

# Manchester's Children's Multi-Agency Safeguarding Arrangements

## Statutory Safeguarding Partners

Paul Marshall, MCC

Craig Harris, CCG

Marie O'Loughlin, GMP



# New Statutory Requirements

- Children & Social Work Act (2017)
- Working Together & Transitional Arrangements 2018
- Child Death Review Statutory & Operational Guidance (October 2018)
- Council, CCG and Police are the statutory safeguarding partners
  - Determine the new arrangements
  - Define local relevant agencies and their contributions
  - Publish new arrangements by deadline of June 2019 and implement within 3 months
  - Includes requirement for independent scrutiny
- New system of National and Local Child Safeguarding Practice Reviews
- Council and CCG are the Child Death Review partners - arrangements no longer tied to safeguarding and fall under DoHSC

# Our Vision, Our Ambition

“Every Child in Manchester to be safe, happy, healthy and successful; to achieve this we will be child-centred; listen to and respond to children and young people; focus on strengths, resilience and take early action.”

Living a life that is free from harm and abuse is a fundamental human right of every person. When abuse does take place, it needs to be dealt with swiftly, effectively and in ways that are proportionate to the issues. In addition, the person at risk, at the centre of any safeguarding concern, must stay as much in control of decision making as possible. The right of the individual to be central throughout the process is a critical element in the drive to ensuring personalised care and support.

# The Case for Change

- Clearer focus on core functions
- Assurance – to understand strengths and need for improvement
- Learning and improvement – to make effective changes
- More rigour in setting priorities
- More rigour in following through on impact
- Closer engagement with frontline services
- Learning from Early Adopters

# Proposed Multi Agency Safeguarding Arrangements for Manchester

Manchester's Multi-Agency Safeguarding Partnership will ensure effective safeguarding arrangements through 3 distinct pillars of activity;

- **Strategic Leadership** – setting and following through on clear priorities which improve the safeguarding of children and Adults in Manchester.
- **Effective Assurance** – understanding clearly the strengths and weaknesses of safeguarding practice across all partner agencies, as well as emerging issues – through analysis that triangulates: the voices of children and families, quality audit findings, case review findings and performance data. And then holding each partner agency to account for their performance. This includes Adults Safeguarding practice
- **A Learning System** – in which frontline practitioners and managers are engaged systematically in the effective improvement of practice through learning from quality assurance and case reviews in both Adults and Children's services.

# Leadership Proposals

- Joint Safeguarding Partnership Leadership Group for Children and Adults
- Children's Safeguarding Executive – safeguarding partners plus revised subgroup and locality fora chairs – single figure number round the table!
- Separate Safeguarding Exec for Adults with links to Children's
- Chair to be held by one of the safeguarding partners
- Priorities set on basis of intelligence from fully triangulated quality assurance
- New Head of Assurance & Learning role
- Independent scrutiny from GM Safeguarding Standards Board and annual independent review/scrutiny/reporting

# Assurance Proposals

- **All partners to contribute, participate and accountable**
- **Quality Assurance** – analysis bringing together:
  - Key Performance Indicators from all agencies
  - Quality Audit findings – both single agency and multi-agency
  - Feedback from children, young people and families
  - Feedback from professionals – Locality Fora and new trends/issues
- **Case/Practice Learning Reviews**
  - Guidance gives more discretion
  - Focus should be whether providing opportunity to and improving practice
- **Annual Report and Independent Scrutiny**

