



Hounslow Safeguarding Children Partnership

Strategic Safeguarding Plan 2021/23

The Hounslow Safeguarding Children Partnership (HSCP) leads the safeguarding children agenda, challenges the work of partner organisations so that it can be assured of the effectiveness of services. It commits to an approach that learns lessons, strives for good practice for children, young people, and their families in Hounslow.

Our Vision

All partners are committed to working together so that every child in Hounslow is safe, well and able to reach their full potential.

The HSCP Strategic Safeguarding Plan sets out the strategic commitment of the partnership in making its vision a reality and will form the basis of its work over the next two years.

Our Priorities

The priorities for 2021/23 were agreed by the HSCP Executive Board in April 2021.

The priorities will remain flexible for the duration of the plan to ensure that the partnership continues to oversee and drive improvements in its “Core Business” and maintains an overview of emerging safeguarding issues. The detail of how the plan will be delivered will be set out in specific work plans of the subgroups and task and finish groups within its structure.

The strategic safeguarding priorities are:

- P1 – Neglect (until 2022)
- P2 - Child Sexual Abuse (until 2022)
- P3 – Vulnerable children in education
- P4 - Children with disabilities and SEN

The actions and areas of focus will inform the partnership agenda and progress will be reported into the HSCP Executive Board and HSCP Partnership Board through activity and assurance reporting and the annual report.

HSCP Strategic Safeguarding Priorities 2021/23

Strategic Priority 1 – Neglect (until 2022)						
Outcome/Impact –There is a collective multi-agency response to neglect and agencies are intervening as early as possible to avoid children and families living in chronic circumstances.						
Where is the evidence:						
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Safeguarding Effectiveness Sub-Group workplan and reporting programme • HSCP Board reporting • Audit reports • Data collection and analysis • Learning review findings and recommendations • Training data analysis 						
Objective	Completion Timescale	Accountability	Lead	Milestones	Progress	Status
<p>The partnership to be assured that the multi-agency practice in responding to neglect is effective and collaborative supported by strong strategic and operational responses.</p> <p>The partnership to consider if Covid-19 has had any additional impact on</p>	April 2022	HSCP Statutory Safeguarding Partners	Chair of Safeguarding Effectiveness Sub-Group	April 2021- April 2022 - Continue to deliver training to support improvement in assessment and planning		
				September 2021 – November 2021 – Implement recommendations of Family X LSCPR		
				September 2021 – Trial of multi-agency chronologies for neglect Child Protection cases launched		
				October 2021 – Audit of practice against Neglect Strategy 2020-22 objectives and LSCPR learning		
				October 2021 – Launch Complex Case Panel		
				December 2021- January 2022 – Revise Neglect Strategy for re-launch in March 22		

children suffering significant harm. The partnership is assured that where appropriate, there are mechanisms which are used by all agencies to hear the views of children and families to improve and develop practice and service delivery.				April 2022 – Executive Board to receive assurance report to consider impact of work programme and agree priority status.		
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Strategic Priority 2 - Child Sexual Abuse (until 2022)

Outcome/Impact: Children suffering from sexual abuse will be identified and responded to effectively, receiving the right support from well trained and well-informed professionals.

Where is the evidence:

- Safeguarding Effectiveness Sub-Group workplan and reporting programme
- CSA Strategy implementation plan
- HSCP Board reporting
- Audit report
- Training data analysis

Objective	Completion Timescale	Accountability	Lead	Milestones	Progress	Status
The partnership to be assured that the multi-agency practice in responding to suspicions or disclosures of Child Sexual Abuse is effective and	April 2022	HSCP Statutory Safeguarding Partners	Chair of Safeguarding Effectiveness Sub-Group	April 2021- April 2022 – Develop and deliver bespoke training to support professional confidence and improvement identification		
				September 2021 – November 2021 – Develop local CSA Strategy using learning and findings from the deep dive audit and nationally recognised best practice.		

<p>collaborative supported by strong strategic and operational responses.</p> <p>The partnership to consider if Covid-19 has had any additional impact on children suffering significant harm.</p> <p>The partnership is assured that where appropriate, there are mechanisms which are used by all agencies to hear the views of children and families to improve and develop practice and service delivery.</p>				October 2021 – Consider including CSA cases in criteria for Complex Panel.		
				December 2021- January 2022 – Develop strategy implementation plan, including young people and community communication plan.		
				February 2022 – Launch CSA Strategy		
				April 2022 – Executive Board to receive assurance report to consider impact of work programme and agree priority status and ongoing quality assurance activity.		

Strategic Priority 3 - Vulnerable children in education						
Outcome/Impact: Children who are vulnerable are well supported within the education system and their professional network, their needs are met, and they have equal opportunities to obtain good educational outcomes.						
Where is the evidence:						
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Learning review findings and recommendations 						
Objective	Completion Timescale	Accountability	Lead	Milestones	Progress	Status
The partnership to be assured that the	March 2023			April 2021 – March 2023 – Improve and challenge the ownership of		

<p>multi-agency practice in responding to vulnerable children in education and the associated risks is effective and collaborative supported by strong strategic and operational responses.</p> <p>The partnership to consider if Covid-19 has had any additional impact on children suffering significant harm.</p> <p>The partnership is assured that where appropriate, there are mechanisms which are used by all agencies to hear the views of children and families to improve and develop practice and service delivery</p>		HSCP Statutory Safeguarding Partners		safeguarding by all schools through the HEP network.		
				September 2021 – Consider the findings from the deep dive review of the Inclusion Service.		
				November 2021 – January 2022 – Implement learning and recommendations from Child A LSCPR		
				April 2022 – Executive Board to receive assurance report to consider impact of work and agree programme for 2022/23		
				May 2022 – Consider further audit of practice against LSCPR findings implementation, learning from National Panel Education Review and local deep dive in 2022/23 audit cycle.		

Strategic Priority 4 - Children with disabilities and SEN

Objective – The safeguarding needs of children who have disabilities and or SEN are appropriately understood, identified, and addressed and they are supported by good quality assessments, planning, and intervention from their professional network.

Where is the evidence:

- HSCP Minutes and Board reports

Objective	Completion Timescale	Accountability	Lead	Milestones	Progress	Status
<p>The partnership to be assured that the multi-agency practice in responding to the safeguarding needs of children who have SEND and the associated risks is effective, and collaborative supported by strong strategic and operational responses.</p> <p>The partnership to consider if Covid-19 has had any additional impact on children suffering significant harm.</p> <p>The partnership is assured that where appropriate, there are mechanisms which are used by all agencies to hear the views of children and families to improve and develop practice and service delivery</p>	March 2023	HSCP Statutory Safeguarding Partners		<p>June 2021 – November 2021 – Activity reports from the 0-25 Team linked to the improvement plan.</p>		
				<p>April 2022 – Executive Board to receive assurance report to consider impact of work and agree programme for 2022/23</p>		
				<p>May 2022 – Consider further audit of practice in 2022/23</p>		

