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Purpose and Function of the Wirral Safeguarding Children Board

Purpose

The core objectives of the WSCB are:

- To co-ordinate work by agencies to safeguard children and to promote their welfare; and
- To ensure that what is done is effective.

The WSCB has three broad areas of activity:

- Activity that affects all children and young people in Wirral
- Work that is targeted on particular groups of children
- Child protection

Function

The functions of the WSCB are:

- to develop policies and procedures for safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children in Wirral;
- to raise awareness in Wirral of the need to safeguard and promote the welfare of children, and to provide advice and guidance as to how this can be achieved;
- to monitor and evaluate the effectiveness of what is done by the Local Authority and WSCB partners, individually and collectively, to safeguard and promote the welfare of children and to advise them on ways to improve
- to participate in the local planning and commissioning of services for children in Wirral and to ensure that they take safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children into account
- to undertake serious case reviews
- to collect and analyse information about each child death in Wirral and to put in place procedures for ensuring that there is a coordinated response by the authority, their WSCB partners and other relevant persons to an unexpected death.

The WSCB works towards ensuring the effectiveness of the work to safeguard and promote the welfare of children by member organisations.

A key aim of the work of the WSCB is to promote high standards of safeguarding work and to foster a culture of continuous improvement. It will also identify and act on identified weaknesses in services. It will aim to avoid unnecessary duplication of work; the WSCB
should ensure that its monitoring role complements and contributes to the work of both the Children’s Trust and the inspectorates.

**Governance and Accountability**

Whilst Wirral WSCB has a role in co-ordinating and ensuring the effectiveness of local agencies in safeguarding children, it is not accountable for their operational work. Each member agency retains its own existing lines of accountability within its service. This means that each organisation is responsible for ensuring that its work is informed by the WSCB and that safeguarding activity is undertaken in line with its guidance. The WSCB monitors the quality and effectiveness of safeguarding in individual organisations and in the way that organisations work together.

The WSCB Independent Chair will be accountable to the Chief Executive of the local authority for the functioning of the WSCB.

The WSCB will be chaired by an Independent Person (in their absence the police representative on the Board will act as Vice Chair). The Chair of the WSCB will be a member of the Children’s Trust Board and hold the Board to account on matters of safeguarding in all its activities. The Lead Member for Children’s Services will attend the Board as a participating observer.

The WSCB’s Annual Report will be submitted to the Chief Executive, Leader of the Council, the local police and crime commissioner and the Chair of the Health and Wellbeing board.

**Accountability of Partner Agencies**

A primary function of WSCB members is to hold each other’s agencies to account for the effectiveness of arrangements to safeguard and promote the welfare of children and young people. The WSCB evidences the effectiveness of safeguarding in a variety of ways including:

- partnership reports provided to the WSCB during full WSCB meetings and committee meetings
- recording of challenges, actions and progress to partner agencies from the WSCB
- undertaking of the annual Section 11 and Section 175 audits
- evidence from audits, case reviews and serious case reviews

**Escalation**

Where it is found that a Board partner is not performing effectively in safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children, and the WSCB is not convinced that any planned action to improve performance will be adequate, the WSCB chair or a member or employee
designated by the chair will explain these concerns to those individuals and organisations that need to be aware of the failing and may be able to take action.

In the rare cases that intervention by the WSCB is not successful in eliciting improvement in a timely manner the Independent Chair will escalate concerns to the Chief Executive of Wirral Council to be resolved by the local partnership board.

The roles and responsibilities of the board in light of the above are:

• To undertake strategic planning of services relevant to the children's safeguarding agenda.
• To hold all partner agencies to account for their safeguarding practice.
• To ensure services are co-ordinated.
• To consider national objectives and Government targets.
• To monitor and contribute to the work of the sub-groups, including receiving reports on the progress against strategies and work plans
• To participate with other groups within the children and young people’s strategic planning structure to ensure the needs and views of children and young people and their families are taken into account in the planning process.
• To complete an Annual Report including a Business Plan for the forthcoming year.

Resourcing

The WSCB is reliant on contributions from agencies involved in the Board. Current contributions total approximately £250,000 which includes funding to support the administration of the Child Death Overview Panel. Funds are used to employ a staff team and to support all aspects of fulfilling the Board’s statutory duties.

