

Replacement of the Local Safeguarding Children's Board with new Area Safeguarding Arrangements

Health and Wellbeing Board

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Why the change?

Under the Children Act 2004, as amended by the Children and Social Work Act 2017, Local Safeguarding Children Boards (LSCBs) will be replaced. Under the new legislation, the three agencies are identified as key safeguarding partners (Local Authorities, Chief Officers of Police and Clinical Commissioning Groups (CCGs) and must make arrangements to work together with relevant agencies (as they consider appropriate) to safeguard and protect the welfare of children in the area.

Lancashire's planned spend (gross) on Children and Young People's Safety / Children's Social Care 2018/19 is £34,305,734m.

What will change?

Under the guidance it is permissible for the new arrangements to cover more than one local authority area. Proposals for the three Local Safeguarding Children Boards in Blackpool, Blackburn with Darwen and Lancashire to be replaced by new arrangements that will cover all areas. It is proposed that the new arrangements are called the Blackpool, Blackburn with Darwen and Lancashire Safeguarding Children Strategic Partnership Board.

Alongside the approval of the framework for the new arrangements by Blackpool, Blackburn with Darwen and Lancashire Councils full detailed arrangements for this partnership must also be endorsed by the governance boards of the CCGs, and by the police. Following agreement, arrangements for internal partnership governance and the business support functions will be completed by the chief officers of each of the named safeguarding partners as required.

Geographical Areas

In order to ensure that the responsibilities of the partnership are being effectively discharged, it is proposed that the Strategic Board includes representation from the following (including all areas covered by different organisations listed below):

Blackpool Council

Lancashire Constabulary

Blackburn with Darwen Council

Pan Lancashire CCGs

Lancashire County Council

Lancashire Police and Crime Commissioner

Chief Officers of the other relevant agencies (or their nominee).

It is suggested that the Strategic Board is supported by three tactical/operational area based groups reflecting the following three geographical areas:

- Blackpool and North Lancashire
- Central and South Lancashire
- Blackburn with Darwen and East Lancashire

What next?

Following publication of arrangements, safeguarding partners have up to three months from the date of publication to implement the arrangements. The implementation date should be made clear in the published arrangements. All new local arrangements must have been implemented by 29 September 2019.

When the arrangements have been published and implemented, the three LSCBs in Blackpool, Blackburn with Darwen and Lancashire will cease to exist.

Consultations have taken place with key agencies as defined in the legal requirements and more broadly with existing members of the three LSCBs via their meetings.