



Bristol Health and Wellbeing Board

Title of Report:	Keeping Bristol Safe Partnership
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Purpose:	Oversight and assurance

1. Executive Summary

On 3rd September 2019 Cabinet agreed to constitute the new safeguarding arrangement for Bristol, namely, Keeping Bristol Safe Partnership consolidating the statutory functions of the four existing boards Safer Bristol Board (CSP), Bristol Safeguarding Adults Board (BSAB), Bristol Safeguarding Children's Board (BSCB) and the Children and Families Partnership Board (CFPB) to deliver relevant statutory duties in relation to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children, helping and protecting adults with care and support needs, and reducing crime and disorder, substance misuse and re-offending¹. This was in response to the required changes published in Children and Social Work Act 2017 and Working Together 2018 that ended the local authority's duty to hold a Local Safeguarding Children's Board. It required the three statutory partners (Local Authority, Police Constabulary and Bristol Clinical Commissioning Group) ensure effective multi-agency safeguarding arrangements we in place to enable effective partnership working and assurance of the effectiveness of the safeguarding system. Partners acknowledged the changing landscape of Safeguarding; for example with the focus shifting exclusively from intra-familial abuse for children and adults at risk to include very complex contextual safeguarding concerns, and together Partners took the opportunity to propose a whole system approach that will facilitate innovative solutions to high risk complex situations.

2. Purpose of the Paper

- The purpose of this paper is to provide the Health and Wellbeing Board with sufficient overview and assurance of the new safeguarding arrangements in Bristol.
- Provide Health and Wellbeing Board with the opportunity to consider its role in safeguarding and how it will operate in partnership the Governance arranged outlined

There are two key documents that set out the function, governance and terms of reference for the Keeping Bristol Safe Partnership:

- The Keeping Bristol Safe Partnership Constitution and Terms of Reference - Appendix 1
- The Keeping Bristol Safe Partnership Local Arrangements – Appendix 2

3. Evidence Base

¹ The Keeping Bristol Safe website is found at <https://bristolsafeguarding.org/>

Following the formal constitution of the Partnership on the 9th September 2019, the first 12 months will be transitional phase during which the functions that have been brought together will be developed and reviewed. The current working model comprises of the 'Executive' with senior officers who have delegated authority to speak on behalf of the safeguarding partner they represent, make decisions on behalf of their organisation or agency and commit them on policy, resourcing and practice matters. They will own the Strategic Plan for the Partnership and direct the business of the three multi-agency Business Delivery and Performance Groups, providing high support / high challenge to drive outcomes, quality and performance. The membership of the Keeping Bristol Safe Executive is detailed on page 3 of the Constitution and Terms of Reference - Appendix 1.

The Business Delivery and Performance Groups will ensure single agency and partnership work to protect children, adults and communities is coordinated and effective. They will have a shared focus on service delivery, early intervention, prevention and commissioning arrangements. These groups will be action and task orientated, forward thinking and provide theme specific guidance and challenge to safeguarding partners. The groups will report to the Executive. Working to the Business Delivery and Performance groups are a number of task and finish groups set up to deliver certain projects or pieces of work. These multi-agency groups will comprise membership of the wider Partnership and will draw on the expertise of specialist roles and participation groups across the city. There are a small number of multi-agency groups already established to deliver key priorities for the city, for example the Domestic Abuse group, the Statutory Review groups and Contextual Safeguarding group.

The Partnership recognise that data and performance information is key to understanding our business and enabling the identification of priorities for the city and tracking the impact of agreed actions. A new performance framework and dashboard are currently being developed. The Partnership priorities are detailed on page 5 of the Local Arrangements – Appendix 2. Detailed business activity such as delivering action plans from statutory reviews has transferred to the new arrangements as agreed by the outgoing Boards.

4. Recommendations

- For the Health and Wellbeing Board to be sighted on the Keeping Bristol Safe Partnership's development of strategy and policy relating to its priorities.

5. City Benefits

The work of the Keeping Bristol Safe Partnership brings partners in Bristol together to support and protect children, adults and our communities from harm and takes a whole system approach to facilitate innovative solutions to high risk complex safeguarding situations.

6. Financial and Legal Implications

N/A

7. Appendices

Appendix 1 – The Keeping Bristol Safe Partnership Constitution and Terms of Reference
Appendix 2 - The Keeping Bristol Safe Partnership Local Arrangements