

MSAB Vision:

Ensuring every citizen in Manchester is able to live in safety, free from abuse and neglect. Everyone who lives and works in the City has a role to play.

MSCB Vision:

Every child and young person in Manchester should be able to grow up safe, free from abuse, neglect or crime; so allowing them to enjoy a happy and health childhood and fulfil their potential.

MSAB Objectives:

- To provide effective leadership, governance and partnership working to safeguard people
- To listen to, support and empower people
- To promote and raise awareness of safeguarding
- To be assured that vulnerable people are being safeguarded
- To implement and monitor changes to ensure abuse or neglect does not happen again to others

MSCB Objectives:

- To be assured services for children and young people are targeted, responsive and efficient
- To do all we can to help children and young people lead happy, healthy and productive lives
- To learn from SCRs and other reviews and listen to the views of children and young people
- To ensure we have processes to audit our work and to measure its effectiveness and impact
- To demonstrate collective leadership across the Board and subgroups

Our overarching strategic priority:

- To be assured that safeguarding is effective across Manchester

Achieving our thematic priorities for 2017/18:

- Mental health, learning disability and substance abuse are key considerations across all of our priorities
- We will support and challenge our partners against each priority
- Strong and effective governance and accountability are fundamental to assurance

Our key functions:

- Learning and Development (including reviews and investigations)
- Quality Assurance & Performance Improvement
- Communication & Engagement
- Standards, Policy & Practice

ENGAGEMENT and INVOLVEMENT

Listening & learning; hearing the voice of children & adults; Making Safeguarding Personal

We will:

- Listen to the views of children and adults
- Make sure their voices are heard and are at the centre of what we do
- Put children and adults in control of decisions about their care and support
- Be proactive in making children and adults aware of emerging issues and how we'll deal with them.

What will change?

- We will know what children and adults think and take account of it when we make plans
- We will know those views are taken account of when agencies set up and make changes to services.

COMPLEX SAFEGUARDING

Domestic Violence & Abuse, FGM, Sexual Exploitation, Radicalisation, Missing, Organised Crime, Trafficking & Modern Slavery, So-called Honour Based Violence

We will:

- Ensure that the complex safeguarding issues listed are tackled effectively and that adults & children at risk are protected
- Seek assurance from Community Safety partners that safeguarding issues are considered throughout the response to domestic violence and abuse
- Work with housing providers, the voluntary sector & communities to raise awareness of complex safeguarding issues and how to tackle them.

What will change?

- We will be assured that adults & children at risk are effectively and consistently protected from harm, or supported if it does occur.

TRANSITIONS

Moving from child to adulthood in a safe and positive way

We will:

- Agree a clear, commonly understood definition of transitions, as it relates to our member agencies and services
- Map and understand all the points where individuals transitioning from child to adulthood may need and engage with care, support and safeguarding provision
- Facilitate the development of a Transitions Strategy that ensures individuals' engagement with services as they transition is consistent, seamless and safe; no-one 'slips through the net'.

What will change?

- We will be assured that individuals who need care & support benefit from a simple, effective and safe response as they make the change from child to adulthood.

NEGLECT

Ensuring the basic needs of every child are met

We will:

- Ensure that practitioners are equipped with the tools to recognise, assess and prevent neglect of children
- Communicate and embed the neglect strategy across partner organisations
- Seek assurance that early help is sought where there is a risk of abuse

What will change?

- We will be assured that children at risk of neglect will be safeguarded and protected.

NEGLECT

Adults at risk of self-neglect, wilful neglect or neglect by omission are safeguarded and supported

We will:

- Work with partners to assure ourselves that wilful neglect or neglect by omission is recognised and addressed
- Seek assurance that there is an effective multi-agency response to the issue of hoarding
- Seek assurance that there are appropriate responses in place for those at risk of self-neglect

What will change?

- We will have greater understanding that adults at risk of neglect are being safeguarded