

Barking and Dagenham, Havering, and Redbridge Safeguarding Partnership

Terms of Reference (ToR)

Introduction

The Barking and Dagenham, Havering and Redbridge (BHR) Safeguarding Partnership is the strategic group consisting of senior leaders from:

- LB Barking and Dagenham
- LB Havering
- LB Redbridge
- NEL (North East London) Clinical Commissioning Group (CCG)/Integrated Care System (ICS)
- Public Protection East Area Borough Command Unit (EA - BCU), Metropolitan Police Service (MPS)

Purpose

The purpose of the Partnership is to work together at a strategic level to deliver system improvements across the Barking and Dagenham, Havering and Redbridge (BHR) 'footprint' to support safeguarding children and young people. This will be undertaken through sharing of information and learning, provision of mutual support, themed work streams and quality assurance activities.

Scope

The Partnership will have regard to the multi-agency arrangements for safeguarding children and young people, the statutory responsibility for which is held at a local Safeguarding Children Partnership (SCP) level in each Borough. The Partnership will provide feedback to the local SCPs and receive updates from them. Any identified issues will be escalated from the BHR Safeguarding Partnership to the local SCP Independent Chair(s)/Scrutineer(s) as appropriate.

Membership

The Partnership core membership will consist of:

- Director of People and Resilience - LB Barking and Dagenham (LBBD)
- Director of Children's Services – LB Havering (LBH)
- Corporate Director of People – LB Redbridge (LBR)
- Associate Director for Safeguarding Children – North East London (NEL) CCG
- Head of Public Protection – MPS East Area Borough Command Unit (BCU)
- PCFSW/Quality Assurance Leads – LBBD, LBH and LBR

In the event of being unable to attend meeting, members will ensure that they have nominated substitutes with sufficient authority to contribute to discussion and decision making. Meetings will still be expected to be held where despite best efforts a statutory partner is unable to secure representation. The decision to progress will rest with the meeting chair should multiple absences cause consideration of the effectiveness of a meeting.

Wider attendance at Partnership meetings will be at the invitation of the Partnership members.

Meetings

Meetings will take place quarterly. The meeting will be chaired on a rota basis across the five represented organisations. Each meeting will have an agenda, agreed in advance with the chair, which includes standing items and additional items agreed via a forward plan. Meetings will have notes taken, and progress monitored by an action log.

Business Support Arrangements

The Partnership will be supported by the local Safeguarding Children Partnership (SCP) Business Managers and business support staff in the CCG and EA BCU, who will provide a secretariat service and enable communication between Partnership members.

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