

Gloucestershire Safeguarding Children Partnership



Business Plan 2021 / 2022

Gloucestershire Safeguarding Children Partnership (GSCP).

[Working Together To Safeguard Children 2018](#) is the foundation for the collective approach to safeguard children and young people in Gloucestershire. It places a ‘shared and equal duty’ on NHS Gloucestershire Clinical Commissioning Group, Gloucestershire Constabulary and Gloucestershire County Council for local child safeguarding arrangements. Those responsibilities are articulated through the partnerships ‘[Published Arrangements](#)’ under the banner of the “Gloucestershire Safeguarding Children Partnership”.

During 2021/22 the GSCP acknowledges the need for a sustained focus on practice and front-line service delivery, addressing the findings and recommendations from Safeguarding Practice Reviews and Multi Agency Audit.

The partnership is committed to the following priorities in their business plan for 2021 – 2022, which will be subject to scrutiny and monitoring via the Independent Scrutineer.

#	Strategic Driver	Title	Action	Priority	Who	Further Actions Identified
001	Working Together 2018 Arrangements for the safeguarding partners to work together to identify and respond to the needs of children in the area	GSCP Resolution Group	Ongoing commitment for the GSCP Resolution Group to manage and oversee Escalation and complex cases for a small number of situations where improved outcomes for children and young people are not being achieved and risks are increasing.	Medium	Gloucestershire CCG, Gloucestershire County Council, Gloucestershire Constabulary	Consider partnership strategies to address issues presented by Children Placed by OLA’s in Gloucestershire
002	Multi Agency Audit Activity 2020/2021 Identifying a need to focus on MASH contact and activity.	Multi Agency Safeguarding Hub	Expand the safeguarding structure to include a MASH Subgroup to oversee activity through the MASH reporting to the Executive on Exceptions	High	GSCP – Management Group Chair Gloucestershire County Council	Changes to the GSCP Published Arrangements to include the MASH Subgroup

003	Following up on the findings of Multi Agency Audits undertaken in 2020 and early 2021 highlighting poor use of partnership process, toolkits or protocols to improve quality on contact with MASH		Maintain a continued focus on measuring the partnerships application of thresholds and addressing the findings of the Contacts To MASH Audit Commenced March 2021	Medium	MASH Subgroup Chair : Gloucestershire County Council	To do this the Subgroup will lead a focus for multi-agency auditing in 2021/2022 on activity through the MASH with the aim to improve the quality of contacts to MASH from across the partnership
004	Working Together 2018 how the safeguarding partners will use data and intelligence to assess the effectiveness of its activity	Data Exceptions and Information Sharing	Develop further data reporting and analysis process through Sub-Group Level Scorecards with a focused exceptions reporting to the Executive via the Management Group.	High	GSCP – Management Group Chair Gloucestershire County Council	Ongoing consideration of the barriers to Information sharing at a case and corporate level
005	Working Together 2018 Arrangements for embedding learning across agencies- LCSPR Thematic CSE Review Published February 2021	Implementation of Key Partnership Strategies	Land the recommendations from the CSE Thematic Review embedding and delivering on implementing the 'Child Outside the Home Strategy'	High	Child Exploitation and Missing Subgroup Chair: Gloucestershire Constabulary	Ongoing Independent Scrutiny with regards to the implementation of the strategy across the partnership and its impact on keeping children safe
006	Working Together 2018. How interagency training will be commissioned, delivered and monitored. And Section 11 duties to improve practitioner competence and confidence in safeguarding duties	Develop and Stabilise Multi Agency Training	Monitor and measure improved cross agency practitioner access to multi agency training across the partnership and the impact of Multi Agency Training on safeguarding outcomes for children	Medium	QiiP Subgroup Chair: Gloucestershire Clinical Commissioning Group	Implement a Multi-Agency QA Reference Group overseeing QA of both Multi and Single Agency Training utilising a learning Hub methodology