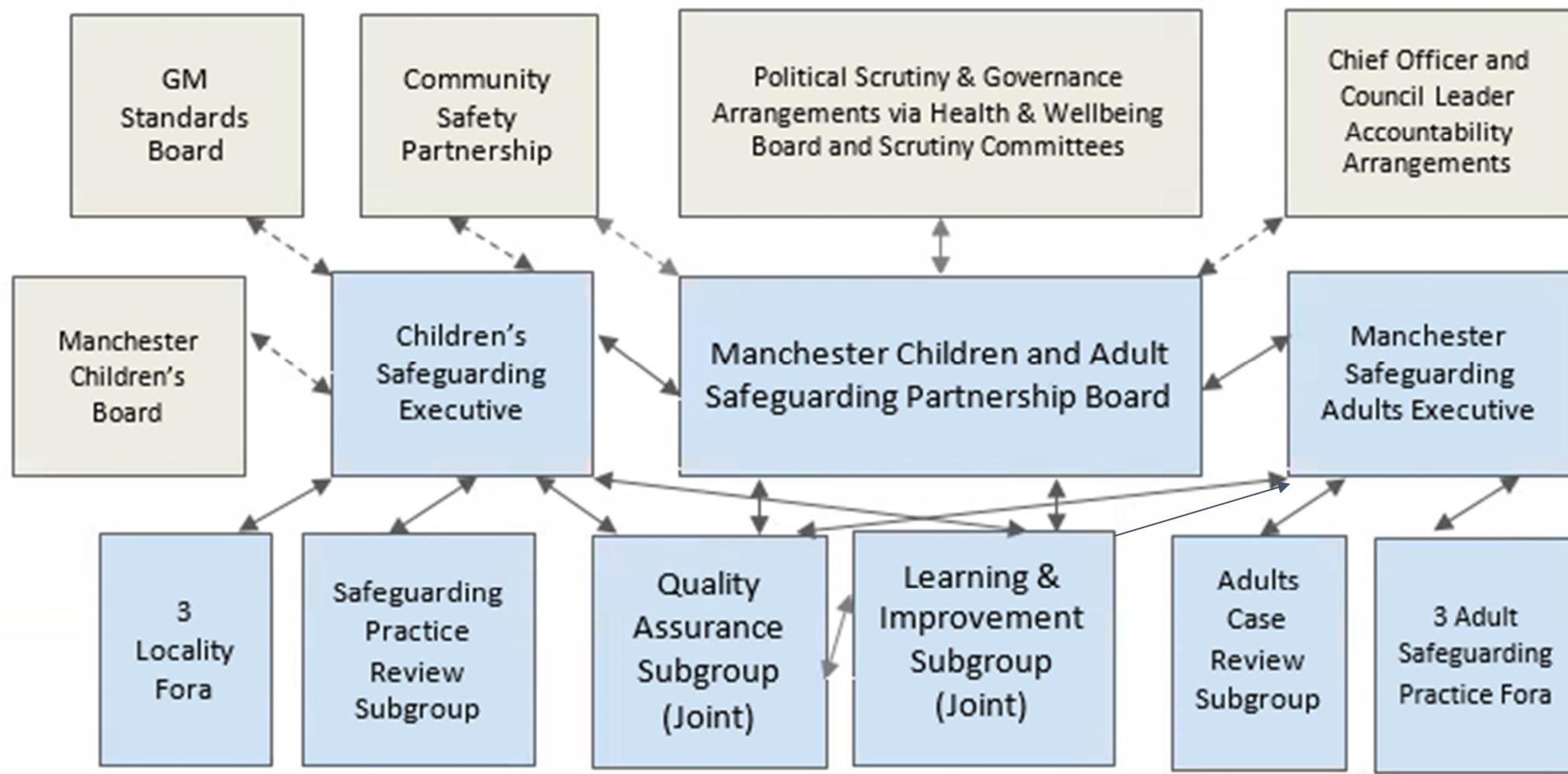
# Learning & Improvement Proposals

- Learning Hub model
  - Making sense of audit, service user feedback findings etc
  - Learning from national research and policy developments
  - Engaging partners and frontline in what works
- Learning System model
  - From action plans to practice standards
  - From training courses to embedded learning
- Priorities with measurable improvement goals
- Locality Fora/practice forums helping to shape the actions that deliver improvement

# Capacity & Next Steps

- Model capacity and budget envelope
- Coach and mentor the support the team with a new approach
- Support the establishment and implementation of the proposed safeguarding and governance arrangements.
- Engagement with stakeholders, partners and staff
- Publication latest June 2019 – implementation has to be within 3 months of publication

## Proposed structure for Manchester's multi-agency safeguarding arrangements



What else?

**Comments/Questions**

