

Swindon Safeguarding Partnership

Safeguarding Arrangements – Compliance checklist

This document contains a framework to test newly established safeguarding arrangements against the requirements of statutory guidance. The framework uses the criteria from the compliance checklist published by National Children’s Bureau and used by the Early Adopter sites.

The tables below set out the requirements of the new arrangements as detailed in statutory guidance along with a narrative of how Swindon’s arrangements will meet these requirements.

The published arrangements must set out the following:

Working Together 2018 requirement	How Swindon’s arrangements meet this requirement	Compliant?
how the safeguarding partners will work together to identify and respond to the needs of children in the areas;	The arrangements detail the statutory responsibilities of the 3 partners as set out in Working Together 2018 and the structure that the partners will put in place to deliver them. The arrangements also set out the business support arrangements that have been put in place to support delivery.	Yes
arrangements for commissioning and publishing local child safeguarding practice reviews;	<p>The arrangements detail that a Practice Review Group will be established and meet x 4 per year. This group will consider referrals for local child safeguarding practice reviews (CSPRs) and oversee any such reviews (or reviews below the statutory CSPR threshold).</p> <p>The document states that in 19-20 the Independent Chair will make the decisions as to whether to conduct a CSPR and from April 2020 onwards, the Chair of the Executive will assume this responsibility.</p> <p>The arrangements detail that reviews will be commissioned in such a way as to ensure that the reports can be published in full. The Reports will be published on the Safeguarding Partnership website and will remain publicly available for at least one year.</p> <p>In terms of transition, the document also sets out how Serious Case Reviews that are underway at the point the LSCB ceases to exist will be managed.</p>	Yes
how the effectiveness of the arrangements will be scrutinised by an independent person, including how the arrangements will be reviewed and how any recommendations will be taken forward.	<p>The arrangements detail that an Independent Chair will provide scrutiny and challenge in year 1. In Year 2 onwards, external and independent scrutineers of its performance and quality assurance functions will be appointed. The Safeguarding Executive will receive and respond to recommendations from the Independent Chair and other sources of scrutiny and challenge.</p> <p>The safeguarding partners have recognised the contribution of single agency inspections and Joint Targeted Area Inspections to evaluating the effectiveness of the arrangements should be added.</p> <p>The document sets out that the Safeguarding Executive will review the arrangements at the end of the first year.</p>	Yes

The published arrangements should also set out the following:

Working Together 2018 requirement	How Swindon's arrangements meet this requirement	Compliant?
who the three local safeguarding partners are	The arrangements sets out the safeguarding partners and identifies by name and designation the individuals who have delegated responsibility for the safeguarding partnership.	Yes
the geographical boundaries covered by the safeguarding arrangements;	The arrangements clearly state that the arrangements cover the Swindon local authority area. The document also recognises that some partners may have responsibility for services outside this area.	Yes
which relevant agencies the safeguarding partners will work with, why they have been chosen and how they will work together;	A range of relevant partners have been appropriately identified and named.	Yes
how the arrangements will include the voice of children and families;	The arrangements state that the voice of children and adults at risk is central to the work of the partnership. The involvement of children and adults at risk in the development of services and the work of the partnership will be developed through the Partnerships Engagement Subgroup.	Yes
how the arrangements will be funded	The document sets out that the arrangements will be funded on a multi-agency basis and includes an overview of the business support function that will be put in place to support the delivery of the partnership functions.	Yes
how all early years settings, schools (including independent schools, academies and free schools) and other educational establishments will be included in the safeguarding arrangements;	Education providers have been named as relevant partners and a lead education will be a member of the Safeguarding Executive. The Communication and Engagement Subgroup will link with Designated Safeguarding Leads Forum	Yes
how any youth custody and residential homes will be included in the safeguarding arrangements;	Whilst there are no youth custody establishments in the borough, the secure estate is named as a relevant partner to promote the safety and wellbeing of Swindon children detained in youth custody settings. Residential care homes and independent fostering agencies have been named as relevant partners.	Yes
how the safeguarding partners will use data and intelligence to assess the effectiveness of the help (including early help) being	The arrangements include a Performance and Quality Assurance Group though which the statutory partners will assess the effectiveness of support provided to children and families. The Executive intends to use this data and intelligence to inform the partnerships business plan and to determine the focus for safeguarding partnership meetings.	Yes

provided to children and families;	The partnership will develop an overarching Assurance Framework which set out the ways in which partners will be held accountable for their safeguarding activity.	
how inter-agency training will be commissioned, delivered and monitored for impact, and how multi-agency audits will be undertaken;	<p>The arrangements include a Workforce Development Group (WDG) that will have responsibility for overseeing the multi-agency learning and development offer.</p> <p>The majority of training will be provided by external providers and the Business Support Team will manage the procurement, commissioning and contract management processes. Other training will be provided by staff from within the partnership and again the Business Support Team will manage the commissioning of training providers.</p> <p>The monitoring of impact will involve engaging with participants and their managers to identify how practice has developed as a result of the training.</p> <p>The Business Support Team will coordinate the Partnerships programme of multi-agency auditing and support the lead auditors who will be nominated by the Safeguarding Partners.</p>	Yes
how the learning from child safeguarding practice reviews will be embedded across local organisations and agencies;	<p>The arrangements include a Practice Review Group which will have oversight of all Child Safeguarding Practice Reviews (and Safeguarding Adult Reviews) and for the response to any learning arising.</p> <p>This group will have responsibility for advising the Safeguarding Executive on how the learning should be embedded and tested through the work programmes of subgroups such as Policy & Procedure, Workforce Development and Performance & Quality Assurance.</p>	Yes
how the threshold document setting out local criteria for action aligns with the arrangements;	The arrangements include the threshold document (The Right Help at the Right Time) and states all partners are expected to use this framework to identify and meet the needs of children.	Yes
Where the safeguarding partners' annual report will be published.	The annual report will be published on the Partnership's website.	Yes

Checklist completed by:
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