

March 2022 - Independent Scrutiny Report - Simon Westwood, Independent Scrutineer - Salford

Safeguarding Children Partnership arrangements - *'Adapted from Pearce, J (2019) Six Steps for Independent Scrutiny: Safeguarding children arrangements. Institute of Applied Social Research, Luton, University of Bedfordshire'*.

This scrutiny report covers the period from April 2021 to March 2022.

Overall the Safeguarding Children Arrangements are effective.

There are 6 areas rated as green and 6 as amber see below for guidance.

There are recommended actions for consideration by the Partnership in each section.

Some examples of evidence identified are included however the Partnership may wish to include others.

This report should be used to inform the Annual Report for 2021/22, future plans and priorities.

Guidance for using the Steps for Independent Scrutiny: Salford Safeguarding Children Partnership Arrangements

RAG RATING

Each question in each of the steps can be answered and graded as follows:

Green: positive that the question can be answered with evidence to illustrate this

Amber: acknowledgement that some parts of the question can be answered positively (with evidence to illustrate the positive response) but that there is still work to be done

Red: it is not possible to confirm that any part of the question can be answered with a positive response.

Any response (green, amber or red) will still require an action plan to ensure reaching and maintaining desired outcomes.

Key measures

The three core partner leads are actively involved in strategic planning and implementation

The wider safeguarding partners (including relevant agencies) are actively involved in safeguarding children

Appropriate quality assurance procedures are in place for data collection, audit and information sharing

There is a process for identifying and Investigating learning from local and national case reviews

Questions

Have the three partners agreed a process for developing, reviewing and funding the Salford Safeguarding Children Partnership arrangements including case reviews?

Is the wider safeguarding children partnership, including all relevant agencies, the voluntary and independent appropriately engaged?

Are mechanisms in place for the three statutory partners to collect and analyse relevant data pertaining to safeguarding children?

Are all safeguarding partners aware of the notification, criteria and process for referral of cases for consideration for rapid and local reviews?

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Green



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Green



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Amber



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Green



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Recommended Actions

1. Approve budget and funding for 23/24 post ICS changes
2. Continue to pursue more equitable funding from GMP
- 3.. Receive an annual independent scrutiny report

Recommended Actions

1. Strengthen the engagement with community groups through CVS.
2. Seek assurance re safeguarding arrangements for children missing school and those in elective home education

Recommended Actions

1. Improve analysis capacity so that the partnership receives a multi-agency picture of activity relating to the agreed priorities
2. Increase input of police and health data

Recommended Actions

- 1.Refresh communications on the process in newsletter
- 2.Consider how to ensure Salford learns from GM wide reviews.

Questions

Are the three partners assured that the safeguarding children partnership works effectively alongside other partnerships: for example, the safeguarding adult board; community safety partnership; health and wellbeing board?

Amber



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Are all safeguarding partners engaging with safeguarding children information sharing and staff training protocols?

Amber

http://greatermanchesterscb.proceduresonline.com/chapters/p_info_s_haring.html

Is all relevant data from within the core and wider partnership being used to review the impact of safeguarding initiatives on desired outcomes for children?

Amber

Evidence



Minutes SOG
2021-11-08 Approved

Is learning from reviews being cascaded and used to improve outcomes for children, their families and community?

Green



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Recommended Actions

1. Evaluate the thematic approach agreed by the Inter Board Chairs for 2022
2. Increase engagement and leadership of the HWBB on Partnership priorities
3. Review impact of new DA legislation on children safeguarding

Recommended Actions

1. Refresh information sharing messages and advice on consent to frontline staff across agencies in line with the updated guidance Support and Safeguarding in Salford
2. Update training needs assessment

Recommended Actions

1. Refresh outcome statements
2. Refresh impact measures
3. Survey a sample of children and parents to gather views on what has made a difference.

Recommended Actions

1. Survey frontline practitioners to understand how they have used new learning in practice.
2. What has changed?

Questions

Are necessary reporting and scrutiny processes in place, with review of required outcomes, and forward planning procedures?

Amber



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December 2021 (1).doc



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Recommended Actions

1. Review of scrutiny arrangements to be completed by June 2022
2. Commission independent audit in the autumn of arrangements post move to ICS/ICB and planned revisions to current arrangements are implemented

Are all safeguarding partners engaged with identifying and reviewing progress against the Salford safeguarding children priorities: facilitating safeguarding concerns up to and down from the three lead partners?

Green



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Recommended Actions

1. Audit use of escalation policy
2. Agree/revise priorities for 2022/2023

Is all relevant data shared across the partnership and used to inform: an assessment of gaps in data, identification of priorities, and future safeguarding plans?

Amber



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Recommended Actions

1. Ensure evidence of implementation is included in the annual report
2. review arrangements for early help/safeguarding under1's with ICS/B

Is there evidence of the integration of learning from case reviews into practice, policy and training for safeguarding children and young people?

Green

Evidence



Salford TTL Practice
Guidance (1).pdf

Recommended Actions

1. Audit changes made as a direct result of rapid/case review learning recommendations
2. Produce a learning and development assurance report for the annual report