



Multi-agency Safeguarding Arrangements

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Our vision: The right support is available and accessible, at the earliest opportunity, to ensure children and young people in Plymouth are safe and feel safe in their families and communities.

INTRODUCTION

This document sets out the updated multi-agency safeguarding arrangements in Plymouth, known locally as the Plymouth Safeguarding Children Partnership (PSCP).

As a result of the Wood Report (March 2016), the Children Act (2004) was amended to remove the statutory requirement of local authorities to have local safeguarding children boards and placed responsibility for safeguarding equally with local authorities, police and clinical commissioning groups. Working Together to Safeguard Children (2018) placed a duty upon these three agencies to work together to define the local multi-agency safeguarding arrangements.

The PSCP is responsible for delivering the statutory duties to safeguard children as outlined in Working Together to Safeguard Children (2018). The partnership arrangements first came into place in 2019, as a joint arrangement with Torbay. In 2020 we disaggregated from Torbay and became a partnership focused solely on Plymouth. Since then, we have learnt locally what works and what doesn't, as well as looking to best practice both regionally and nationally. This has led the arrangements to evolve to those set out within this document.

Since then the clinical commissioning group (CCG) has become an integrated care board (ICB) and taken on the responsibility that previously sat with the CCG.



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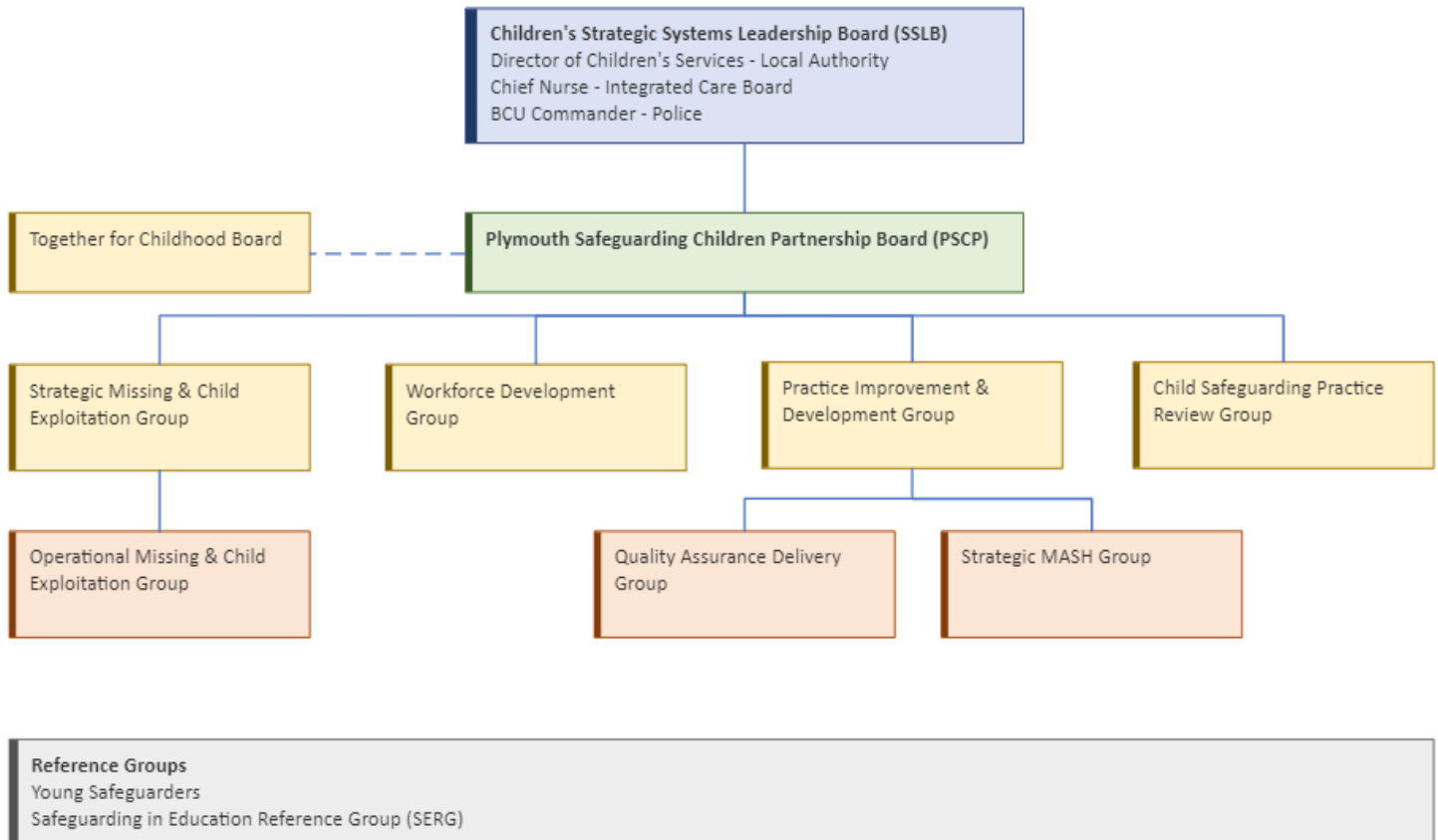
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STRUCTURE AND GOVERNANCE

