



Safeguarding Adults Board



Inter-Partnership Joint Working Protocol

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Safeguarding Children Board

Safer Barnsley Partnership

Stronger Communities Partnership

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1) Introduction

This protocol sets out the expectations of the relationship and working arrangements between the Safeguarding Adults Board (SAB), Safeguarding Children's Board (SCS), Safer Barnsley Partnership (SBP) and the Stronger Communities Partnership (SCP).

This protocol sets out the principles underpinning how the strategic partnerships work within their defined remits, the interface between the partnerships and the practical means for effective coordination and collaboration in pursuit of inter-related priorities and how this will be sustained.

2) Principles

This protocol does not seek to dilute the discreet responsibilities of each of the Partnerships. Its purpose is to ensure that the following jointly adopted principles underpin the collaborative approach of the Partnerships in order to ensure the best possible outcomes for individuals, families and communities:

- **Collectively, the Partnerships will understand the purpose and remit of each strategic partnership**
- **The Partnerships will know and understand each other's priorities and those which are shared**
- **A culture of scrutiny and challenge with exists across all Partnerships**
- **The Partnerships will work together to avoid duplication and ensure consistency**
- **Central to their decision making, the Partnerships will remain focussed on ensuring the best possible outcomes for individuals, families and communities.**
- **The Partnerships will ensure priorities are informed through agreed strategic planning approaches including data analysis and engagement with stakeholders and that where appropriate; this is shared across the strategic Partnerships.**

3) Partnership Functions & Responsibilities

Barnsley Safeguarding Adults Board

The Safeguarding Adults Board is a statutory Board which oversees and leads adult safeguarding and is made up of nominated lead officers from key organisations which includes those that have statutory responsibilities in promoting the welfare of adults and protecting adults whose independence is placed at risk by abuse & neglect. The role of the Safeguarding Adults Board is to maintain and develop inter-agency frameworks to safeguard adults within Barnsley, and to co-ordinate what is done by each person or body represented on the Board in relation to the safeguarding of adults.

The Care Act 2014 states that Safeguarding Adults Boards by statute must:

- Produce a strategic plan based on the six guiding principles of the Care Act: empowerment; prevention; proportionality; protection; partnership and accountability (Barnsley Safeguarding Adults Strategic Plan 2017-18);
- Produce an annual summary of progress achieved against the strategic plan;
- Undertake Safeguarding Adults Reviews when adults die or are seriously injured as a result of abuse/neglect.

Barnsley Safeguarding Children's Board

Safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children requires effective co-ordination. For this reason the Children Act 2004 requires each Local Authority to establish a Local Safeguarding Children Board (LSCB). Section 10 of this Act places a duty to cooperate to improve the wellbeing of children and young people on the Local Authority and its Board Partners

The Children Act 2004 (Section 14) states that Safeguarding Children's Boards by statute must:

- Coordinate what is done by each person or body represented on the Board for the purpose of safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children in the area;
- Ensure the effectiveness of what is done by each such person or body for the purposes of safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children.

Safer Barnsley Partnership

The Safer Barnsley Partnership is the statutory Community Safety Partnership for Barnsley established under the Crime and Disorder Act 1998. The partnership brings together a number of responsible authorities including the Council, South Yorkshire Police, Health, South Yorkshire Fire and Rescue, National Probation Trust and the Community Rehabilitation Company to work in collaboration with other statutory/voluntary services and local people to deliver a shared community safety vision, series of priorities and outcomes to ensure Barnsley is and continues to be a safe place to live, work and visit.

The partnership has the following statutory duties & functions:

- Prepare an annual joint strategic assessment of crime, disorder, substance misuse and reoffending;
- Consult the community on the levels and patterns of crime, disorder, substance misuse and reoffending and on matters that need to be prioritised by the partnership.
- Prepare a Partnership Plan to combat crime and disorder, substance misuse and reoffending (Safer Barnsley Partnership Plan 2017-2020)
- Prepare an information sharing protocol; and,
- Coordinate Domestic Homicide Reviews.

Stronger Communities Partnership

The Stronger Communities Partnership is a non-statutory multi-agency partnership which brings together statutory, voluntary, community and the independent sector alongside local people to provide system-wide leadership to the community and early help offer. It focuses on transforming the ways in which services from across the borough interacts with individuals, families and communities – making more effective use of assets within communities. The Stronger Communities Partnership acts as the executive body to govern the implementation of Barnsley's All Age Early Help Strategy (2017-2020) which sets out the strategic vision and priorities for Early Help.

4) Inter-Partnership Collaboration & Co-ordination

All key strategic plans referenced in Section 3 whether formulated by individual agencies or co-produced by Partnerships, have a collective aim to improve the health and wellbeing and effectively safeguard individuals, families and communities across Barnsley. Each Partnership / Board have defined priorities as set out in their respective strategies, however in order to ensure effective collaboration and co-ordination, adjacencies and opportunities to collaborate have been mapped and are outlined at Appendix 1.

