

### **PROTOCOL IN SUPPORT OF THE RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN THE PETERBOROUGH HEALTH AND WELL-BEING BOARD, THE PETERBOROUGH LOCAL SAFEGUARDING CHILDREN BOARD (PSCB) AND THE PETERBOROUGH SAFEGUARDING ADULTS BOARD (PSAB)**

This paper sets out a proposed framework and protocol within which we will secure effective joint-working between the three Boards.

This protocol sets out the distinct roles and responsibilities of the Boards, the inter-relationships between them in terms of safeguarding and well-being and the means by which we will secure effective co-ordination and coherence between the Boards.

#### **The Purpose of Health and Well-Being Boards**

Health and Well-Being Boards were established by the Health and Social Care Act 2012. They are intended to be a forum where key leaders from the health and care system work together to improve the health and wellbeing of their local population and reduce health inequalities.

Each top tier and unitary authority must have its own health and wellbeing board. Board members are expected to collaborate to understand their local community's needs, agree priorities and encourage commissioners to work in a more joined up way. As a result, patients and the public should experience more joined-up services from the NHS and local councils in the future.

#### **What they do?**

- Health and wellbeing boards have strategic influence over commissioning decisions across health, public health and social care through the development of a Health and Well-Being strategy.
- Boards are intended to strengthen democratic legitimacy by involving democratically elected representatives and patient representatives in commissioning decisions alongside commissioners across health and social care. The boards also provide a forum for challenge, discussion, and the involvement of local people.
- Boards will bring together clinical commissioning groups and councils to develop a shared understanding of the health and wellbeing needs of the community. They will undertake the Joint Strategic Needs Assessment (JSNA) and develop a joint strategy for how these needs can be best addressed. This will include recommendations for joint commissioning and integrating services across health and care.
- Through undertaking the JSNA, the board will drive local commissioning of health care, social care and public health and create a more effective and responsive local health and care system. Other services that impact on health and wellbeing such as housing and education provision will also be addressed.

In Peterborough The Health and Wellbeing Board is a new partnership. It comprises of representatives from the Cambridgeshire and Peterborough Clinical Commissioning Group, alongside elected members and senior managers from Peterborough City Council's Children's and Adult Social Care Services and the Director of Public Health and Link/Local Health watch representatives. The Health and Wellbeing Board's strategic priorities have

grown out of detailed assessments of need that culminated in the Joint Strategic Needs Assessment (JSNA) 2012.

Through this strategy the board:

- Identifies health and wellbeing priorities that can be owned and acted upon by the key strategic partnerships
- Sets clear markers for NHS and Local Authority commissioners as they act to put in place the right mix of services and initiatives to meet the needs of the population
- Holds commissioners to account for their decisions
- Helps to develop partnerships with statutory and voluntary sector colleagues that provide solutions to commissioning challenges including the wider determinants of health and wellbeing e.g housing.

## **The Purpose of Safeguarding Boards**

### **Peterborough Safeguarding Children Board (PSCB)**

The key objectives of the PSCB as set out in 'Working Together to Safeguard Children 2013, arising from section 14 Children Act 2004 are:

- To coordinate what is done by each person or body represented on the board for the purposes of safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children;
- To ensure the effectiveness of what is done by each such person or body for their purposes.

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

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

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.

The Board priorities for 2014-15 are:

- Ensure that early help and preventative measure are effective.
- Ensure that children at risk of significant harm are being effectively identified and protected.
- Ensure that everyone is making a significant and meaningful contribution to safeguarding children.
- Ensure the workforce has the skills, knowledge and capacity to appropriately safeguard children in Peterborough.
- Ensure that children are fully protected by all agencies from the effects of domestic abuse and neglect.

- Ensure we understand the needs of all sectors of our community and are able to identify safeguarding issues within them.
- Ensure that children are fully protected by all agencies from Child Sexual Exploitation.

### **Peterborough Safeguarding Adults Boards (PSAB)**

Safeguarding Adult Boards are not currently statutory bodies but this is likely to change with the passage of the forthcoming Care and Support Bill. Currently Boards operate within the framework promoted by 'No Secrets' which was published by the Department for Health and the Home Office in March 2000 and by 'Safeguarding Adults' which was published by the then Association of Directors of Social Services in October 2005.

The focus of the work of Safeguarding Adults Boards is 'vulnerable' adults. The forms of abuse which the Board aims to prevent and address are: physical abuse, sexual abuse, psychological abuse, financial or material abuse, neglect or acts of omission, discriminatory abuse.

The role of the SAB is to ensure effective safeguarding arrangements are in place in both the commissioning and provision of services to vulnerable adults by individual agencies and to ensure the effective interagency working in this respect.

The PSAB has identified agreed objectives and priorities for its work which include clear policy, procedural and practice arrangements, mechanisms to secure coordination of activities between agencies, the provision of training and workforce development in support of safeguarding and quality assurance and performance management arrangements to test the effectiveness of safeguarding and the impact of the Board.

### **The need for effective communication and engagement between the Boards.**

Safeguarding is everyone's business. As such, all key strategic plans whether they be formulated by individual agencies or by partnership forums should include safeguarding as a cross-cutting theme to ensure that existing strategies and service delivery as well as emerging plans for change and improvement include effective safeguarding arrangements that ensure that all people of Peterborough are safe and their well-being is protected. The two safeguarding boards have a responsibility to scrutinise and challenge these arrangements.

