

**Tower Hamlets Safeguarding Children Partnership
Executive Leadership Group**

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| | Agenda No: | |

Title of papers:
Priority Setting Activity

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N/A

Details of further plans for consultation:
N/A

How does this paper address/improve safeguarding children arrangements?

A structure on setting the priorities will ensure that the strategies for safeguarding children's arrangements can be put in a place. This will ensure the priorities originate from a multitude of sources to represent all aspects of the partnership.

How will this report item improve outcomes for children & young people?

Outcomes for children and young people will be improved by implementing a clear structure of work to set the priorities will overall improve multi-agency practice in areas of safeguarding.

THSCP Priority Setting Activity:

Throughout November 2020 events will take place to set the priorities for the Safeguarding Children Partnership. The aim is to have three priorities set (one joint with SAB), the priorities will take a focus in to an area of safeguarding that requires further multi-agency support, changes or improvement. Each priority will take place as a task and finish group with the aim to end April 2022. The task and finish group will be chaired by partners most relevant to the topic and support by the THSCP Business Unit.

The activities are as follows:

Practitioners Workshop 5th November 2020 10:00- 11:30

Aim: To gain insight from frontline professionals across the partnership on which areas should be a priority.

Target Audience: Practitioners or volunteers in Tower Hamlets who work with children or young people.

Schedule:

- 10:00 -10:15: Introduction - Keith Makin – Independent Scrutineer to introduce – slides provided by THSCP Business Unit.
- 10:15 -11:30: Small breakout sessions facilitated by Alex Nelson (Vol Sector), Lynn Torpey (CCG), Geraldine O'Donnell (CSC), Police Rep (Awaiting confirmation), Keith Makin – Independent Scrutineer. Breakout sessions will discuss the following:

Challenges

- What challenges are you currently faced with regarding supporting children and young people and how can the partnership help you overcome challenges?
- How has Covid- 19 impacted safeguarding children and young people?

Professional Insight

- What have children and young people said to you about issues they are facing?
- What do you feel are the safeguarding issues that children and young people are facing?

Systems and Process

- How confident are you that Tower Hamlets multi-agency procedures and policies help you support children, young people and families?
- What communication methods would you like to see from the THSCP?

Priorities

Each professional in the small group to name one priority they would like the THSCP to focus on.

- 11:30-12:00 Return to main group to feedback facilitated by Keith Makin. THSCP Business unit to draw up a report from the findings.

Strategy Workshop 19th November 9:30- 11:30

Aim: To gain insight from the wider partnership on which areas should be a priority.

Target Audience: Senior Managers from across the THSCP.

Schedule:

- 9:30 - 9:45: Introduction - Three core partners – slides provided by the THSCP Business Unit.
- 9:45 -10:00 Presentation on the findings from the practitioner's workshop – Keith Makin – slides proved by the THSCP Unit
- 10:00 -10:10: Presentation on the findings from SCRs and Rapid Reviews – Louise Griffiths, Chair of Rapid Review Panel
- 10:10- 11:00: Small breakout sessions facilitated by the members of the THSCP Exec to discuss the following:

Challenges

- What challenges is your currently faced with regarding supporting children and young people and how can the partnership help you overcome challenges?
- How has Covid- 19 impacted safeguarding children and young people?

Professional Insight

- What do you feel are the safeguarding issues that children and young people are facing?

Systems and Process

- In your opinion where are the systemic issues regarding multi-agency working to safeguard children and young people?

Priorities

Each agency rep in the small group to name one priority they would like the THSCP to focus on.

- 11:00- 11:30 Return to main group to feedback, THSCP Business unit to draw up a report from the findings.

Joint Meeting with Safeguarding Adults Board– date tbc

The Exec will meet with the equivalent roles from the Safeguarding Adults Boards to discuss a joint priority across the two boards.

Children and Young People Outreach Engagement

The THSCP will be utilising existing methods of engagement across the partnership to engage with children and young people. The manager and co-ordinator will be attending a range of pre-established meetings with children and young people to ask the following questions:

- What are your biggest concerns/ worries at the moment?
- What would you like to see from professionals to help with your concerns/ worries?
- When it comes to feeling safe and well in Tower Hamlets, what would you like to see improved to help?
- If the police, health services and council worked together to look at 3 areas to improve, which areas would you suggest?

Note: Going forward a strategy is being implemented across the partnership for ongoing engagement working order that views of children and young people are sought periodically and can be acted on accordingly. A continuing approach will also ensure that more children and young people will gain an awareness and understanding of the Safeguarding Children Partnership and how it is working to ensure that they are safe and supported. Each agency will have a responsible lead (cannasser) to gather the view of children and young people through existing channels and feed this back to the Quality and Assurance Sub- Group.

'Extra Ordinary Executive' Meeting – date tbc

The Exec will meet to solely discuss the priorities and final decision will made here. Within the meeting the following items will be used a reference point for decision:

- Findings from practitioners' workshop;
- Findings from strategy workshop;
- Feedback from children and young people outreach engagement;
- Data dashboard;
- Feedback from single agency audits (as the THSCP live multi-agency audits would not have been established at this point);
- Review of themes from rapid reviews, SCRs, Local Learning reviews and draft thematic review on Serious Youth Violence.
- CDOP report.

This meeting may potentially be joined by SAB colleagues for part.

Ask of partners:

- Discuss and agree/amend the method of choosing the priorities for the THSCP;
- Discuss and agree/amend the format and questions of the strategy workshop;
- Discuss an appropriate time frame in which to conduct the Extra Ordinary Executive Meeting.