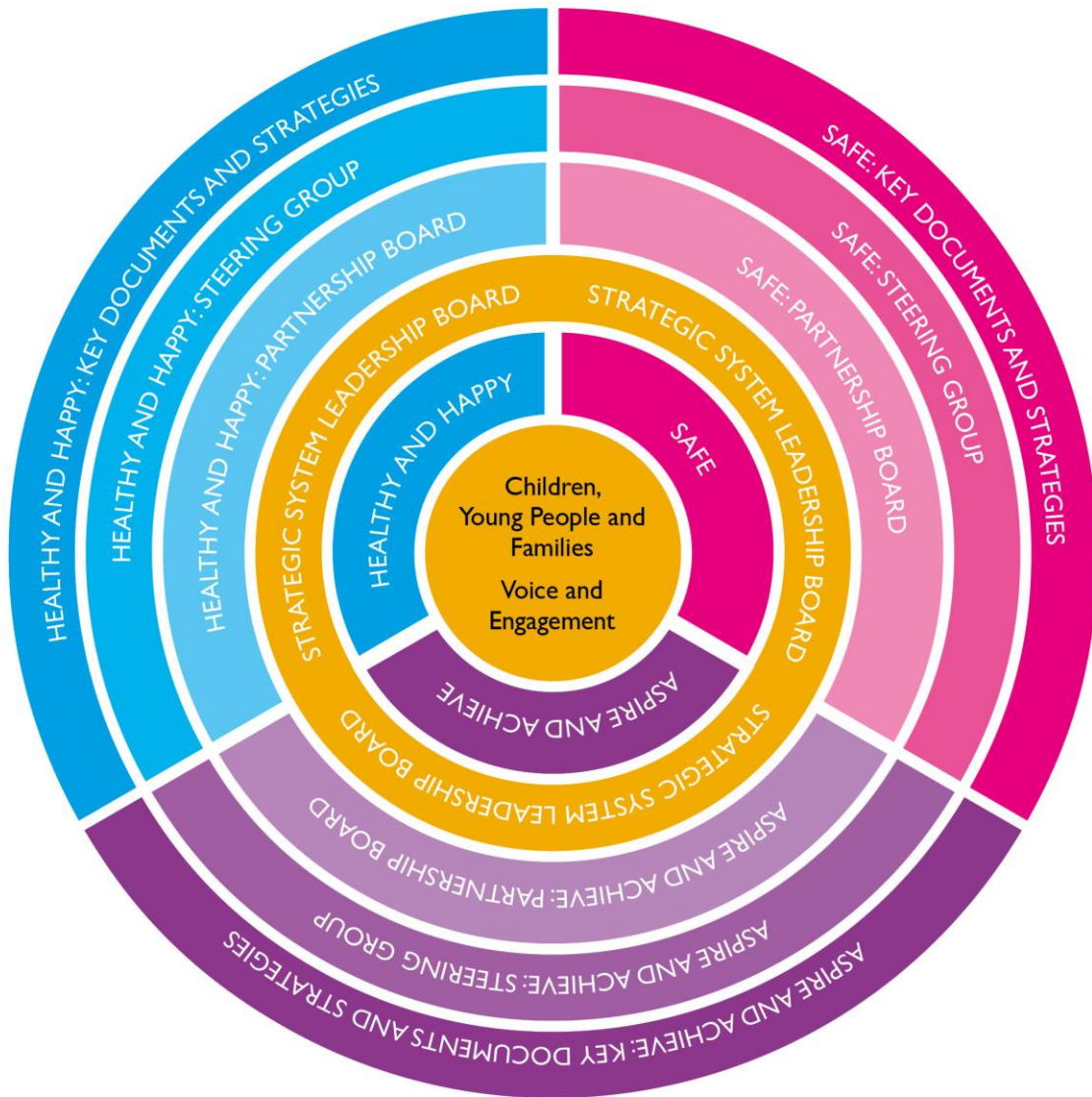
The updated structure of the PSCP can be seen below.



