

**Manchester City Council  
Report for Information**

**Report to:** Health Scrutiny Committee - 26 June 2024

**Subject:** Manchester Safeguarding Partnership (MSP) Annual Report  
2022-2023

**Report of:** Executive Director of Adult Social Services

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**Summary**

This report provides the Committee with a summary update on the Manchester Safeguarding Partnership (MSP) Annual report 22/23.

**Recommendations**

The Committee is recommended to note the progress of the safeguarding partnership arrangements in the city during this period. Further work will be undertaken to address any issues in the annual report and embed the partnership arrangements.

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**Wards Affected:** All

<p><b>Environmental Impact Assessment</b> - the impact of the issues addressed in this report on achieving the zero-carbon target for the city</p>	
<p><b>Equality, Diversity and Inclusion</b> - the impact of the issues addressed in this report in meeting our Public Sector Equality Duty and broader equality commitments</p>	<p>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.</p> <p><b>Treat everyone fairly</b>  We will embrace diversity, equity and inclusion so that our strategies and the work we do recognises and relates to every individual fairly.</p> <p>We will have evidence that all people in Manchester are safe and well and take action to address any inequity where it exists.</p> <p>This will be achieved by completing an Equality Impact Assessment on our strategies, policies and procedures.</p>

<b>Manchester Strategy outcomes</b>	<b>Summary of how this report aligns to the Our Manchester Strategy/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	NA
A connected city: world class infrastructure and connectivity to drive growth	NA

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	£349,500
Manchester CCG	£105,000.00
GMP	£64,000
Probation	£4,000.00
Others	£5,000

Transfer from Reserves	£48,000
Total Revenue Income	£576,000

### **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 2022/23

## **1.0 Introduction**

- 1.1 The Manchester Safeguarding Partnership's (MSP) aim has been to strengthen safeguarding leadership across children and adult services and improve multi-agency safeguarding practice in the Manchester.
- 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 2022/23, 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 2022/2023 reflects adult and child safeguarding business and provides an overview of work undertaken the Manchester Safeguarding Partnership.

## **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 has been completed and sits across, Manchester Children's Board, Manchester Community Safety Partnership, Manchester Health and Wellbeing Board and Manchester Safeguarding Partnership.
- 2.2 MSP contributed to GM Plans for taking forward complex and contextual safeguarding with a focus on a life course approach.
- 2.3 The MSP has been reviewed and implemented over the last three years. An independent scrutineer has been appointed and chairs the Leadership and Accountability Board holding 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. It is achieving this by using the Safeguarding Fora 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, and we are working on this collaboratively.

## **4.0 Safeguarding Effectiveness and Scrutiny**

- 4.1 The Safeguarding effectiveness subgroup oversees a range of evidence and performance information in relation to safeguarding practice and does 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 quality assurance activity in addition to regular quarterly performance reports.

## **5.0 Safeguarding practice reviews**

- 5.1 The MSPs aim is to ensure that all SARs reflect the six principles of adult safeguarding: Empowerment, Prevention, Proportionality, Protection, Partnership and Accountability.
- 5.2 The Adult Practice Review Panel (APRP), reporting into the Adult Safeguarding Executive, receive, consider and manage reviews on behalf of the partnership, ensuring that lessons are learned, good practice is 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 oversees the adult and children locality safeguarding 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 a senior officer from Children and Adults Social Care Services, 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 neglect in adults where harm is evident and provide timely interventions. The subgroup is focusing on learning and development of the partnerships workforce to become more effective in achieving citizens outcomes.

## **9.0 Summary**

- 9.1 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 Greater Manchester Integrated Care Board) together with our wider agencies and in cooperation with children and adults.

- 9.2 In the past period 2022/23 we at the MSP have focused on our ambitions to explore smarter ways of working to improve engagement and communication with our strategic partners and front-line practitioners.
- 9.3 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.