Wirral Council acts as the Accountable Body for the WSCB providing an administrative and financial role, which involves:

• Human Resource management and administration of financial dealings
• Ensuring that funds are spent in accordance with the plan agreed by the WSCB
• Systems for monitoring performance and audit are in place and effectively maintained

Membership
- Professor Maggie Atkinson  Independent Chair
- Julia Hassall  Director of Children’s Services, CYPD
- Kerry Mehta  Interim Head of Children’s Safeguarding
- Gladys Rhodes-White  Interim Head of Children’s Social Care
- Deborah Gornik  Deputy Director Children’s Services
- Ian Hassall  Area Commander Merseyside Police
- Amanda Bennett  Designated Doctor-Safeguarding Children
- Gaynor Westray  Director of Nursing and Midwifery WUTH
- Sandra Christie  Director of Quality and Nursing, WCT
- Debbie Hammersley  Designated Nurse-Safeguarding Children
- Lisa Cooper  NHS England
- Vicki Shaw  Borough Solicitor
- David Robbins  WSCB Business Manager
- Sheila Clark  Area Service Manager, Career Connect
- Lindsay Davidson  Senior Manager, Youth Services
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- Andy Davies  Primary Schools Representative
- Phil Sheridan  Secondary Schools Representative
- Lorna Quigley  Chief Operating Officer  NHS Wirral CCG
- Avril Devaney  Director of Nursing, CWP
- Tony Smith  Councillor, Lead Member
- Jane Harvey  Public Health
- Sue Blevins  Strategic Service Manager-HR, CYPD
- Rosie Goodwin  Assistant Chief Officer, Merseyside CRC
- Tracy Hayes  Superintendent, Merseyside Police
- Catherine Court  Deputy Principal, Wirral Metropolitan College
- Caroline Crichton  Manager, Merseyside Fire and Rescue
- Anne Steel  Head of Housing, Wirral Methodist HA
- Michelle Evans  Service Manager, CAFCASS
- Joe Banham  CAFCASS
- Trish Jaggard  Lay Member
- Mandy Hope  WSCB Business Administrator
The WSCB, the Children’s Trust Board, the Health and Wellbeing Board, and the Corporate Parenting Group

Protocols and Memorandum of Understanding

A protocol exists between the WSCB and the Children’s Trust Board which details the responsibility of each Board. A memorandum of understanding also exists between the WSCB, the Safeguarding Adults Partnership Board (SAPB) and the Health and Well Being Board. Separate memorandum is being developed between the WSCB and the Corporate Parenting group.

Children’s Trust Board

The Children’s Trust aims to meet the needs of children in relation to the five outcomes of *Every Child Matters*. The work of the WSCB to safeguard children contributes to the wider goals of the Children’s Trust, with particular focus on the *Staying Safe* outcome. The Children’s Trust has a role in the planning and development of services for children and young people, whereas the function of the WSCB is to co-ordinate and ensure the effectiveness of these services.

The WSCB is not subordinate to or subsumed by the Children’s Trust, it has a separate identity and an independent voice which allows it to challenge and scrutinise the effectiveness of the work of the Children’s Trust and its partners.

Children’s Trust Responsibilities

Wirral Children’s Trust is a local partnership which brings together organisations responsible for children’s services. It is a thematic group of the Local Strategic Partnership. Although there is no longer a statutory duty to maintain a Children’s Trust, it has been agreed in Wirral that the group will continue to exist and to produce a Children and Young People’s Plan.

The Children and Young People’s Plan is written to complement the priorities of the WSCB. In addition to this the Children’s trust will seek approval from the WSCB regarding any proposed commissioning arrangements which may have an impact on safeguarding children, including compromised parenting.

The priorities of the Children and Young Peoples Plan are to ensure:

- Children are ready for school
- Young people are ready for work and adulthood
- Young people have their needs met as early as possible
• Young people feel safe and are safe

Full details on how the Children’s Trust plan to deliver these priorities can be accessed on the website https://www.wirral.gov.uk/health-and-social-care/childrens-social-care/children-and-young-peoples-plan

**Operational Arrangements**

Wirral Children’s Trust and WSCB hold regular joint development events to explore the effectiveness of safeguarding, joint areas of interest and to strengthen the relationship between the two bodies.

The WSCB reports to the Children’s Trust on a quarterly basis on arrangements for safeguarding including relevant performance management data. The WSCB present their annual report to the Children’s Trust for information.

