chair of the Children Executive Board

Summary

The Manchester Safeguarding Partnership (MSP) is a joint partnership of adult safeguarding and children's safeguarding. The published Manchester Multi Agency Safeguarding Arrangements documents can be viewed at:

www.manchestersafeguardingpartnership.co.uk/manchester-multi-agency-safeguarding-arrangements-mmasa/

The MSP is required to produce an annual report, which must report what the MSP have done as a result of the safeguarding arrangements, and how effective these arrangements have been in practice. The link to the 2020/2021 report can be found at: [MSP Annual Report 2020-21 : Manchester Safeguarding Boards \(manchestersafeguardingpartnership.co.uk\)](http://manchestersafeguardingpartnership.co.uk/msp-annual-report-2020-21-manchester-safeguarding-boards/)

The statutory requirements for this are set out in the multi-agency safeguarding arrangements for children within the Department for Education Working Together to Safeguard Children (2018) and for adults within The Care Act 2014 and Chapter 141 of the Care & Support Guidance.

The report covering 2020/2021 reflects adult and child safeguarding business and provides an overview of decisions and actions taken by the partners. This includes:

- strategic leadership and accountability
- assurance and scrutiny activity
- the strategic priorities for 2020/21 and what we have achieved
- learning from reviews, including how we implemented the recommendations of any local and national child safeguarding practice reviews, including any resulting improvements
- What we plan to focus on in 2021/22.

It is also important that we evidence the impact of our improvements for children, their families and citizens of Manchester. We are aware that this has been an area for development and work is underway to ensure we are better at measuring impact for following years annual report.

The annual report aims to illustrate how the MSP continues to develop an integrated approach to safeguarding across the life course with equal accountability between the three statutory partners (Greater Manchester Police, Manchester City Council

and Manchester Health and Care Commissioning) together with our wider agencies and in cooperation with children, their families and citizens.

In 2019/2020, we refreshed our strategic aims for safeguarding, revised our leadership and accountability structures and introduce more effective contributions from local people via restructured safeguarding forums.

Our vision and strategic priorities for 2020/21, further detailed in our strategic plan, are summarised in the diagram below.

MSP STRATEGIC PRIORITIES	
Our strategy for results Think Whole Family Promote Trauma Informed Practice Learn from Practice Improvements	
PARTNERSHIP PRIORITIES <i>(Governance: report quarterly by sponsor to Leadership and accountability)</i>	SPONSORED PRIORITIES <i>(Governance: report 6 monthly by sponsor to Leadership and accountability)</i>
Neglect Adult and Child Mental Health Adult and Children Complex Safeguarding	Mental Wellbeing (Health and Wellbeing Board) Transitions (Transitions Board) Homelessness (Homelessness Strategic Board)
PARTNERSHIP EFFECTIVENESS <i>(Governance: report quarterly by sponsor to Leadership and accountability)</i>	
We want strong and effective arrangements to improve safeguarding outcomes for adults, children and their families through constructive challenge and collaborative solutions.	

The period of this annual report (2020/21) covers the time when we were still experiencing the restrictions from the pandemic. We know this has had an impact for children and their families.

The impact of the 2020/21 annual report has been to provide the opportunity for the Partnership to reflect. We recognised the desire and ambition to improve the impact of the work of MSP and agreed to commission independent expertise to challenge and support us. The result of that review has established the key elements that will drive greater effectiveness to take MSP to the next level as being:

- Better evidence base and robust outcomes-based QA, including engaging citizens;
- Clarity around some areas of leadership and governance, including blurred role of the Independent Chair and their role in scrutiny;
- Consider the reliance on a few key people.

The next steps in evolving the Partnership will support the ambition we have for it to be the best we can in safeguarding and improving well-being of the children and citizens of Manchester.

Recommendations

The Scrutiny Committee is asked to note the progress of the safeguarding partnership arrangements in the City during this period. Further work will be undertaken in 2020-21 to address the issues currently judged as amber in the independent scrutiny report and embed the partnership arrangements.

Wards Affected: All

Environmental Impact Assessment - the impact of the issues addressed in this report on achieving the zero-carbon target for the city
Nil

Our Manchester Strategy outcomes	Summary of how this report aligns to the OMS
A thriving and sustainable city: supporting a diverse and distinctive economy that creates jobs and opportunities	Effective safeguarding arrangements contributes to a capable and resilient workforce across all economic groups
A highly skilled city: world class and home-grown talent sustaining the city's economic success	MSP safeguarding arrangements contributes to a competent and effective workforce Effective safeguarding reduces Adverse Childhood Experiences so children achieve better outcomes and connected to Manchester's economic opportunities. It also enables parents to contribute to the economic success of the city as their wellbeing is enhanced.
A progressive and equitable city: making a positive contribution by unlocking the potential of our communities	Children young people and families face safeguarding challenges when these are addressed in a timely way with effective interventions thereby combatting inequalities to enable us to thrive as a city
A liveable and low carbon city: a destination of choice to live, visit, work	N/A
A connected city: world class infrastructure and connectivity to drive growth	N/A

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Background documents (available for public inspection):

None