



Working Together 2018 and the BDSCB Annual Report

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Introduction



Principles of
Working Together
2018

Project
development
outline

Consultation
and
engagement

Integration
with the
Annual Report

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Key principles and approach

- There must be a shared approach between organisations and agencies to safeguard and promote the welfare of all children in a local area.
- The responsibility for this join-up locally rests with the three safeguarding partners who have a shared and equal duty to make arrangements to work together to safeguard and promote the welfare of all children in a local area.

Strategic Partners

- A *safeguarding partner* in relation to a local authority area in England is defined under the Children Act 2004 (as amended by the Children and Social Work Act, 2017) as:
 - (a) the local authority
 - (b) a clinical commissioning group
 - (c) the chief officer of police

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The 3 Safeguarding Partners should...

- Agree on ways to co-ordinate their safeguarding services;
- Act as a strategic leadership group in supporting and engaging others;
- Implement local and national learning including from serious child safeguarding incidents

...and they must

- Stipulate how they will work together, and with any relevant agencies.
- (Relevant agencies are those organisations and agencies whose involvement the safeguarding partners consider may be required to safeguard and promote the welfare of children with regard to local need.)

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The purpose of these local arrangements is to support and enable local organisations and agencies to work together in a system where:

- children are safeguarded and their welfare promoted
- partner organisations and agencies collaborate, share and co-own the vision for how to achieve improved outcomes for vulnerable children
- organisations and agencies challenge appropriately and hold one another to account effectively
- there is early identification and analysis of new safeguarding issues and emerging threats
- learning is promoted and embedded in a way that local services for children and families can become more reflective and implement changes to practice
- information is shared effectively to facilitate more accurate and timely decision making for children and families

These arrangements should link to other strategic partnership work happening locally, including

- Health and Wellbeing Boards,
- Adult Safeguarding Boards,
- Channel Panels,
- Improvement Boards,
- Community Safety Partnerships,
- Local Family Justice Board and MAPPAs.

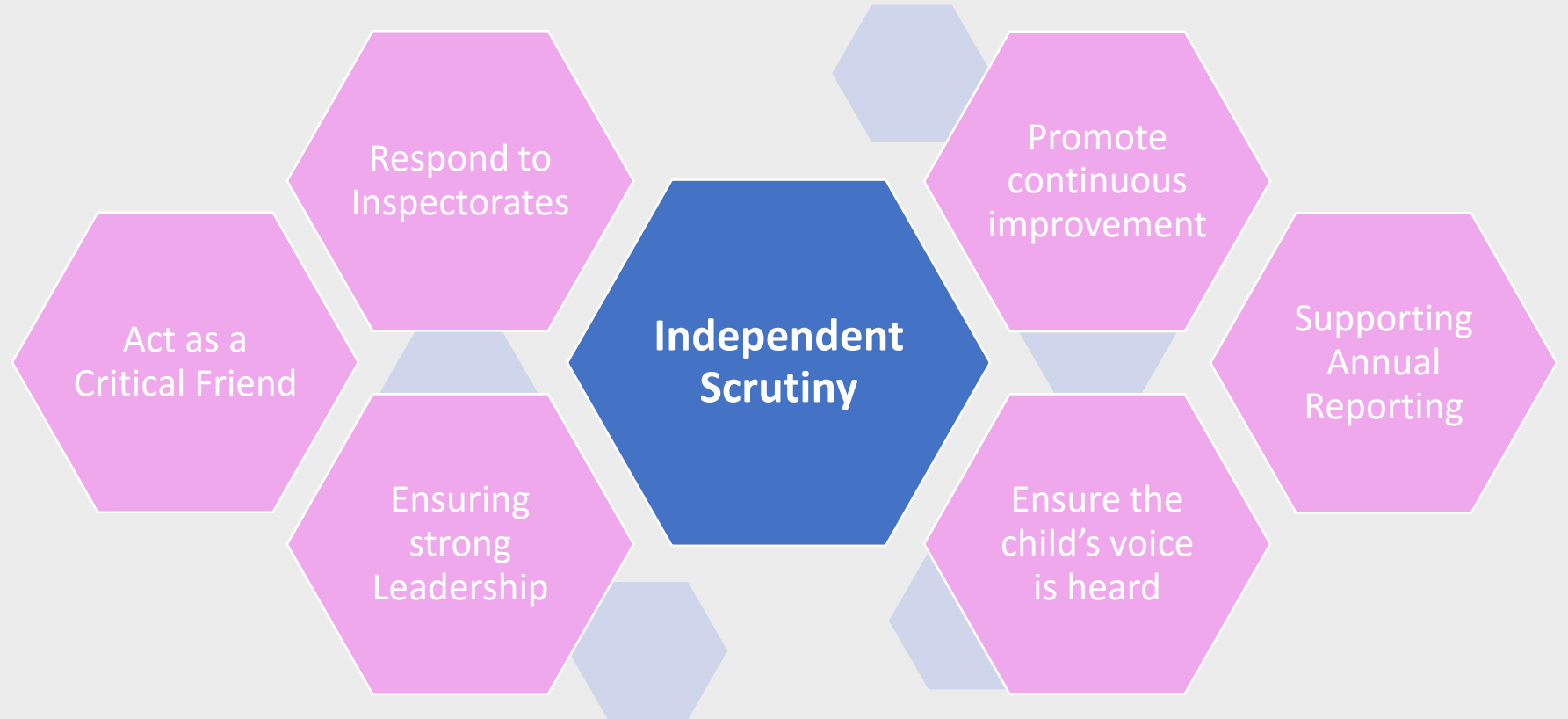
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All arrangements must include setting out how:

