



Warrington Safeguarding Children Board, Warrington Domestic Abuse Partnership and Warrington Safeguarding Adults Board Protocol

1. Introduction

- 1.1 This document sets out the expectations of the relationship and working arrangements between Warrington Domestic Abuse Partnership (WDAP), Warrington Safeguarding Adults Board (WSAB) and Warrington Safeguarding Children Board (WSCB). It covers their respective roles and functions, arrangements for challenge, oversight and scrutiny.

2. The Warrington Safeguarding Children Board

- 2.1 The WSCB is a statutory partnership with responsibility for agreeing how relevant local organisations will co-operate to safeguard and promote the welfare of children. The WSCB's role is to monitor and evaluate the effectiveness of local arrangements to safeguard all children.

- 2.2 The WSCB's key responsibilities are to:

- Develop policies and procedures for safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children in Warrington, including policies and procedures in relation to:
 - a. the action to be taken where there are concerns about a child's safety or welfare, including thresholds for intervention;
 - b. training of persons who work with children or in services affecting the safety and welfare of children;
 - c. recruitment and supervision of persons who work with children;
 - d. investigation of allegations concerning persons who work with children;
 - e. safety and welfare of children who are privately fostered;
 - f. cooperation with neighbouring children's services authorities and their Board partners;
- communicating to persons and bodies in Warrington the need to safeguard and promote the welfare of children, raising their awareness of how this can best be done and encouraging them to do so;
- monitoring and evaluating the effectiveness of what is done by Warrington Borough Council and its partners individually and collectively to safeguard and promote the welfare of children and advising them on ways to improve;
- participating in the planning of services for children in Warrington; and
- undertaking reviews of serious cases and advising the authority and the Board partners on lessons to be learned.

3. Warrington Domestic Abuse Partnership

- 3.1 The Warrington Domestic Abuse Partnership is a multi-agency partnership involving the council, health services, criminal justice agencies, housing services, specialist support services, emergency services, voluntary organisations and others, all working together to tackle domestic abuse in the town.
- 3.2. Warrington Domestic Abuse Partnership (WDAP) Group acts as an executive body for WDAP and sets the strategic direction for the Partnership by:
- Identifying the key challenges and priorities for Warrington;
 - Directing and co-ordinating domestic abuse prevention activity through the work of the WDAP;
 - Commissioning and performance managing specialist domestic abuse support services;
 - Developing formal strategic and operational links to other strategic bodies to ensure consistency of approach and to avoid unnecessary duplication;
 - Ensuring direct formal reporting mechanisms to the Local Strategic Partnership via the Community Safety Partnership, Children and Young People’s Partnership, WSAB and WSCB.
- 3.3. WDAP monitors the application and delivery of the domestic abuse Strategy across Warrington. It also challenges and holds to account all partners responsible for its effective delivery. The Strategy is reviewed annually to review to reflect changing needs and priorities and have due regard to changing policy and financial issues.

4 Warrington Safeguarding Adults Board


- 4.1. Warrington’s Safeguarding Adults Board (SAB), is the strategic body, which oversees safeguarding vulnerable adults’ activity locally. It brings together key agencies in Warrington, who by working closely in partnership, ensure that safeguarding vulnerable adults is prioritised and coordinated effectively.
- 4.2. The overall aim of the WSAB is to ensure all vulnerable residents of Warrington is able to live safely, free from the fear of abuse, neglect or victimisation.
- 4.3. The WSAB key responsibilities are to:
- **Promoting understanding and awareness** of the Safeguarding Adults agenda and ensuring that across Warrington we are united in our ‘zero tolerance’ of abuse.
 - **Preventing abuse and neglect** through positive action, support and promoting dignity in care.
 - **Ensuring prompt and effective responses** to protect individuals when allegations of abuse are made.

- 4.4. The above are generic overall aims and are achieved by the following key responsibilities:
- The scrutiny of all partner agencies in relation to safeguarding and advice on ways to improve.
 - The development and implementation of policies, procedures and training in relation to safeguarding that are multi agency.
 - Seek assurances from all agencies about local activity in relation to safeguarding and hold agencies to account when expected outcomes are not achieved.
 - Agree a work plan that involves all agencies and ensure the effective coordination of safeguarding locally.
 - Task other key groups with ongoing and discreet pieces of work that support the work of the WSAB.
 - Undertake reviews of cases that meet the Serious Case Review criteria including multi and single agency reviews and advise Board partners on lessons to be learned.

5. The relationship between the Warrington Safeguarding Children Board, the Warrington Domestic Abuse Partnership and the Warrington Safeguarding Adults Board

- 5.1 The roles and responsibilities of the three respective bodies are different but in relation to children and young people, complementary. The WDAP and WSAB also have complementary aspects in relation to Adults. The WSCB, WSAB and WDAP promote joint working and co-operation between partners to improve the wellbeing of children and young people and adults at risk in Warrington.
- 5.2. The Independent Chair of the WSCB is also the Chair of the Warrington Safeguarding Adults Board. The Chair of the Warrington Domestic Abuse Partnership sits on WSCB. This ensures that the work of all the Board is effectively joined up.
- 5.3. Both the Boards and the Partnership agree relevant protocols and arrangements, (for example the Forced Marriage Protocol) and have mechanisms in place to share relevant information and reports.
- 5.4. Therefore the boards and the partnership will ensure scrutiny and challenge of the work of each other and may ask for reports or presentations on key issues as required in order to fulfil this function.

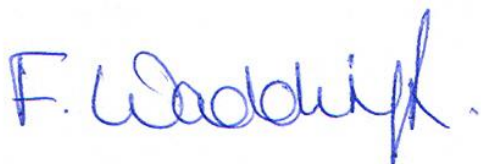
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