

**Manchester City Council
Report for Information**

Report to: Health Scrutiny Committee – 21 June 2023

Subject: Manchester Safeguarding Partnership (MSP) Annual Report 2021-2022

Report of: MSP - Adults Executive Chair - Bernie Enright, Executive Director Adult Social Care

Summary

This report provides the Committee with a summary update on the Manchester Safeguarding Partnership (MSP) Annual report.

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.

Manchester Strategy outcomes	Summary of how this report aligns to the OMS/Contribution to the Strategy
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):

The following documents disclose important facts on which the report is based and have been relied upon in preparing the report. Copies of the background documents are available up to 4 years after the date of the meeting. If you would like a copy, please contact one of the contact officers above.

Appendix 1 - MSP Annual Report

1.0 Introduction

- 1.1 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/
- 1.2 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).
- 1.3 The statutory requirements for this are set out in the multi-agency safeguarding arrangements for adults within The Care Act 2014 and Chapter 141 of the Care & Support Guidance.
- 1.4 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:

Recommendation

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2.0 Partnership arrangements

- 2.1 The MSP sits within wider Manchester and Greater Manchester networks, who work closely together on cross-cutting and cross-boundary areas to ensure there is a seamless approach to safeguarding and sharing of best practice. The Inter-Partnership Protocol that supports this work at present is being reviewed.
- 2.2 MSP contributed to GM Plans for taking forward complex and contextual safeguarding with a focus on a life course approach. The development of GM communities of practice themed enquiries, starting in 2021 with safeguarding children under one and domestic abuse, has been beneficial at a strategic and practitioner level.
- 2.3 The MSP has been reviewed and implemented over the last two year. An independent scrutineer has been appointed and chairs the Leadership and Accountability Board and holds the partnership to account.

3.0 Communication and Engagement

- 3.1 The MSP aims to keep listening to and learning from what our children, adults and professionals tell us, and to work in collaboration with them. It is

achieving this by using the Fora's to have conversations with professionals about issues affecting them in relation to safeguarding adults. The MSP acknowledges that there is more to do to improve how we engage systematically with children and adults as a partnership. This is a key action for our 2022/23 development plan.

4.0 Safeguarding Effectiveness and Scrutiny

4.1 The Quality Assurance (QA) subgroup was rebranded 'Safeguarding Effectiveness' towards the end of 2021 in recognition that understanding our effectiveness comes from a range of evidence and we need to understand this in a number of different ways. This group continues to have responsibility for evaluating the impact of the MSP by providing strategic leaders with a clear line of sight to understand the ways in which children and adults at risk of, or experiencing harm are safeguarded. This includes identifying, commissioning or undertaking a range of audits, self- assessments and other QA activity in addition to regular quarterly performance reports.

5.0 Safeguarding practice reviews

5.1 The MSP aim to ensure that all SARs reflect the six principles for adult safeguarding: Empowerment, Prevention, Proportionality, Protection, Partnership and Accountability.

5.2 The Adult Practice Review Panel (APRP), reporting into the Adult Executive, receive, consider and manage reviews on behalf of the partnership, ensuring that lessons are learned, good practice shared, and improvements undertaken as appropriate

6.0 Learning and Improvement

6.1 The Learning and Improvement (L&I) subgroup takes the learning from quality assurance activity, the Adult and Child Practice Review Panels and other sources to determine the plans and arrangements for effective action to deliver learning and improvement. This may be events, courses, policies, processes and procedures or dissemination of practice issues. The subgroup also oversee the adult and children Locality Practice Fora to ensure new strategies and learning are shared with a wide range of managers and practitioners across Manchester and strengthen links between the partnership and practice.

7.0 Complex Safeguarding

7.1 The MSP Complex Safeguarding subgroup is jointly led by the Council Social Care Services and Greater Manchester Police, with close links to the Community Safety Partnership. Their purpose is to co-ordinate and address the complexities within key aspects of safeguarding such as sexual and criminal exploitation, Female Genital Mutilation, trafficking and honour-based violence.

8.0 Neglect

- 8.1 The MSP aims to build on our personalised approach to practice in addressing self-neglect in adults (including adults with dual diagnosis) where harm is evident and enduring without timely intervention. The new MSP Self Neglect Strategy and Hoarding Toolkit has been promoted via a very successful self-neglect conference.

9.0 Homelessness

- 9.1 The MSP aims to have strong and effective arrangements to improve homelessness outcomes for vulnerable adults, using a whole family approach. This work links to the Homelessness Board.
- 9.2 It is also important that we evidence the impact of our improvements for Adults 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.

10.0 Summary

- 10.1 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.
- 10.2 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.
- 10.3 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.

11.0 Recommendations

Members are requested to comment on and note the report.

12.0 Appendices

- 12.1 Appendix 1 - Manchester Safeguarding Partnership (MSP) Annual Report.