

RECORD OF EXECUTIVE DECISION

Tuesday, 17 September 2024

Decision No: (CAB 24/25 45922)

DECISION-MAKER:	CABINET
PORTFOLIO AREA:	Adults and Health
SUBJECT:	Safeguarding Partnership Review
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THE DECISION

- (i) To support the establishment of the Southampton Children and Adults Safeguarding Partnership (SCASP) as an outside body supported by the Council. It is proposed that the SCASP will meet bi-monthly to oversee the executive decision making. This will be chaired by the Chief Executive of the Council, with attendance by the statutory decision makers (the Lead and/or Designated Safeguarding Partners) from the Hampshire and Isle of Wight Constabulary, NHS Hampshire and Isle of Wight and the Directors of Adult and Children Social Care.
- (ii) It is recommended that the Independent Scrutineer of the SSCP becomes the overall Independent Scrutineer of the SCASP.
- (iii) The Adult and Children Systems Board will meet on a quarterly basis to address the work of the subgroup activity and to gain assurance or provide challenge on the effectiveness of the safeguarding functions across the partnership. This will be chaired by one of the Delegated Safeguarding Partners with membership from each of the statutory partners, including education, the Safe City Partnership and relevant agencies, as well as the Independent Scrutineer. Lead members will be in attendance to provide a two-way line of communication to Cabinet or Committee.
- (iv) The subgroup activity of the SCASP will be streamlined to promote shared learning, timely decision making around reviews and a shared quality assurance system across the partnership. This will serve to promote the integration of learning for all agencies in the system who work with children, families and adults, recognising that partners will work with and come into contact with everyone in the Southampton community for the purpose of prevention and safeguarding.

REASONS FOR THE DECISION

1. The current structure is not aligned with a high number of subgroups and meetings, where similar agenda items are discussed and duplicated. The proposal will result in a clearer structure, with scrutiny and governance in line with statutory

requirements.

2. The proposal will support the safeguarding of all residents, promoting community and in keeping with the Family Safeguarding Model and the Whole Life Pathway approach.

DETAILS OF ANY ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS

Maintain the current structures for the SSCP and SSAB:

- There is duplication in meeting agendas which result in inefficiencies in the system, with the same Board members attending numerous meetings where the same information is shared.
- There is a lack of co-ordination and consistency in shared learning and challenge across the partnership with areas working in silo, with potential gaps and duplication of assurance activity.
- The potential to promote sustainable change across wider family networks and communities is lost when the partnership is focusing on different groups of the community.

OTHER RELEVANT MATTERS CONCERNING THE DECISION

None.

CONFLICTS OF INTEREST

None.

CONFIRMED AS A TRUE RECORD

We certify that the decision this document records was made in accordance with the Local Authorities (Executive Arrangements) (Access to Information) (England) Regulations 2000 and is a true and accurate record of that decision.

Date: 17 September 2024

Decision Maker:
The Cabinet

Proper Officer:
Judy Cordell

SCRUTINY

Note: This decision will come in to force at the expiry of 5 working days from the date of publication subject to any review under the Council's Scrutiny "Call-In" provisions.

Call-In Period expires on

Date of Call-in (*if applicable*) (*this suspends implementation*)

Call-in Procedure completed (*if applicable*)

Call-in heard by (*if applicable*)

Results of Call-in (*if applicable*)