

Overview of Safeguarding Changes

LSCB Transition, Child Death Process & Serious Case Reviews

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Background

- Local Safeguarding Children Board
- Children Act 2004 – established LSCBs & sets out role & function
- Multiagency Statutory Partnership
- Independent Scrutiny/Chair
- Children Act 2004

- The Wood Report – 2016
- Governments Response – May 2016



Children & Social Work Act 2017

- abolished LSCBs
- Introduced duty for a new safeguarding partnership arrangement body
- Shifted responsibility for Safeguarding Children from **one lead agency to three**

Working Together 2018 – new statutory guidance

- Transitional Guidance for LSCBs, SCRs and CDOP & **Info Sharing Update Guidance** also published

Children & Social Work Act 2017

- **Local arrangements for safeguarding and promoting welfare of children**
- **(1) The safeguarding partners for a local authority area in England must make arrangements for:-**
 - (a) the safeguarding partners, and
 - (b) any relevant agencies that they consider appropriate, to work together in exercising their functions, so far as the functions are exercised for the purpose of safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children in the area.
- **(2) The arrangements must include arrangements for the safeguarding partners to work together to identify and respond to the needs of children in the area.**

What's happened so far?

- Independent led consultation – Keith Makin
- Consultation with LSCB Partners – 25 Sept
- Project group leading on transitions
 - Purpose & vision
 - Key priorities
- Trial new partnership model from April 2019

Timescale:

29th June – Publish local safeguarding arrangements

29th Sept – Go Live (LSCB will cease to exist)

Consultation with Partners

Partners agreed:

- Continue LSCB Operational Group – set priorities
- Agreed all partners are ‘relevant partners’
- Thematic Task & Finish reference groups on priorities areas (targeted involvement)
- Independent Chair – 2 years then review
- Improved involvement with C&YP and Parents

A New Name:

Tower Hamlets Safeguarding Partnership (THSP)

Structure

Executive Board – reflects the tri-partnership arrangement

- Local Authority (Children's Services)
- Met Police (Borough)
- TH CCG

Operational Group – 'Relevant Partners'

Thematic-based Work Streams (Task & Finish)

Governance & Inspection

- Internal Board Governance
- Scrutiny Committees (political oversight)
- Serious Case Reviews
- Improvement Boards (partners)
- Ofsted
- Joint Inspectorates (JTAI) - thematic

Serious Case Reviews

- **New Process in Chapter 4, WT18**
- Serious Incident Notification (DfE)
- Rapid Review Panel (15 days)
- Child Safeguarding Practice Review Panel
- CSP Reviews – National & Local
- Publications – www.lscb-towerhamlets.co.uk
- Learning Dissemination - multiagency & targeted sessions

Current SCR's

2 SCR's (infants)

- **9 week male** – first presented at ED with NAI. Further bruising/fractures over 4 weeks.
- Was discharged home on two occasions before safeguarding concerns was considered and acted on.
- Range of Health & Social Care professionals engaged during this time

- **13 week male** – ambulance called to family home and found baby unconscious & went in to cardiac arrest
- Mother & father arrested & charged (found guilty GBH/neglect)
- Older Children in care of LA (previous CP concerns)

Due to be Published at end of year or early January 2019

3rd SCR

- **14 year old male**. Suffered fatal allergic reaction to food eaten in school and later died in hospital (Nov 2016). SCR Focus on:
 - management of three long-term health conditions and their interplay Understanding of procedures, and emergencies arising from asthma and allergy
 - Coroner issued 5 Preventing Future Death Reports

4th SCR

- **15 year old male with SEN** - Sexually assaulted 9 year old
- History of sexually harmful behaviour, neglect
- Similarities with the 'Thomas' SCR
- **Publication in January / Early February 2019**