



<b>Report to:</b>	<b>HEALTH AND WELLBEING BOARD</b>
<b>Date:</b>	9 March 2017
<b>Executive Member / Reporting Officer:</b>	Andrew Searle, Chair – Tameside Adult Safeguarding Partnership Board David Niven, Chair – Tameside Safeguarding Children’s Board Debbie Watson, Head of Health and Wellbeing
<b>Subject:</b>	<b>JOINT WORKING PROPOSAL BETWEEN TAMESIDE HEALTH AND WELLBEING BOARD, TAMESIDE ADULT SAFEGUARDING PARTNERSHIP BOARD AND TAMESIDE SAFEGUARDING CHILDRENS BOARD</b>
<b>Report Summary:</b>	This paper sets out proposed working arrangements between the Health and Wellbeing Board, the Tameside Adult Safeguarding Partnership and the Tameside Safeguarding Children Board, proposing that the relationship develops as a protocol towards aligned priorities and joint strategy.
<b>Recommendations:</b>	The Health and Wellbeing Board is asked: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• To endorse and comment on the proposed working arrangements.</li> <li>• To discuss and agree areas of joint priority and work for 2017/18.</li> </ul>
<b>Links to Health and Wellbeing Strategy:</b>	Safeguarding is a cross cutting priority in the Health and Wellbeing Strategy.
<b>Policy Implications:</b>	In line with statutory requirements.
<b>Financial Implications: (Authorised by the Section 151 Officer)</b>	There are no direct financial implications arising from this report.
<b>Legal Implications: (Authorised by the Borough Solicitor)</b>	This report sets out a review of the working arrangements between Boards. There is no statutory requirement for joint working arrangements between the Boards. The paper provides an overview of roles and responsibilities of each Board or Partnership and identifies the way in which they will cooperate to ensure there is effective communication and coordination to achieve statutory responsibilities and achieve the best possible outcomes for the residents of Tameside.
<b>Risk Management :</b>	There are no risks associated with this report.
<b>Access to Information :</b>	The background papers relating to this report can be inspected by contacting Debbie Watson, Head of Health and Wellbeing  Telephone: 0161 342 3358  e-mail: <a href="mailto:Debbie.watson@tameside.gov.uk">Debbie.watson@tameside.gov.uk</a>

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## **1. INTRODUCTION**

- 1.1 In November 2014 a joint working protocol was agreed between the Health and Wellbeing Board (HWB) and Tameside Safeguarding Children's Board (TSCB). This protocol is now due to be reviewed. In response to the Care Act, each local authority has a Safeguarding Adults Board. In Tameside this is the Tameside Adults Safeguarding Partnership Board (TASPB).
- 1.2 This paper sets out proposed working arrangements between the Health and Wellbeing Board, the Tameside Adult Safeguarding Partnership and the Tameside Safeguarding Children Board, proposing that the relationship develops as a protocol towards aligned priorities and joint strategy.
- 1.3 The paper provides an overview of roles and responsibilities of each Board or Partnership and identifies the way in which they will cooperate to ensure there is effective communication and coordination to achieve statutory responsibilities and achieve the best possible outcomes for the residents of Tameside.

## **2. HEALTH AND WELLBEING BOARD**

- 2.1 The Health and Social Care Act 2012 established health and wellbeing boards as a forum where key leaders from the health and care system will work together to improve the health and wellbeing of their local population and reduce health inequalities.
  - The Health and Wellbeing Board will assess the needs of the local population and lead the Joint strategic Needs Assessment.
  - The Health and Wellbeing Board will produce a Joint Health and Wellbeing Strategy.
  - The Health and Wellbeing Board will promote integration and partnership working across a range of sectors (NHS, Clinical Commissioning Groups, Adult Social Care, Housing and Public Health, Children, Young People and Learning, Local Healthwatch).
  - Support strategic joint commissioning where appropriate.
  - Lead on local health improvements and prevention activity.
  - Ensure the patient / public voice is heard and taken into account where relevant.