- Safeguarding partners will assure themselves that relevant agencies have appropriate, robust safeguarding policies and procedures in place and how information will be shared.
- The arrangements to allow all schools (including multi academy trusts), colleges and other educational providers, in the local area to be fully engaged, involved and included in the new safeguarding arrangements.
- Local safeguarding partners must name schools, colleges and other educational providers as relevant agencies and will reach their own conclusions on how best locally to achieve the active engagement of individual institutions in a meaningful way.

The role of independent scrutiny

To provide assurance of the effectiveness of multi-agency arrangements including those to identify and review SCR cases, as well as:



Summary of the BDSCB approach

- **Short-term, specialist support has been secured to deliver the programme of work**
- **Consultation and engagement outline (left)**

Ongoing work

- **Discussions with Chairs/officers in LBR/LBH/CCG/Police/LSCB Partners**
- **Engagement with pan London Children's Safeguarding (London Councils)**
- **CDOP programme changes for BHRUT footprint arrangements (led by CCG)**



Working Together and the Annual Report

Setting out the Annual Report as an integral part of Working Together plans:

The review of this year

Annual report drawn from reports across the Partnership and demonstrates progress/challenges

The work of the Partnership to respond to case reviews or serious incidents

Training and development programmes

Looking Forward

Integrated priorities from the Strategic Partners

Future developments (e.g. contextual safeguarding)

Achieving improved synergy across Partners and priority actions

The emerging future proof approach to Working Together

- Produce detailed outline of proposed arrangements for submission to the DfE by June 2019
- Implement new arrangements by September 2019

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A different approach to incorporate Working Together 2018, but will include

1. Review of progress made
 2. Learning from SCR's and Practice Learning Reviews
 3. Learning and Development
 4. Performance and Quality Assurance
 5. Budget Position
 6. Our approach to Contextual Safeguarding
 7. Highlights of Single Agency Reports
 8. Strategic Partner Priorities
- AND
1. Future Safeguarding Partnership Arrangements



What is wanted from the HWBB

General comment
on the approach
and programme

Discuss options for more
effective joined up working
and common themes across
the Borough and Partners:

Adult safeguarding

Domestic abuse/Community
safety

HWBB priorities



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