

GOVERNANCE PROTOCOL

BETWEEN

BOURNEMOUTH AND POOLE LSCB

AND

POOLE Community Safety Partnership

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Governance Protocol between Bournemouth and Poole LSCB and the Poole Community Safety Partnership and the Bournemouth Community Safety Partnership

1. Purpose of Protocol

This protocol is to describe the relationship, responsibilities and roles between the Bournemouth Community Safety Partnership, the Poole Community Safety Partnership (referred to as CSPs) and the Local Safeguarding Children's Board (BPLSCB). BPLSCB and the CSPs have distinctive and complementary roles in keeping children safe. The aim is that the implementation of a working protocol will support all three partnerships to operate effectively, being clear about their respective functions, inter-relationships and roles and responsibilities of members.

2. Structure and governance

See Appendix 1 for governance structure of the two CSPs. The LSCB is a joint Board between Bournemouth and Poole local authority areas.

Accountability of the LSCB

The LSCB is accountable to the DCS, the Lead member and Chief Executive of local authorities in the effective discharge of their statutory duties.

Accountability of the CSPs

The CSP is accountable to Chief Executives across the named statutory partners. It is also held to account via local government scrutiny committees.

3. Roles and Function

3.1. Role of CSP

Community Safety Partnerships are statutory partnerships created under the Crime and Disorder Act 1998. Section 17 of the legislation states that statutory partners will do all that they reasonably can to prevent and detect crime and anti social behaviour.

Community Safety partnerships will:

1. Provide leadership across agencies and a range of partnerships in relation to community safety.
2. To ensure performance against targets is achieved.
3. To promote compliance and seek to ensure that Section 17 of the Crime and Disorder Act 1998 obligations are met by the relevant authorities.
4. To be accountable for reducing reoffending.
5. To be responsible for and approve the methodology and recommendations of the annual strategic assessment and delivery plan.
6. To ensure there are appropriate links with other appropriate partnerships.

4. Role of LSCB.

The BPLSCB is a statutory partnership created under the Children Act 2004 with statutory guidance on making arrangements to safeguard and promote the welfare of children with responsibility for agreeing how relevant local organisations will co-

operate to achieve this. Its role is to monitor and evaluate the effectiveness of local arrangements made by individual agencies and wider partnerships. Its activities are part of the wider context of Children's Trust arrangements and its work contributes to the wider goals of improving the wellbeing of all children and young people.

The BP LSCB will:

- Hold partnerships and individual agencies to account on matters of safeguarding in all activities, providing appropriate challenge on performance and results of performance indicators.
- Take responsibility for monitoring action to improve safeguarding and highlight areas of underperformance and advise on ways to improve
- Provide formal consultation on the preparation of key strategic plans.
- Monitor the implementation of action plans from Serious Case Reviews, disseminate to relevant organisations and bodies any lessons learnt about the prevention of future child deaths, serious injury or neglect which have been identified.
- Produce an annual Business Plan which reflects the priorities and actions required to improve the welfare of children and young people in Bournemouth and Poole.

4. Independence and Challenge

The LSCB must have an independent challenge role in relation to the CSPs and be able to hold the CSPs to account in matters relating to the safeguarding of children and young people which are within the remit of the CSP. While there should be an overlap of membership between the LSCB and the CSP Boards the independent Chair of the LSCB will not be a full member of the CSPs but will have full copies of all agendas and minutes and the right to attend the CSPs as required.

Specifically the Chair of the LSCB can request of the Chair of the CSPs that an item related to a safeguarding concern from the LSCB can be agenda'd at a CSP meeting.

The LSCB can request reports from the agency partners of the CSPs on an issue of priority for the LSCB and the CSPs will facilitate the production of reports.

5. Priority Areas and Planning

The CSPs are accountable for key priority areas which are essential to the safeguarding of children and young people. In these priority areas the CSPs will consult on the development of strategy and implementation plans with the LSCB, including the annual CSP Delivery Plans.

These priority areas are;

- Reducing the harm caused by Domestic Abuse
- Reducing the harm caused by Sexual Violence
- Reducing Reoffending

- Preventing Violent Extremism
- Reducing Anti Social Behaviour

The LSCB will consult on the Annual Business plan and Implementation Plan with the CSP's and the CSPs will influence the priorities of the LSCB. The Annual Business Plan includes key performance data on the effectiveness of safeguarding arrangements locally, including achievements and challenges. Where appropriate the report will challenge the CSP's to take appropriate strategic to help keep children safe. (The LSCB will monitor the effectiveness of any actions taken)

The business management functions of the LSCB and the CSPs will communicate to ensure forward planning of the partnerships are aligned.

6. Quality assurance and Improvement

6.1 Serious Case Reviews

The LSCB will report to the CSPs relevant findings and learning from SCR's undertaken.

Actual monitoring of the implementation of actions from a SCR are undertaken by the LSCB.

6.1. Domestic Abuse and MARAC

The CSP will report to the LSCB 6 monthly, on progress relating to reducing the harm caused by Domestic Abuse. This includes activity relating to the Multi Agency Risk Assessment conferences (MARAC) and any findings and learning from Domestic Homicide Reviews.

Signatories to this agreement

Independent Chair Bournemouth & Poole LSCB

Signed **Date**

Chairs Bournemouth and Poole Community Safety Partnerships

Signed **Date**