

## **Sefton's Safer Communities Partnership (SSCP)**

### **Relationships with Other Boards – Youth Offending Team (YOT) Management Board, Sefton Safeguarding Children Partnership and Sefton Safeguarding Adults Board**

#### **1 Purpose**

- 1.1. At its meeting on 9<sup>th</sup> September 2021 (minute 17 refers), the Chair requested a report be brought to this meeting regarding how we connect in our strategic objectives to improve the services offered to the Sefton community through the Sefton's Safer Community Partnership, Sefton Safeguarding Children Partnership (formerly Local Safeguarding Children Board) and the Sefton Safeguarding Adults Board.

#### **2 Recommendations**

That

- (1) the Board notes the cross representation in place across the Safeguarding Children Partnership, Sefton's Safer Community Partnership Board and the YOT management board; and
- (2) the Executive Director for Adult Social Care and Health be requested to nominate a representative from the Sefton Safeguarding Adults Board to Sefton's Safer Community Partnership.

#### **3 YOT Management Board**

- 3.1 Sefton's Locality Service Manager with responsibility for the Youth Offending Team (YOT) is a member of the Sefton Safeguarding Forum and represents the YOT Management Board and Sefton's Youth Justice Services.
- 3.2 The YOT Management Boards annual Youth Justice Plan clearly articulates that safeguarding is central to the work of the YOT and this is reflected in YOTs policies.
- 3.3 The Service Manager is also a member of Sefton's Safer Communities Partnership and reports to the Sefton Safeguarding Forum on matters relating to safeguarding children from this board.
- 3.4 Recent reports considered as part of the Children's Services Improvement Board have highlighted joint working across YOT and Children's Social Care safeguarding team. This is well evidenced through various pieces of work and will continue to be evidenced through measured outcomes.

## **4 Shared Outcomes**

- 4.1 The YOT Management Board recognises that many of the children entering the youth justice system experience risk and harm and are vulnerable as a consequence.
- 4.2 The contributions made by YOT support the principles of safeguarding children, preventing young people offending and protecting the community and are visibly woven into daily practice.

## **5 Sefton Safer Communities Partnership**

- 5.1 Sefton's Head of Communities also sits on Sefton's Safeguarding Children Forum. It is the responsibility of the Head of Communities to ensure that information flows between the SSCP and the Safeguarding Forum and vice-versa where planned delivery and outcomes are shared.

### **5.2 Plan Linkages**

- 5.3 The Head of Communities is responsible for developing the annual Sefton Safer Communities Partnership plan and safeguarding children is a key outcome. Although, not directly explicit, the issue of safeguarding children is prominent throughout the plan via tackling and reducing the impact of Domestic Abuse, Serious and Organised Crime, Anti-Social Behaviour and Hate Crime on children.

### **5.4 Shared Outcomes**

- 5.5 The Localities Service Manager with responsibility for Domestic Abuse will ensure that the Head of Communities is well briefed on Domestic Abuse issues to inform the Safeguarding Children Partnership where appropriate.

## **6.0 Sefton Safeguarding Adults Board**

- 6.1 There is currently no cross representation with regards to Safeguarding Adults Board and Sefton's Safer Community Partnership and it is recommended that this gap be resolved following the establishment of this Sefton specific Safeguarding Adults Board.