

Croydon Safeguarding Children Partnership Annual Report 2019/20 Presentation to CYP Scrutiny Panel - November 2020



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Independent Chair/Scrutineer Comments (1)

- First Annual Report of Safeguarding Partnership
- Reflects richness of multi-agency work and identifies challenges
- Evaluates effectiveness against 'six standards'
- Ofsted positive about CSCP
 - 'effectiveness of partnership engagement'
 - 'reinvigorated'
 - important role of Vulnerable Adolescents Review
- Executive Group providing leadership – weekly meetings during Covid 19 lockdown
- Three priorities have provided valuable focus

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Independent Chair/Scrutineer Comments (2)

- Broader partnership engagement is good
- Independent Chair/Scrutineer has supported continuity in transition from 'old' LSCB to Croydon Safeguarding Children Partnership
- Independent Chair/Scrutineer has been constructive critical friend
- Now CSCP is established – important to think about next stage in development of independent scrutiny arrangements
- Opportunity to use independent scrutiny to provide greater insight and added value
- Area identified for independent scrutiny in 2021 includes exploration of relationship between Ethnicity, Culture and Faith and the local safeguarding system

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Introduction

- This is the first report under the new arrangements as a Safeguarding Partnership and reflects activity since commencing in September 2019

Annual Report:

Part 1

- The Partnership structure, functions and budget.
- Outline of achievements under the six Safeguarding Standards

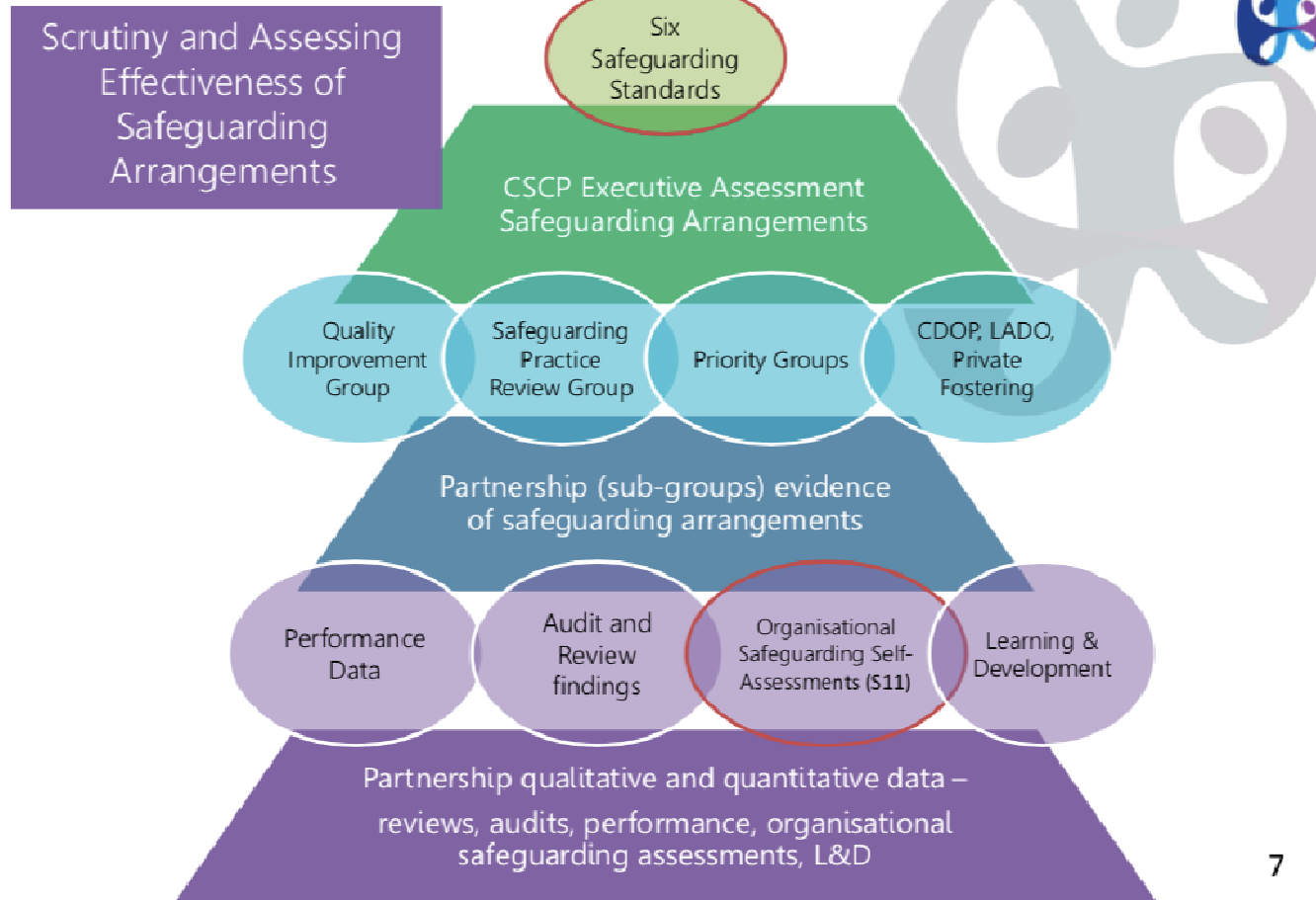
Part 2

- Effectiveness of partnership safeguarding work

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Progress in 2019/20

- New Safeguarding Partnership launched and steered through the three safeguarding partners Executive Group.
- Three 'issues based' partnership meetings
- Ofsted Inspection of Local Authority Children's Services- GOOD
- Covid19- Multi-agency safeguarding activity steered via the Executive Group.
- Commitment through the Partnership to addressing Black Lives Matter issues of inequality and discrimination.
- Significant achievement of change through the priority groups.

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Priority Groups:

Neglect:

- Widespread understanding of the NSPCC Graded Care Profile² in identifying and supporting families.

Children with Disabilities:

- Implementation of the SEND Strategy improving the understanding and approach to safeguarding for this highly vulnerable group of children.

Vulnerable Adolescent Group:

- Joined up approach with community organisations, schools, health and Police to understand and reduce vulnerabilities in adolescence.
- Trauma informed approach
- Complex Adolescent Panel
- Missing Children

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Six Safeguarding Standards

1)Strategic Planning & Implementation

Child Deaths; Young Londoners bid; Safeguarding Practice Reviews; Budget; Covid19

2)Wider partners actively engaged

Partnership meetings; Black Lives Matter;

3)Children & families aware of and involved with safeguarding plans

Use of technology during Lockdown; Increased attendance at CP conferences.

4)Quality Assurance Procedures are in place

Multi-agency scrutiny of data; Audit activity; Practice week; supervision standards

5)Learning from Local and national reviews

On line Learning Summaries , Rapid Reviews, Practitioner events

6)Multi-agency training

e-learning courses (2,209 completed)

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Future Challenges

- Covid19- visibility of children, impact on staffing, Domestic Abuse, Mental Health & Wellbeing
- Budgets- Impact on local and national resources in an uncertain economic period.
- Meeting the welfare needs of Unaccompanied Asylum Seeking Children.
- Development of external scrutiny to the Safeguarding Partnership