The following table outlines how practically the principles outlined in Section 2 will be put into practice to ensure effective collaboration and coordination across the Safeguarding Adults Board, Safeguarding Children’s Board, Safer Barnsley Partnership and the Stronger Communities Partnership. Note: *This will be further refined following further discussion with the appropriate leads.*


Frequency	Action
Effective Coordination & Communication	
6 monthly	The chairs of all Partnerships will hold a joint chairs meeting to ensure system leadership is effectively embedded into the partnership landscape ensuring opportunities to share priorities, risks; intelligence and learning are actively embraced. These meetings will be scheduled and supported by the Strategic Governance, Partnership & Transformation Manager in Communities.
On-going	The lead officers responsible for the governance of these boards will ensure that appropriate networking takes place to ensure connectivity in terms of agenda setting, manage interdependencies effectively and share learning in relation to emerging policy changes, priorities and risks.
On-going	In addition to the scheduled interface across the Partnerships, it is expected that relevant learning arising from reviews for example is shared; and opportunities for coordinating consultations, communications and engagement are fully maximised. Each Partnership will share respective Partnership Forward Plans which will include scheduled reviews, communication, consultation and engagement activity. These will be shared with each of the four Partnerships in April of each year to ensure that opportunities to collaborate and join approaches are maximised. Any emerging or un-scheduled opportunities will be communicated through the network between lead officers.
On-going	Each Partnership has representation from each of the respective Partnerships named within this protocol. Members from each respective partnership will ensure connectivity across the broader strategic partnership landscape promoting joined up approaches to ensure the delivery of any joint or inter-related priorities. Each Partnership will ensure that their Terms of Reference clearly defines the responsibilities of Partnership members to champion, advocate and make the connections to adjacent strategic partnerships named in this protocol. Each respective Partnership will identify members who are represented on each of the three adjacent strategic Partnerships who will undertake this


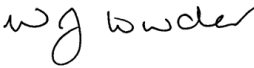


	role. Each Partnership will have a standing item agenda of updates from adjacent strategic Partnerships for link members to verbally feed in any emerging issues/opportunities.
Information Sharing	
On-going	The strategic partnerships will share their refreshed plans to enable appropriate challenge and to ensure effective co-ordination and collaboration across the partnership landscape. Each Partnership may operate to a different strategic planning cycle and therefore the Chairs of the Partnerships must ensure this is factored into respective forward plans.
Annually	The Safer Barnsley Partnership produces the Joint Strategic Intelligence Assessment on an annual basis which informs the formulation of the Safer Barnsley Partnership priorities. The key high level findings of the assessment will be shared with the Safeguarding Boards and the Stronger Communities Partnership in order to ensure that this intelligence base can be used alongside the Joint Strategic Needs Assessment to inform the priorities as relevant across the strategic partnership landscape.
6 monthly	Where joint priorities are agreed, the lead Partnership will present a bi-annual progress update to the supporting Partnership(s) to ensure that all relevant parties understand the progress made, any emerging risks and challenges and where value can be added by the supporting Partnership(s).

5) Review

This protocol will be reviewed annually or sooner where national guidance or legislative changes is introduced affecting any of the respective Partnerships. The protocol will be reviewed by the joint Chairs meeting and will be circulated to each respective partnership for review prior to sign-off.

6) Signatories

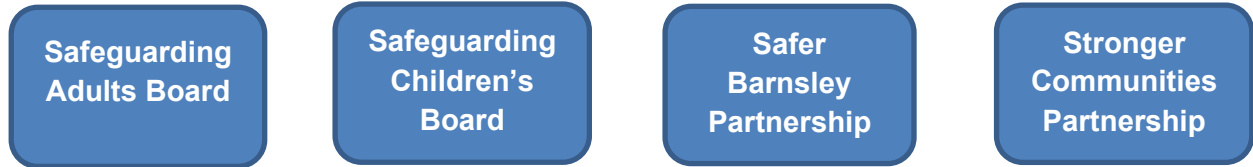
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Bob Dyson	Independent Chair, Safeguarding Children's Board		08/05/18
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Councillor Chris Lamb	Chair, Stronger Communities Partnership		08/05/18

Barnsley Strategic Partnership Priority Matrix

Key

	Lead Partnership
	Contributing Partnership



Strategic Priority				
Preventing Abuse & Neglect				
Safeguarding Adults				
Safeguarding all children at risk transitioning to adults services				
Safeguarding Children				
Child Sexual Exploitation				
Domestic Abuse				
Drug & Alcohol Misuse				
Community Tensions				
Prevent				
Anti-Social Behaviour				
Re-offending				
Violent Crime				
Cybercrime				
Domestic Homicide Reviews				
Early Help Adults				
Early Help Children & Families				
Anti-Poverty				
Modern Slavery				