The following people are members of both the Children’s Trust and WSCB. This will ensure clear lines of communication:

- Lead Member for Children’s Service- Tony Smith
- Independent Chair WSCB – Bernard Walker
- Director of Children’s Services- Julia Hassall

**The Health and Wellbeing Board (HWB)**

Health and Wellbeing Boards were established by the Health and Social Care Act 2012. They are intended to be a forum where key leaders from the health and care system work together to improve the health and wellbeing of their local population and reduce health inequalities.

In April 2013 the Wirral Health and Wellbeing Board (HWB) became a statutory committee of Wirral Council. The Board provides the opportunity for elected members, the NHS, Local Authority officers, and voluntary and community representatives to agree how to work together to achieve better health and wellbeing to all Wirral residents.

It is the duty of the HWB to tackle health inequalities and to make sure that local people are given every opportunity to live healthy lives. Health inequalities are not inevitable or immutable and reducing health inequalities is a matter of fairness and social justice.

The vision of the Wirral Health Wellbeing Board is to enable local people to live healthy lives, tackle health inequalities and increase wellbeing in the communities and people of Wirral
The mission of the Wirral Health and Wellbeing Board is to work across professional and agency boundaries to drive innovation to make a difference to the health and wellbeing of local people by:

- agreeing priorities and actions to reduce health inequalities and promote health and wellbeing
- developing a Health and Wellbeing Strategy
- developing a framework for the effective performance monitoring of the Health and Wellbeing Strategy
- discussing and evaluating joint performance

All key strategic plans for the HWB and other influential Boards should include safeguarding and the promotion of individual’s welfare as a cross cutting theme to support the effective and appropriate delivery of services to Wirral residents.

It is the responsibility of the WSCB to scrutinise and challenge these arrangements to ensure adequate safeguarding arrangements exist; it is particularly important that this scrutiny and challenge exists for influential commissioning bodies such as the HWB.

The Wirral Health and Wellbeing Strategy will become a key commissioning strategy for the delivery of services to children, young people and adults in Wirral and so it is critical that in drawing up, delivering and evaluating the strategy there is effective interchange between the HWB and the Safeguarding Boards.

To ensure this relationship functions there exists a formal interface between the HWB and the WSCB including:

- The needs analyses that drive the formulation of the annual Health and Wellbeing Strategy and the Safeguarding Boards’ Business Plans. This needs to be reciprocal in nature ensuring both that safeguarding boards’ needs analyses are fed into the Joint Strategic Needs Assessment (JSNA) and that the outcomes of the JSNA are fed back into safeguarding boards’ planning;
- Ensuring each Board is regularly updated on progress made in the implementation of the Health and Wellbeing Strategy and the individual Board Business Plans in a context of mutual scrutiny and challenge;
- Annually reporting evaluations of performance on Plans again to provide the opportunity for reciprocal scrutiny and challenge and to enable Boards to feed any improvement and development needs into the planning process for future years’ strategies and plans.
The Corporate Parenting Group

Corporate Parenting is the term used to describe the Local Authority and its partner’s duties and responsibilities, to children and young people who are looked after. Its central principle is that the local authority and its partners should parent looked after children much as one would parent their own child or children in their family.

The Director of Children’s Services and Lead Member have overall responsibility for leading corporate parenting arrangements both across the local authority and with its partners in the children’s trust.

The Corporate Parenting Group is chaired by the lead member for children’s services. The Board has a lead role in ensuring the wider understanding and application of the Corporate Parenting principles in Wirral:

- Looked after children are entitled to the same care, support, stability, health and education as our own children ensuring that services are flexible enough to support children having high quality lives, and happy childhoods.
- Corporate Parenting does not cease at 18 and should involve the successful transition to adulthood
- Looked after Children will be at the heart of Wirral Council’s decision making processes and will work with all relevant partners to encourage them to adopt the same principle
- In developing new practices, initiatives or policies Wirral Council considers the needs of looked after children and the principles identified in the promise.
- Looked after children are actively encouraged to participate in decisions made about their lives, so that their experiences influence policy and practice. Access for looked after children to universal services is actively promoted, encouraging young people’s sense of community and belonging
- Service provision, communication and policies meet the needs of children with disabilities, and children from a range of cultural and religious backgrounds.
- Corporate Parents challenge negative perceptions and stereotypes and raise awareness at all levels of the Council.
- Corporate Parenting is about commitment and teamwork to bring about change.
- Corporate Parents need to ensure that all partners understand the importance of good education

The WSCB holds the Corporate Parenting Group to account for ensuring placements for children who are looked after safeguard and promote their welfare at all times.
The Committee Structure of the WSCB

WSCB Committee Structure (July 2016)

The Executive Group

Purpose
The Executive Group was formed in 2010 and brings together the Chairs of each of the committees, the Director of Children’s Services and a number of Senior representatives from key agencies. The group was formed to enable more effective communication between the committees and the Board and to reduce the growing number of responsibilities held by the WSCB.

