

PROTOCOL ON THE WORKING ARRANGEMENTS BETWEEN THE

HAMPSHIRE HEALTH AND WELLBEING BOARD

AND THE

HAMPSHIRE SAFEGUARDING ADULTS BOARD and

HAMPSHIRE SAFEGUARDING CHILDRENS BOARD

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1. PURPOSE OF PROTOCOL

- 1.1 This document sets out the working arrangement between Hampshire Health and Wellbeing Board (HHWB), the Hampshire Safeguarding Adults Board (HSAB) and the Hampshire Safeguarding Children Board (HSCB). It outlines the relationship between the two boards, their functions, responsibilities, accountability and channels of communication.

2. THE ROLE OF HAMPSHIRE SAFEGUARDING ADULTS BOARD

- 2.1 HSAB is a statutory, multi-organisation partnership, co-ordinated by the Hampshire County Council, which gives strategic leadership for adult safeguarding, across the Hampshire County Council area.

- 2.2 The primary roles, duties and objectives of HSAB is to:

- Develop a culture that does not tolerate abuse and raise awareness about abuse
- Co-ordinate the activities of the HSAB members in relation to adults at risk of, or suffering, abuse, neglect or self neglect in the geographical area and ensure the effectiveness of members in carrying out this role
- Produce safeguarding policies, procedures, protocols and guidance for all organisations
- Give information or advice, or make proposals, to any public body on the delivery of their function in relation to safeguarding adults
- Improve the skills and knowledge of professionals who have responsibilities which relate to safeguarding adults
- Monitor performance and hold organisations to account relating to the delivery of safeguarding
- Commission Safeguarding Adults Reviews as required
- Provide strategic oversight in relation to safeguarding trends
- Produce and publish an annual report which highlights the work of the Board and reports on achievements against previous statements

3. THE ROLE OF HAMPSHIRE HEALTH AND WELLBEING BOARD

- 3.1 HHWB is a statutory, multi-organisation committee of NHS and local authority commissioners and public involvement agencies, co-ordinated by Hampshire County Council, which gives strategic leadership across Hampshire.

- 3.2 The role of the HHWB is to:

- To oversee and assure the translation of the Joint Strategic Needs Assessment (JSNA) into a Joint Health and Wellbeing Strategy (JHWS) to address the identified health and social care needs

- To join up commissioning through a robust knowledge of need by ensuring the delivery of a comprehensive Joint Health and Wellbeing Strategy (JHWS).
- To provide an opinion to CCG's and the Local Authority on whether commissioning plans have taken proper account of the JHWS and to refer plans to NHS Commissioning Board where there are concerns.
- To ensure that the CCGs, Hampshire County Council and NHS Commissioning Board Wessex Local Area Team execute their commissioning activities in accordance with the JHWS.
- To encourage integrated working between health and social care commissioners and health related services in order to ensure appropriate use of resources across all partners' budgets in order to achieve the best outcomes for local residents.

4. THE ROLE OF HAMPSHIRE SAFEGUARDING CHILDRENS BOARD

4.1 The key objectives of the Hampshire Safeguarding Children Board (HSCB) as set out in 'Working Together to Safeguard Children 2013' are:

- To co-ordinate local work to safeguard and promote the well-being of children;
- To ensure the effectiveness of that work

4.2 Safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children is defined as:

- Protecting children from maltreatment
- Preventing impairment of children's health or development
- Ensuring that children are growing up in circumstances consistent with the provision of safe and effective care
- Taking action to enable all children to have the best outcomes

4.3 A key objective in undertaking these roles is to enable children to have optimum life chances and enter adulthood successfully.

4.4 The role of an LSCB is to scrutinise and challenge the work of agencies both individually and collectively. The LSCB is not operationally responsible for managers and staff in constituent agencies.

5. THE RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN THE HAMPSHIRE HEALTH AND WELLBEING BOARD, THE HAMPSHIRE SAFEGUARDING ADULTS BOARD AND THE HAMPSHIRE SAFEGUARDING CHILDREN BOARD

- 5.1 HHWB, HSAB and HSCB have particular and complementary roles in keeping both children and adults safe.
- 5.2 HSAB provides the strategic leadership across the county to keep adults safe. It creates a framework within which all responsible agencies work together to ensure a coherent policy for the protection of adults at risk of abuse and neglect. The Independent Chair of HSAB is accountable to all board partners, and directly accountable to the Chief Executive of HCC.
- 5.3 HSCB provides the strategic leadership across the county to keep children safe. It creates a framework within which all responsible agencies work together to ensure a coherent policy for the protection of children at risk of abuse and neglect. The Independent Chair of HSCB is accountable to all board partners, and directly accountable to the Chief Executive of HCC.
- 5.4 HHWB is the principal structure in Hampshire responsible for improving health and wellbeing of people of the county through joint working between NHS and Local Authority commissioners and public involvement organisations.

6. WORKING TOGETHER

- 6.1 HHWB, HSAB and HSCB have a shared membership in relation to the Director of Adult Services (DAS) / Director of Children's Services (DCS). The DAS / DCS will liaise closely with the independent chair of HSAB / HSCB to support the on-going and direct relationship and support regular communication. They will support effective working between the three boards to prevent duplication of effort to:
- Understand and evaluate the effectiveness of service outcomes – including where services need to be improved, reshaped or developed;
 - Ensure action taken complements each board and does not duplicate
 - Ensure alignment of strategy and associated work
- 6.2 The Independent Chair of HSAB and the Independent Chair of HSCB will attend the HHWB annually to present the HSAB and HSCB Annual Reports. The reports will contain an honest assessment of local safeguarding arrangements for both adults and children and recommend areas of safeguarding that need to be addressed within the Joint Health and Wellbeing Strategy.
- 6.3 The HHWB will ensure that the advice and information from HSAB and HSCB is disseminated within the HHWB infrastructure, informs the Joint Strategic Needs Assessment and Joint Health and Wellbeing Strategy.
- 6.4 The HHWB will seek assurance from the HSAB and HSCB that both boards will work effectively through their membership to address local concerns and implement any changes required as a result from new statutory guidance or lessons learnt from serious case reviews.

7. EVALUATION AND REVIEW

- 7.1 If there are any areas of significant concern that cannot be resolved in accordance with this protocol then a strategy meeting will be held between the Independent Chair of HSAB, the Director of Adult Services and the Chair of HHWB and / or the Independent Chair of HSCB, the Director of Children's Services and the Chair of the HHWB and any other senior person that is regarded as being required.
- 7.2 The HHWB, HSAB and HSCB should undertake to review the implementation of this protocol annually.

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