## **3. TAMESIDE SAFEGUARDING CHILDREN BOARD**

- 3.1 The role of Tameside Safeguarding Children Board is to coordinate, monitor and support what is done by each person or body represented on the Tameside Safeguarding Children Board for the purposes of safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children in the area of the authority. Tameside Safeguarding Children Board should ensure the effectiveness of what is done by each such person or body for that purpose.
- 3.2 Tameside Safeguarding Children Board responsibilities as set out in chapter three of Working Together to Safeguard Children (2015) include:
  - Developing policies and procedures for safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children;
  - Communicating the need to safeguard and promote the welfare of children, raising awareness of good practice and encouraging staff and services to carry out their safeguarding responsibilities to the best of their ability;
  - Monitoring and evaluating the effectiveness of what is done by Board partners individually and collectively to safeguard children;
  - Participating in the planning of services for children in the area;
  - Conducting reviews of serious cases and advising Board partners on the lessons to be learned.
- 3.3 Tameside Safeguarding Children Board will, through its performance management, auditing and case review activity, identify areas for improvement. It will challenge and support

partners agencies to improve their individual and collective service delivery in relation to safeguarding and help to inform service planning based on identified need.

#### **4. TAMESIDE ADULT SAFEGUARDING PARTNERSHIP BOARD**

4.1 The Tameside Adult Safeguarding Partnership Board is a statutory board which works to ensure effective safeguarding arrangements are in place in the commissioning and provision of services to adults at risk by individual agencies and ensures effective interagency working. The Board is responsible for driving developments on adult safeguarding across Tameside.

4.2 The Safeguarding duties apply to an adult who is over 18 and:

- has needs for care and support (whether or not the local authority is meeting any of those needs and;
- is experiencing or at risk of abuse or neglect and;
- as a result of those care and support needs is unable to protect themselves from either the risk or the experience of the abuse or neglect.

#### **5. KEY STRATEGIES/PLANS OF EACH BOARD**

5.1 Each of the Boards described above produce a range of plans and strategies as described below.

Health and Wellbeing Board	Tameside Adult Safeguarding Partnership Board	Tameside Safeguarding Children Board
Joint Strategic Needs Assessment – Annual Review	Safeguarding Adults Strategy	TSCB Strategy & Business Plan
Joint Health and Wellbeing Strategy/ Commissioning for Reform Strategy	TASPB Annual Report	TSCB Improvement Plan
Tameside & Glossop Locality Plan		TSCB Annual Report

5.2 The distinctive roles of the Health and Wellbeing Board, the Tameside Safeguarding Children Board, the Tameside Adult Safeguarding Partnership Board are clearly defined. By working together, each Board / Partnership can make a unique yet complimentary contribution to the others.

#### **6. THE NEED FOR EFFECTIVE COMMUNICATION AND ENGAGEMENT BETWEEN THE BOARDS**

6.1 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. This will 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 Tameside are safe and their wellbeing is protected. The two Safeguarding Boards have a responsibility to scrutinise and challenge these arrangements with the Chairs of the Boards Advisory members of the Health and Wellbeing Board.

6.2 The Commissioning for Reform Strategy is a key commissioning strategy for the delivery of services to children and adults across Tameside and Glossop and so it is critical that in drawing up, delivering and evaluating the strategy there is effective interchange between

the Health and Wellbeing Board and the two Safeguarding Boards. The Health and Wellbeing Board priorities for 2017/18 relate to tackling the wider determinants of health – improving mental health and wellbeing, strengthening communities through asset based approaches, health and housing and improving health to support people into good work.