Priorities
- To monitor the multi-agency action plans related to each serious case review
- To produce and distribute the Annual Report and Business Plan
- To undertake awareness-raising and public relations functions
- To support the links to the Children’s Trust, the Safeguarding Adults Partnership Board and the Safeguarding Reference Group
- To closely monitor performance and resources in light of recent and on-going cuts
### Serious Case Review Committee

**Purpose**
The Serious Case Review Committee makes recommendations to the WSCB Chair on the need for SCRs. They are responsible for overseeing the production, publication and quality assurance of SCR and Critical Incident Reviews (CIRs). If a SCR is agreed by the Independent Chair, an SCR panel is formed which is made up of core members of the Committee as well as Quality Assurance senior officers from the agencies involved.

**Priorities**
- To undertake any arising serious case reviews as per the WSCB Learning and Improvement Framework
- To review the formal processes for SCRs and undertake regular committee meetings as well as case specific panel meetings
- To undertake Critical Incident and Learning Reviews and make recommendations to improve practice and multi-agency learning

### Child Death Overview Panel

**Purpose**
The Child Death Overview Panel collects, collates and evaluates information about the deaths of children in Wirral, seeking to identify learning through preventable or modifiable factors.

**Priorities**
- To review, in accordance with Working Together statutory guidance, all child deaths in Wirral
- To produce an annual report on Child Deaths, which is submitted to the national review
- Chairs of Merseyside CDOPs to progress a joint CDOP panel in order to promote efficiencies and enable more effective analysis of trends. This will involve piloting new processes and structures.

### Learning and Development Committee

**Purpose**
The Learning and Development Committee (joint committee with adult’s safeguarding board) designs, delivers and evaluated multi-agency WSCB training as well as monitoring the effectiveness of single-agency training across the borough.

**Priorities**
- To provide a comprehensive and relevant multi-agency training calendar
- To review the effectiveness of multi-agency training
- To undertake quality assurance observations of both single and multi-agency training
- To ensure lessons from SCRs are disseminated through training
- To devise a 3 year plan to extend the committee to encompass ‘Training, Learning and Development’
### Performance Committee

**Purpose**
The Performance Committee monitors and evaluates the effectiveness of multi-agency safeguarding practice and has primary responsibility for auditing activity. The Performance Committee is also responsible for monitoring the completion of agency actions from SCR and CIR action plans as detailed in the Learning and Improvement framework.

**Priorities**
- To monitor SCR and CIR action plans and report on progress to the WSCB Executive
- To complete an audit of cases in relation to parental mental health
- To monitor and report on the implementation of inter-agency procedures and processes
- To develop a framework that has clear and measurable outcomes based on national and local performance indicators

### Policy, Practice and Procedures Committee

**Purpose**
The Policy, Practice and Procedures Committee has responsibility for providing staff with guidance in line with national and local requirements.

**Priorities**
- To oversee the maintenance and updating of the online procedures in partnership with Tri-X

### Child Sexual Exploitation and Missing Committee

**Purpose**
The CSE and Missing committee is responsible for ensuring agencies work together to ensure children are protected from being sexually exploited. The CSE Committee also has responsibility for monitoring the effectiveness of the response to children who go missing from home or care and who may be the most vulnerable to sexual exploitation. The committee provides ‘line of sight’ for the WSCB to the operational Multi-agency Child Sexual Exploitation (MACSE) meetings.

**Priorities**
- An infrastructure is developed to support an effective response to child sexual exploitation
- Children and young people who are experiencing or at risk of sexual exploitation are identified and provided with effective integrated services
- Awareness of child sexual exploitation is raised in communities leading to a decrease in incidence
- Activity related to child sexual exploitation is successfully disrupted leading to the successful prosecution of offenders
## Channel Panel

**Purpose**
The Channel Panel meets quarterly to discuss the actions taken in respect of young people referred to the police and children’s services where there are concerns they may have been radicalised or targeted for radicalisation.

**Priorities**
- Lead the WSCB priority to protect young people from radicalisation

## Care Home Governance Group

**Purpose**
This is a new sub-committee and was established by the WSCB Executive Committee in June 2016. The purpose of the group is to provide assurance to the safeguarding board about the governance of Children’s care homes and supported living provision, particularly the arrangements to keep children safe.

