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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.

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 Vision:

Every Child in Manchester is safe, happy, healthy and successful. To achieve this we will: be child-centred; listen to and respond to children and young people; focus on strengths and resilience and; take early action.

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 priorities for 2018/19:

- Engagement and Involvement, Complex Safeguarding, Transitions and Neglect are our key 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 & Development (including reviews and investigations)
- Quality Assurance & Performance Improvement
- Communication & Engagement
- Standards, Policy & Practice

ENGAGEMENT and INVOLVEMENT

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

We will:

- ensure the views of children and adults are listened to
- ensure their voices are heard and are at the centre of the decisions we make
- ensure children and adults are in control of decisions about their care and support
- be proactive in making children and adults aware of emerging issues and how we will deal with them.

What will change?

- We will take the views of children and adults into account when the Board makes decisions.
- We will see greater involvement of children and adults in decisions about their future.

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 and 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 and 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:

- ensure partners are aware of the agreed transitions definition, as it relates to our member agencies and services
- ensure support is provided at all the points where individuals transitioning from child to adulthood may need care and support and provide any safeguarding requirements.

What will change?

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

CHILD 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.

ADULT 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 be assured that adults at risk of neglect are being safeguarded.