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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.

**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.

**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 adults at risk 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 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 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:**

- 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'll 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 & 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:**

- 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 & 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.