**Priorities**
- Enable strategic oversight of the Care Home Provision, identifying the homes causing concern, the action taken to bring about home improvement and the outcome of Ofsted Inspections.
- Undertake annual safeguarding auditing of Care Homes through the S.11 audit process
- Provide assurance to the WSCB about arrangements to keep children and young people safe

## Early Help Quality Assurance Committee (audit group)

**Purpose**
The Multi-agency CAF QA committee meet monthly and audit a random selection of CAFs and TAF episodes to assess the quality of the early interventions and to make recommendations to improve practice leading to improved outcomes for young people.

**Priorities**
- Undertake a regular programme of quality audits
- Publish a quarterly QA report for partners

## MASH Board

**Purpose**
The MASH Board was established to oversee the development and function of the Multi-agency Safeguarding Hub (MASH). In June 2016 it was agreed that the WSCB would be the governance group for the MASH.
Frontline Practitioners Group

Purpose
The WSCB Executive in June 2016 agreed to establish a 'virtual' frontline practitioners group to ensure the Board listens and responds to the voice of practitioners.

Functioning of the WSCB

The following standards will apply to ensure effective functioning of the Board meetings:

- The WSCB will be Chaired by an Independent Chair appointed on a 3 year contract by the Chief Executive of the Local Authority

- The Board will meet on a bi-monthly basis and in addition meet to receive reports on Serious Case Reviews when necessary

- Board members will be nominated by their member agency and agreed by the Chair of the Board. Membership will meet the criteria set out in Working Together to Safeguard Children 2015

- Attendance will be required at least at 80% and substitutes are not permitted except in exceptional circumstances and notified in advance

- Each Board member must ensure their own organisation is compliant with WSCB procedures, can contribute to the development of policy and procedures, ensure dissemination of WSCB procedures, policies and guidance, identify training requirements in relation to safeguarding, ensure contribution either in kind or financial is committed to the Board in advance, ensure their agency is represented at Sub-Committees, ensures that any necessary actions from Serious Case Reviews are taken within their organisation
WSCB Member Responsibilities

Job Purpose

To share responsibility with other members of the WSCB to work together as an inter-agency partnership to safeguard and promote the welfare of children and young people, in accordance with government legislation and guidance.

Objectives

- To ensure there is an effective means of communication about the work of the WSCB within each agency
- To ensure that Wirral WSCB is adequately resourced
- To provide the WSCB with management information so that the WSCB can ensure the effectiveness of inter-agency safeguarding work
- To develop and evaluate the impact of inter-agency safeguarding procedures, practice guidance and protocols
- To develop and evaluate the impact of inter-agency training in safeguarding and child protection
- To contribute to the development of the work of the WSCB

Person Specification

WSCB members should have a strategic role in relation to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children in their own organisation. Where members belong to an agency or organisation with a duty to co-operate with the local authority in the discharge of duties, the WSCB member should be able to:

- Speak for their organisation with authority
- Commit their organisation on policy and practice matters
- Hold their organisation to account.

Where members are representing educational establishments, independent health care organisations, voluntary, community or faith sector organisations, members should be able to:

- Communicate formally with other similar organisations about the work of the WSCB
- Champion safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children and young people informally both in their own establishment and in their contact with other similar establishments or organisations

WSCB members should hold a current satisfactory enhanced CRB check, which should be reviewed at intervals of no less than 3 years.
Responsibilities of individual WSCB members

- To be accountable to the Chair of Wirral WSCB in respect of the work of the Board
- To ensure that agency contributions, both financial and ‘in kind’, are sufficient to enable the Board to function effectively
- To attend and contribute to all Board meetings
- To attend and contribute to all WSCB events, as requested
- To co-ordinate the timely dissemination of information within own agency, and to consult agency staff on pertinent issues
- To represent own agency’s views with authority
- To promote good safeguarding practice within own agency and to monitor and evaluate their compliance with WSCB policies and procedures
- To be aware of, and bring to the attention of the Board, any national or local developments or any changes to agency requirements which might impact on the delivery of services
- To prepare adequately for meetings, by reading minutes and associated papers and to contribute to debate, recommendations for actions and decisions
- To complete any actions within agreed timescales
- To accept shared responsibility for the development and satisfactory completion of the WSCB Annual Report and Business Plan, and for the development of policies and procedures both for the WSCB and own agency
- To attend at least one inter-agency training session every year
- To report to a senior accountable person within own organisation on the organisations performance in relation to WSCB activities
- To work with own agency to ensure that there is an appropriate response to requests for Individual Management Reviews and that agreed audits are undertaken
Further Information

