



MINUTES

Meeting Ref:	Warwickshire Safeguarding Children Partnership Meeting
Date:	Tuesday 17 th June 2025
Time:	10:00 – 12:30
Venue:	Shire Hall

Present:	Initials
Nigel Minns – Executive Director for Children and Young People, WCC (Chair)	NM
John Coleman – Director of Children and Families, WCC	JC
Daniel Atkins – Head of Quality & Impact, C&F, WCC	DA
George Shipman – Head of Children's Pathfinder, C&F, WCC	GS
Jackie Channell – Associate Chief Nurse for Safeguarding, ICB	JCh
Charlotte Naughton – Head of Public Protection, Warwickshire Police	CN
Hannah Goult – Detective Inspector, Warwickshire Police	HG
Kate Skyrme – Detective Sergeant, Warwickshire Police	KS
Katie Beaty – Lead Child Protection Practitioner, C&F, WCC	KB
Carl Lewis – Service Manager for Education Safeguarding, WCC	CL
Derek Benson – Independent Scrutineer, WSCP	DB
Ramandeep Sandhu – Service Manager for WSCP, WCC	RS
Holly Reed – Quality, Learning & Improvement Officer for WSCP, WCC	HR
Caroline Cooke - Quality, Learning & Improvement Officer for WSCP, WCC	CC
Jasmine Nahal – Business Development Officer for WSCP, WCC	JN
Moiria Bishop – Head of Safeguarding, SWFT	MB
Vicky Woodfield – Head of Service for Safeguarding Communities, WCC	VW
Maxine Nicholls – Head of Safeguarding, CWPT	MN
Natalie Asser – Head of Safeguarding, George Eliot Hospital	NA
Craig Dicken – Equality & Safeguarding Lead, Nuneaton & Bedworth DC	CD
Martin Cowan – Housing Options Manager, Stratford DC	MC
Uju Okereke – Consultant in Public Health, ICB	UO
Jatinder S Birdi – Chair of Warwick District Faiths Forum	JB
Mary Lewis – Children's Services Manager, Barnardos	ML
Kate Watson – Lead Nurse Health Coordinator, ICB	KW
Marie Darwen – Policy and Partnerships Officer, Warwickshire Police	MD
Nick Coleman – Strategy Manager for Community Safety, WCC	NC
Ben Hudson – Serious Violence Prevention Officer, WCC	BH
Tracy Southam - Area Manager, Warwickshire Community & Voluntary Action	TS
Karen Cornick - Service Manager, Compass School Nursing	KC
Isabel Main – Clinical Operations Manager, Compass School Nursing	IM
Anne Hume – Senior Solicitor & Team Manager, C&YP Legal Services, WCC	AH
Lisa Pratley – Lead Professional for Safeguarding, UHCW	LP
Andy Wade – Head of Probation Service, Probation Service	AW

Rebecca Ryland – Senior Service Manager, Cafcass Lisa Colling – Safeguarding & Strategy Manager, Willow Tree SARC Johnny Kyriacou – Director of Education, Education Services, WCC	RR LC JK
Apologies:	
Cllr George Finch – Portfolio Holder for C&F, WCC Debbie Savage – Sexual Assault & Abuse Strategy Coordinator, Coventry City Council Kirsten Lord – Service Manager, Change Grow Live Moreno Francioso – Prevention Manager, Warwickshire Fire and Rescue	

Item	Discussion	Action Required (if any)	Owner
1.	Arrival and networking: Attendees networked over refreshments.		
2.	Welcome and apologies: NM welcomed everyone to the meeting.		
3.	Minutes of the previous meeting: The minutes from the previous Partnership meeting were reviewed. Attendees confirmed that the document accurately reflected the discussions and decisions made. No amendments were requested, and the minutes were formally approved.		
4.	NHS England Reforms: JCh delivered an overview of the ongoing NHS England reforms, with a particular focus on the implications for safeguarding partnerships under the updated <i>Working Together 2025/26</i> guidance. Key points included: • Structural changes within NHS England and how these may affect local safeguarding arrangements. • The anticipated shift in commissioning responsibilities and its potential impact on service delivery.		
5.	Revised Escalation Policy:		

	Jch presented the revised Escalation Policy, highlighting priority 2: ‘strengthen multi-agency challenge and escalation in line with WSCP priority on Making the System Work.’ Partners shared their feedback on the updated policy. It was noted that a two-week window should be sufficient to address escalations. Partners endorsed the revised policy for implementation.		
6.	Quality Assurance Framework: DB presented an overview of the updated Quality Assurance (QA) Framework, with a particular emphasis on Priority 2, which focuses on fostering a culture of continuous learning and improvement across the Partnership. The aim is to embed a robust and consistent QA approach that enables partners to reflect on practice, identify areas for development, and share learning in a structured and meaningful way. Following the presentation, partners were invited to share their feedback. The discussion was constructive, with several partners expressing support for the framework’s clarity and its potential to strengthen multi-agency safeguarding practice. Suggestions included: • Ensuring the framework is adaptable to different organisational contexts. • Building in opportunities for frontline practitioner involvement. • Clarifying how learning will be tracked and revisited over time. After discussion, the Partnership formally endorsed the QA Framework for implementation, recognising it as a key tool for driving improvement and accountability across the safeguarding system.		
7.	Partnership Data Set:		

	DB and JK provided an overview of the Partnership Data Set, highlighting priorities 1, 2 and 3: ‘to enable data-informed decision-making and monitoring of safeguarding areas of need.’ Following a short break to review the data set, partners shared their feedback. The difficulties in obtaining comprehensive health data were noted. Partners endorsed the proposed data set. Following the presentation, attendees were given a short break to review the data set in detail. This allowed partners to reflect on the proposed indicators, data sources, and reporting mechanisms. During the feedback session, partners shared constructive insights, including: • Appreciation for the clarity and ambition of the data set. • Recognition of the potential for the data set to drive more targeted interventions. • Concerns around the ongoing challenge of accessing comprehensive health data, particularly from NHS systems, which was noted as a barrier to achieving a fully integrated view of safeguarding across agencies. Despite these challenges, the Partnership formally endorsed the proposed data set, acknowledging its value as a foundational tool for improving safeguarding outcomes and enhancing collective oversight.		
8.	Practitioner Spotlight: As part of a new initiative to bring frontline perspectives into strategic discussions, KB, HG, and KS led the first Practitioner Spotlight session. They shared valuable learning and insights from their work within the Multi-Agency Child Protection Team (MACPT) and Warwickshire Police, highlighting real-		

	world challenges, successes, and opportunities for improvement in safeguarding practice. Key themes included: • The importance of multi-agency collaboration in responding to complex safeguarding cases. • Reflections on casework trends, including emerging risks and patterns observed in local communities. • Examples of effective interventions and how frontline experience can inform strategic priorities. The session was well-received, with partners expressing appreciation for the opportunity to hear directly from practitioners and recognising the value of embedding these voices into future Partnership meetings. Additionally, it was announced that KS has received a promotion, marking a significant career milestone. Considering this change: • Simon Osbourne will assume responsibilities for safeguarding operations in the North and East of the county. • Simon Cleary will take on the role for the South, ensuring continuity and leadership across all areas. The Partnership extended congratulations to KS and welcomed both Simon Osbourne and Simon Cleary into their new roles.		
9.	Close.		

Next meeting: Tuesday 23rd September 2025, 10:00 – 12:30, Shire Hall