

**Telford & Wrekin Safeguarding Partnership**

**Strategic Plan 2021 - 2024 *“Keeping people safe in Telford and Wrekin”***

**The Role of the TWSP**

* Put the person who has been harmed or at risk at the centre of everything that we do and listen to their views about what we can do to improve the safety of people;
* Hold members to account – are we/they doing enough to keep people safe;
* Collect and share information about how well we are keeping people safe and what more we could do;
* Make sure our workers and volunteers get the training they need to provide safe services and share concerns if they think a person is being hurt or abused;
* Review our policies and guidance to make sure we are constantly improving; and
* Raise awareness of safeguarding issues and what to do.

**Principles and Values of the TWSP**

***Empowerment*** *-* presumption of person led decisions and informed consent;

***Prevention*** *-* it’s better to take action before harm occurs;

***Proportionality*** *-* proportionate and least intrusive response appropriate to the risk presented;

***Protection*** *-* support and representation for those in greatest need;

***Partnership*** *-* local solutions through services working with their communities. Communities have a part to play in preventing, detecting and reporting abuse and neglect; and

***Accountability****-* accountability and transparency in delivering safeguarding.

**Who are the Relevant Agencies that are part of the Safeguarding Partnership?**

Shropshire Community Health NHS Trust CAFCASS

Shrewsbury and Telford NHS Hospital Trust West Mercia Youth Justice Team

Midlands Partnership NHS Foundation Trust Chief Officer Group

Education Representatives West Mercia National Probation Service

Partners In Care Healthwatch

Telford College Probation

Care Quality Commission West Midlands Ambulance Service

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**TWSP Structure**

***TWSP: Independent Chair: Statutory Safeguarding Partners and Relevant Agencies***

***TWSP Executive: Independent Chair, Statutory Partners***

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| **Safeguarding Boards**  | **Statutory Review Panels** | **Sub Groups** |
| Safeguarding Adults Board  | Safeguarding Adults Review Panel | Domestic Abuse Local Partnership Board |
|  |  | Adult Review, Learning and Training Sub Group |
| Safeguarding Children Board | Child Safeguarding Practice Review Panel | Child Exploitation (to include receiving updates from the Sexual Abuse in Education Working Group) |
|  |  | Quality Performance and Development\* (Children) |
|  |  | Neglect |

 *(\*Child Death Overview Panel reports to QPD)*

These arrangements are under a continuous review to meet the needs of statutory and local requirements.

**Who are the Statutory Safeguarding Partners?**

We are Telford & Wrekin Council, NHS Shropshire, Shropshire, Telford and Wrekin Integrated Care Board and West Mercia Police.

**Statutory Responsibilities of TWSP**

* To work together to ensure effective and coordinated services to keep people safe in the Borough;
* Completing Safeguarding Adult Reviews and Child Safeguarding Practice Reviews when adults or children die or are seriously injured as a result of abuse/neglect;
* Publish a Strategic Plan – what we will achieve; and
* Publish an Annual Report – detailing what we have done to keep people safe.



**What we will do during 2021 - 2024**

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| **TWSP Strategic Priorities** | **Why?** | **How we will achieve it** | **Progress (last updated 17.10.23)** |
| 1. Sharing and Engaging with the Telford and Wrekin Community
 | To actively engage people, raise awareness about safeguarding and to inspire people to take action to prevent abuse and neglect | * Update the TWSP Communication, Engagement and Inclusion Strategy for the Boards
* Continue to develop the TWSP website as a resource for partners, practitioners and the public
* Continue to engage with partners and the public to gain lived experience insight into changes to systems, processes and approaches which would benefit residents
 | * Completed and uploaded to the TWSP website. Ongoing with regular updates and resources available including 7 minute briefings, recorded seminars and key policies and procedures.
* Ongoing work with the Dandelion group, Holly Project, Making Safeguarding Personal user group and Making It Real Board reps.
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| 1. Implementing Learning from Reviews
 | To share learning across the partnership following Rapid Reviews, Local Safeguarding Practice Reviews, National Safeguarding Practice Reviews and Safeguarding Adult Reviews | * Learning briefings published and shared with partners following each review
* Identifying common themes and issues across reviews including Safeguarding Adult Reviews, Child Safeguarding Practice Reviews and Domestic Homicide Reviews
 | * Ongoing as reviews are completed and learning is identified. This forms the basis of our 7 minute briefing collection and themed learning sessions
* Ongoing – with recent joint seminars, 7 minute briefings which have been highlighted through the use of the thematic reviews spreadsheet and conferences taking place on specific safeguarding themes
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| 1. Further develop policies and procedures
 | To allow partners to adapt to emerging concerns and collaborate to develop solutions | * Continue to review current local multi-agency procedures to ensure they are fit for purpose
* Work with safeguarding partnerships across the region to develop regional safeguarding procedures where appropriate.
* Implement an online audit platform for safeguarding audits
* Establish the Early Help Partnership
 | * Ongoing work stream with rolling review dates. Multi-agency procedures being created for Neglect strategy and threshold guidance has now been completed.
* Ongoing via involvement in various regional groups to review and enhance policies and develop additional learning materials
* Completed with audit undertaken for 2023
* Completed
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| 1. Ensure appropriate single agency and multi-agency quality assurance processes are in place – “*So what outcomes*”
 | To enable the Boards to challenge organisations about how they keep people safe and prevent harm/abuse/neglect.  | * Enhance the role of the TWSP Independent Chair
* Implement a programme of multi-agency case file audits
* Implement a multi-agency performance dashboard to monitor progress against our objectives
 | * Ongoing via regional work with other Chairs through regular regional meetings
* Ongoing programme of audits taking place throughout the year across adults and children’s work streams
* Enhanced data dashboards in place for all Boards (Children’s, Adults, Community Safety Partnership and Domestic Abuse Local Partnership Board)
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| 1. Effective training
 | To support practitioners to develop their practice in line with changes in legislation and learning from reviews and audits.  | * Review the TWSP Training Policy
* Continue to develop the training offer for partners Provide a range on on-line and face to face training opportunities that meets statutory requirements and identified training needs
 | * Completed and new policy in place
* This is shaped by themes and data highlighted in sub groups and continues throughout the year. Ongoing training courses available with adults and children’s material refresh taking place.
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| 1. Sexual Abuse in Schools and Colleges
 | To reduce sexual abuse taking place in school and education settings though tackling current cultures and behaviours | * Harmful Sexual Behaviour audit to be undertaken in collaboration with the NSPCC in Spring 2023
 | * Completed with results presented to Safeguarding Children Board and additional training seminar for all partners to take place in December 2023.
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For further information on all aspects of the work of the TWSP please access [www.telfordsafeguardingpartnership.org.uk/site/index.php](http://www.telfordsafeguardingpartnership.org.uk/site/index.php)