Training for WSCB Members

There is a quarterly WSCB induction sessions available for new and existing members of the WSCB. WSCB members are also welcome to attend any of the training sessions advertised in the multi-agency training calendar. This can be accessed at:

https://www.wirralsafeguarding.co.uk/courses/

Development Days

Several development days and development sessions are provided for WSCB members each year. Recent sessions have been about the development of the voice of the child, developing a new model for Child Protection and hearing the voice of the frontline. Board members are also invited to a variety of events and performances during the course of the year.

WSCB General information and annual reports:

https://www.wirralsafeguarding.co.uk/the-board/

Wirral Safeguarding Procedures:

http://wirrallscb.proceduresonline.com/index.htm
## Appendix One

### Summary of WSCB Priorities 2016-18

(the full WSCB Business Plan is published in the Annual Report [https://www.wirralsafeguarding.co.uk/the-board/annual-reports-business-plans/](https://www.wirralsafeguarding.co.uk/the-board/annual-reports-business-plans/))

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| 1. Children who are in need of help and protection are identified and responded to at the earliest opportunity by services effectively working together | - Implementation of the Supporting Families Enhancing Futures Model of Child Protection  
- Measurement of the effectiveness and impact of services on children, young people and their families  
- Agencies evidence the use and impact of evidenced based tools to support practice and improve outcomes  
- Performance Information dataset developed to clearly demonstrate how safe children and young people are  
- Review of the multi-agency thresholds of needs and testing of application and understanding  
- Voice and feedback from children, young people and families informs the commissioning and delivery of services |
| 2. Children are protected from sexual exploitation by a skilled workforce and the wider community is equipped to understand and respond to concerns | - Children’s services professionals and wider community have a good understanding of signs, symptoms and impact of CSE and are aware of when and how to report concerns  
- Multi-agency lead officers identified in every partner agency, and the workforce is competent and confident to respond to CSE  
- Agencies demonstrate the effectiveness of their response to CSE and missing  
- Continual programme of auditing demonstrates swift and effective partnership working  
- Perpetrators are identified, pursued and successfully prosecuted  
- Children at risk of CSE are identified at the earliest opportunity and victims are supported for as long as is needed  
- Children and young people are involved in the testing and review of the effectiveness of services |
| 3. Children and Young People who are Looked After, including those placed in Wirral by other Local Authorities are supported by agencies who effectively work together to keep them safe | - Establish a care Home Governance group under the auspices of the safeguarding board  
- WSCB can demonstrate how children and young people are positively listened to and responded to  
- Children and young people who are subject to Private Fostering arrangements and their families are well supported and safeguarded  
- Children and young people placed in Wirral by other local authorities are aware of the 'local offer' and support is provided to make sure they are safeguarding  
- Children and young people currently living in Wirral whilst their immigration or asylum status is determined have access to services and are safeguarded |
4. Through its effective governance and relationships with influential forums and groups the Wirral Safeguarding Children Board ensures all partner agencies meet the needs of Children and Young people

- Findings from the Ofsted review of the effectiveness of the WSCB and subsequent improvement action plan improve the governance and influence of the safeguarding board
- The WSCB development days inform a clear improvement action plan which positively influences the governance and functioning of the safeguarding board
- The WSCB is prepared for the implementation of the forthcoming Children and Social Care Act
- The WSCB can demonstrate, through its work with other influential bodies a clear and smart approach to the commissioning of services
- The WSCB actively supports the Council led partnership 2020 vision and can evidence the positive impact on and improved outcomes for children and young people
- Children and Young people are positive about the effectiveness of services they have received which demonstrate measurable outcomes

5. The Wirral Safeguarding Children Board discharges all of its statutory duties and ensures the effectiveness of arrangements to safeguard and promote the welfare of children and young people

- The WSCB devises an improvement plan to address the 7 recommendations made in the Ofsted review of the effectiveness of the WSCB
- Work is completed through the Board and committees and other groups established to ensure actions derived from the recommendations are completed
- The improvement plan is reviewed and challenged at each full meeting of the WSCB and the multi-agency improvement board
- The WSCB demonstrates progress and full achievement against all the actions within 18 months
# Appendix Two  WSCB Independent Chair and Staff

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