The governance arrangements changed in March 2022 with the implementation of A Bright Future. The newly formed Strategic Systems Leadership Board has taken on overall accountability for the work of the PSCP, with the PSCP Board taking a greater role in providing oversight, support and challenge to the Safeguarding Partnership as a whole.

As of September 2022 there will be a new Practice Improvement and Development Group that will focus on oversight of the revised data scorecard, governance of the MASH and providing direction and scrutiny to the Quality Assurance Delivery Group. The Quality Assurance Delivery Group will undertake much of the quality assurance activity, including multi-agency case audits.

Within the governance arrangements for A Bright Future, the PSCP is identified as 'Safe':



In June 2022, we appointed a new Independent Scrutineer - John Clements. John's role is to scrutinise what we do and what difference we make to children and families in Plymouth.

VOICE OF CHILDREN, YOUNG PEOPLE & FAMILIES

We will continue to support and encourage our Young Safeguarders - a group of young people that work with us to ensure the voice of children and young people are heard.

The Young Safeguarders have produced 'The Ten Wishes' which sets out what they need from our workforce to help them feel safe and valued.

More information about the Young Safeguarders can be found here:

www.plymouthscb.co.uk/young-safeguarders-2.

Over the coming year we will be looking at how we engage the voice and participation of families in our work, as we know this is crucial to ensuring we continue to learn and develop in order to achieve better outcomes for children and their families in Plymouth.

RELEVANT AGENCIES

As well as the three Statutory Safeguarding Partners, we have designated a number of partner organisations as relevant agencies. Although ultimate accountability rests with the three Statutory Partners, the legislation is clear that all agencies share a responsibility for safeguarding children and for working together to achieve that.

The relevant agencies will work with the statutory partners in accordance with these published safeguarding arrangements. Wherever possible, changes to the arrangements will involve consultation with relevant agencies. The relevant agencies in Plymouth include:

- All early years settings
- All children's centres
- All primary, secondary, special, further and independent education settings
- Private training providers
- Language schools
- NHS England
- University Hospitals Plymouth NHS Trust
- Livewell South West
- South West Ambulance NHS Trust
- Adopt South West
- Registered fostering agencies
- CAFCASS
- Probation
- Office of the Police & Crime Commissioner
- British Transport Police
- Port and local border police force
- Action for Children
- NSPCC
- Barnardo's
- Children's Society
- Young Devon



- First Light
- Community and social housing providers
- Devon & Somerset Fire and Rescue Service
- Ministry of Defence
- Plymouth Argyle Football Club
- Plymouth Albion Rugby Club
- Plymouth Octopus Plus

MORE INFORMATION

Annual Report

We publish an annual report that contains up to date information on the work of the PSCP, our funding arrangements for that year and our priorities for the year ahead. This can be found on our website: www.plymouthscb.co.uk/annual-report.

Priorities

The current priorities and 'plan on a page' can be found here:
www.plymouthscb.co.uk/priorities-and-plans.

PSCP Website

More information about what we do and the difference we are currently making, can be found on our website: www.plymouthscb.co.uk.