The Health and Well-Being Strategy 2012-15 is a key commissioning strategy for the delivery of services to children and adults across Peterborough and so it is critical that in drawing up, delivering and evaluating the strategy there is effective interchange between the Peterborough Health and Well-Being Board and the two safeguarding boards.

Specifically there need to be formal interfaces between the Health and Well-Being Board and the safeguarding boards at key points including:

- The needs analyses that drive the formulation of the annual Health and Well-Being Strategy and the Safeguarding Boards' Business Plans. This needs to be reciprocal in nature ensuring both that safeguarding boards' needs analyses are fed into the JSNA and that the outcomes of the JSNA are fed back into safeguarding boards' planning;

- Ensuring each Board is regularly updated on progress made in the implementation of the Health and Well Being Strategy and the individual Board Business Plans in a context of mutual scrutiny and challenge;
- Annually reporting evaluations of performance on plans again to provide the opportunity for reciprocal scrutiny and challenge and to enable Boards to feed any improvement and development needs into the planning process for future years' strategies and plans.

Whilst currently there is no statutory requirement to secure a formal relationship between the Health and Well-Being Board and the safeguarding boards there is guidance steering in this direction.

For example in 'Working Together 2013' there are a number of statements driving towards a formalised relationship between the Health and Well-Being Board and the Local Safeguarding Children Board particularly in relation to the JSNA and the presentation of the LSCBs Annual Report. It is possible that this will be replicated for Adult Safeguarding Boards when they are set on a statutory footing.

The opportunities presented by a formal working relationship between the Peterborough Health and Well-Being Board and the PSCB and PSAB can, therefore be summarised as follows:

- Securing an integrated approach to the JSNA, ensuring comprehensive safeguarding data analysis in the JSNA, in line with the Working Together guidance
- Aligning the work of the LSCB business plan and SAB Strategic Plan with the HWB Strategy and awareness of related priority setting.
- Ensuring safeguarding is "everyone's business", reflected in the public health agenda.
- Evaluating the impact of the HWB Strategy on safeguarding outcomes, and of safeguarding on wider health outcomes
- Identifying a coordinated approach to performance management, transformational change and commissioning.
- Cross Board scrutiny and challenge and "holding to account": the Wellbeing Board for embedding safeguarding, and the Safeguarding Boards for overall performance and contribution to the HWB Strategy.

### **Arrangements to secure co-ordination between the Boards.**

In order to secure the opportunities identified above it is proposed that the following arrangements would be put in place to ensure effective co-ordination and coherence in the work of the three Boards.

1. Between September and November each year the Independent Chairs of the two Safeguarding Boards would present to the Peterborough Health and Well-Being Board their Annual Reports outlining performance against Business Plan objectives in the previous financial year. This would be supplemented by a position statement on the Boards' performance in the current financial year. This would provide the opportunity for the Health and Well-Being Board to scrutinise and challenge the performance of the Boards, to draw across data to be included in the JSNA and to reflect on key issues that may need to be incorporated in the refresh of the Health and Well-Being Strategy.

2. Between October and February the Peterborough Health and Well-Being Board to present to the safeguarding boards the review of the Health and Well-Being Strategy, the refreshed JSNA and the proposed priorities and objectives for the refreshed Health and Well-Being Strategy to enable the safeguarding boards to scrutinise and challenge performance and to ensure that their refreshed Business Plans appropriately reflect relevant priorities set in the refreshed Health and Well-Being Strategy.
3. In April/May the Boards will share their refreshed Plans for the coming financial year to ensure co-ordination and coherence.

## **Conclusion**

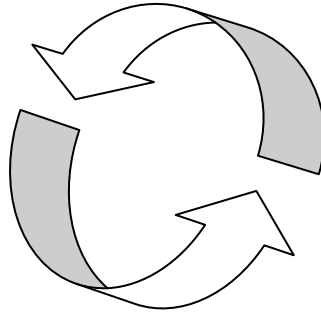
The role of the PSCB and PSAB in relation to the Health and Wellbeing Board would be one of partners underpinned by this protocol.

The role of Peterborough City Council Scrutiny Panels, to scrutinise performance of safeguarding boards and to be consulted on for policy changes and related service design and commissioning intentions, will remain unchanged, as will the governance committee of partner agencies to oversee and monitor respective agency contribution and performance to prevent and protect.

The diagram below is intended to summarise the relationships set out in this protocol.

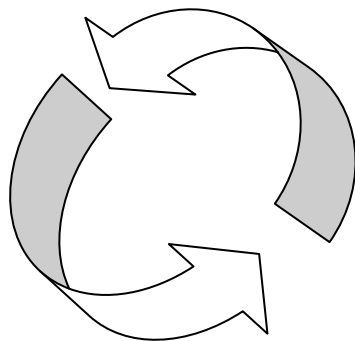
**Peterborough HEALTH AND WELL-BEING BOARD**

**Strategic vision, direction, objectives and outcome setting and oversight.**



**PETERBOROUGH CHILDREN & FAMILIES JOINT COMMISSIONING BOARD, OTHER PARTNERSHIP FORUMS**

**Delivery of strategic objectives, localised monitoring of outcomes.**



**PSCB & PSAB**

**Oversight of practice and protection outcomes:  
Scrutiny, challenge**

