

## Manchester City Council Report for Information

<b>Report to:</b>	Children and Young People Scrutiny Committee – 8 March 2023
<b>Subject:</b>	Manchester Safeguarding Partnership (MSP) Annual Report 2021/2
<b>Report of:</b>	MSP Children’s Executive Chair and the Strategic Director of Children and Education Services

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### Summary

The Manchester Safeguarding Partnership (MSP) is a partnership of adult 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/](http://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 achieved as a result of the safeguarding arrangements over the past year, and how effective these arrangements have been in practice (see appendix 1).

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 2021/2022 reflects adult and child safeguarding business and provides an overview of decisions and actions taken by the partners. This includes:

- Partnership arrangements
- Communication and Engagement
- Safeguarding Effectiveness and Scrutiny
- Safeguarding practice reviews
- Learning and Improvement
- Complex Safeguarding
- Child Death Overview Panel
- Local Authority Designated Officer
- Neglect
- Children Mental Health and
- Homelessness

It is also important that we evidence the impact of our improvements for Children and Citizens of Manchester. Last year we reported that we are aware that this has been an area for development and that work was underway to ensure we are better at measuring impact for following years annual report. We are continuing on this journey and hope to improve further over the next year, we have in place a

framework for performance information and audits to direct us and enable us to measure impact this year.

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, now Integrated Care Board) together with our wider agencies and in cooperation with children and citizens.

2021 to 2022 has been an opportunity to reinvigorate the MSP’s ambitions and explore smarter ways of working to improve engagement and encompass some of the working practices we have developed over the period of the Covid Pandemic, where this is better for children and adults.

We hope this annual report demonstrates where we believe safeguarding arrangements are strengthening and resulting in good outcomes, and where we need to make further improvement. We also want to ensure that the report provides an open and transparent view of our Partnership activity for our citizens and practitioners.

**Recommendations**

The Committee is recommended to:-

- (1) Note the progress of the safeguarding partnership arrangements in the City during this period. Further work will be undertaken in 2022-23 to address the issues currently judged as amber in the annual report and embed the partnership arrangements.

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**Wards Affected: All**

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

**Equality, Diversity and Inclusion** - the impact of the issues addressed in this report in meeting our Public Sector Equality Duty and broader equality commitments

The MSP policies and function has been developed to be inclusive. In 2023-26 the strategic plan includes a section to ensure that all the work that we complete is to treat everyone fairly.

**Treat everyone fairly**

We will embrace diversity, equity and inclusion so that our strategies and the work we do recognises and relates to every individual fairly.

We will have evidence that all people in Manchester are safe and well and take action to address any inequity where it exists.

This will be achieved by completing an Equality Impact Assessment on our strategies, policies and procedures.

<b>Manchester Strategy outcomes</b>	<b>Summary of how this report aligns to the OMS/Contribution to the Strategy</b>
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. Effectively safeguarded adults contributes to them being a valued member of the workforce.
A progressive and equitable city: making a positive contribution by unlocking the potential of our communities	Children and adults 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

Full details are in the body of the report, along with any implications for:

- Equal Opportunities Policy
- Risk Management
- Legal Considerations

### **Financial Consequences – Revenue**

The work of the MSP is supported by the three statutory partners and additional national agencies, as set out below.

Agency	Contribution
Local Authority	£327,000.00
CCG (now ICB)	£105,000.00
Police	£63,723.00
Probation	£4,000.00
Others	£6,396.00
Total	£506,673.00

### **Financial Consequences – Capital**

None

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**Background documents (available for public inspection):** None