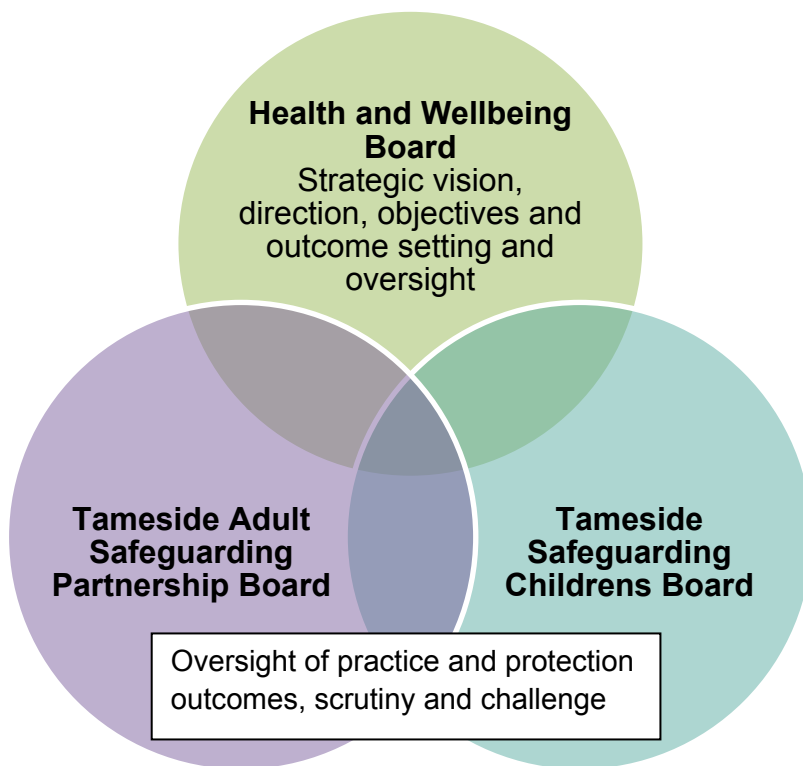
- 6.3 The Tameside Safeguarding Children Board Strategic Priorities for 2015-18 are Domestic Abuse, Child Sexual Exploitation, Early Help, Neglect and Self-Harm.
- 6.4 The Tameside Adult Safeguarding Partnership Board priorities for 2016-19 are to:
- Continue to Raise awareness of Safeguarding Adults Agenda;
  - Review Tameside Adult Safeguarding Partnership Board reporting of safeguarding adult activity and data sets;
  - Strengthen Partnership working with the Housing Sector and a particular focus will be to develop partnership working with Private Registered Landlords in Tameside;
  - Develop the Making Safeguarding Personal Agenda;
  - Develop the Prevention Agenda
  - To strengthen partnership working and consider crossover agendas with the Tameside Safeguarding Children Board.
- 6.5 There is lots of scope for joint work between the Health and Well Being Board, Tameside Safeguarding Children Board and the Tameside Adult Safeguarding Partnership Board for example in relation to work on the Sexual Health/ Sexual Exploitation, Mental Health, domestic abuse and in relation to addressing poverty. The Board is asked to discuss one or two joint areas where all three Boards can work together to improve outcomes for people in Tameside.

## **7. PROPOSED WORKING ARRANGEMENTS**

- A joint Safeguarding Strategy/action plan will be developed for 2017/18 with leads from each Board working together on agreed joint priorities.
- Where new plans are being developed, or reviewed each of the above Boards / Partnerships will ensure that there is a mechanism to consult with the other Board / Partnerships to seek their views. This is important to ensure multi-agency support for priorities and actions.
- All Boards / Partnerships will contribute to the development of the Joint Strategic Needs Assessment as relevant to ensure the information remains up to date and reflective of the needs of the residents of Tameside.
- The Health and Wellbeing Board will lead the development of the Health and Wellbeing Strategy through the implementation of the Commissioning for Reform Strategy. The Strategy will be shared with the other Boards / Partnerships to ensure consistent awareness and support on relevant priorities and actions.
- The Tameside Safeguarding Children Board is required to complete an annual report and will present the report to the Health and Wellbeing Board and the Tameside Adult Safeguarding Partnership Board. This will enable effective sharing of good practice, and to identify any safeguarding issues that require attention from one of the Boards / Partnerships. If recommendations are made regarding a specific Board / Partnership a response to those recommendations from the relevant Board will be expected.
- The Tameside Safeguarding Children Board will produce a Business Plan and will share the key priorities with the other Boards / Partnerships.
- The Tameside Adult Safeguarding Partnership Board will produce an annual report and will share this with the other Boards / Partnerships. If recommendations are made regarding a specific Board / Partnership a response to those recommendations from the relevant Board will be expected.
- Members of all Boards / Partnerships will ensure messages and information about keeping adults and children safe are disseminated within partner organisations.
- Ensuring that there is cross-Board representation to secure on-going communication.

- Cross Board scrutiny and challenge and “holding to account”: the Health and Wellbeing Board for embedding safeguarding, and the Safeguarding Boards for overall performance and contribution to the Health and Wellbeing Strategy/ Commissioning for Reform Strategy.
- In October / November 2017 the three Boards will meet in a Board to Board to Board development session. The members of the three Boards shall take responsibility to ensure safeguarding action taken by one body does not duplicate that taken by another.
- Ensuring safeguarding is “everyone’s business” will be reflected in the public health agenda and related health and social care commissioning strategies.

7.1 This proposed working arrangements will be reviewed annually to ensure it remains up to date with changing policy and legislation. The diagram below is intended to summarise the relationships set out in this proposal.



## 8. RECOMMENDATIONS

8.1 As set out on the front sheet of this report.