



SAFEGUARDING
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Multi-Agency Safeguarding Arrangements for Children & Young People in Plymouth and Torbay

September 2019



TEN WISHES

What Children and Young People in Plymouth and Torbay want from you...

We want professionals to be easier to contact.

We want professionals to be on time, as they expect us to be.

We want professionals to be properly trained and for us to be involved in the training.

We want professionals to ask us what we need and not to assume.

We want professionals to do what they say they are going to do, to listen and stand up for us.

We want professionals to use words we understand.

We want professionals to reassure us something is being done and tell us how long it will take.

We want professionals to understand when we need to talk to them one-to-one.

We want professionals to ask us 'do you feel safe?'

We want professionals to respect us and how we feel.



Worried about a child?

Call 999 if the child is in real danger now.



If you are worried about a child or young person, or think they are being abused, even if you are unsure please contact Plymouth for a Plymouth child, or Torbay for a Torbay child.

Plymouth Gateway Service

Tel: 01752 668000

Select Option 1

Email:

gateway@plymouth.gov.uk

Torbay Multi-Agency

Safeguarding Hub

Tel: 01803 208100

Email:

MASH@torbay.gov.uk

Vision and Values

All children within Plymouth and Torbay are able to reach their full potential and feel healthy, safe and contented.

Effective support is provided to the most vulnerable and at risk to ensure quality of opportunity in reaching these basic needs.



Background



- Working Together to Safeguard Children 2018 replaces the LSCB's with new safeguarding arrangements led by three statutory safeguarding partners, Local Authority, Police and Clinical Commissioning Groups.
- Safeguarding partners must co-ordinate safeguarding services and act as the strategic leadership group to ensure children are safeguarded and their welfare promoted.

Geographical Area



- WTG permits work across 2 or more local authorities
- Believe that our safeguarding partners can work effectively & efficiently across Plymouth and Torbay
- Deliver new joined up local arrangements.



The Partners



Director of Children's Services



Head of Public Protection/BCU
Command



Chief Nursing Officer/Caldicott Champion

Purpose of new arrangements



- **Children are safeguarded and their welfare promoted;**
- Partner agencies collaborate, share and co-own the vision;
- Organisations and agencies challenge appropriately and hold one another to account;
- There is early identification and analysis of new safeguarding issues;
- 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 accurate and timely decision making

Drivers for the new arrangements



Focus on outcomes for children

Shared strategic governance, knowledge and experience

Trauma Informed & Strength Based

Deliver cost efficiency

Provide consistent reporting and auditing (releasing capacity and sharing resources)

Environment in which multi-agency working can flourish

Flexibility

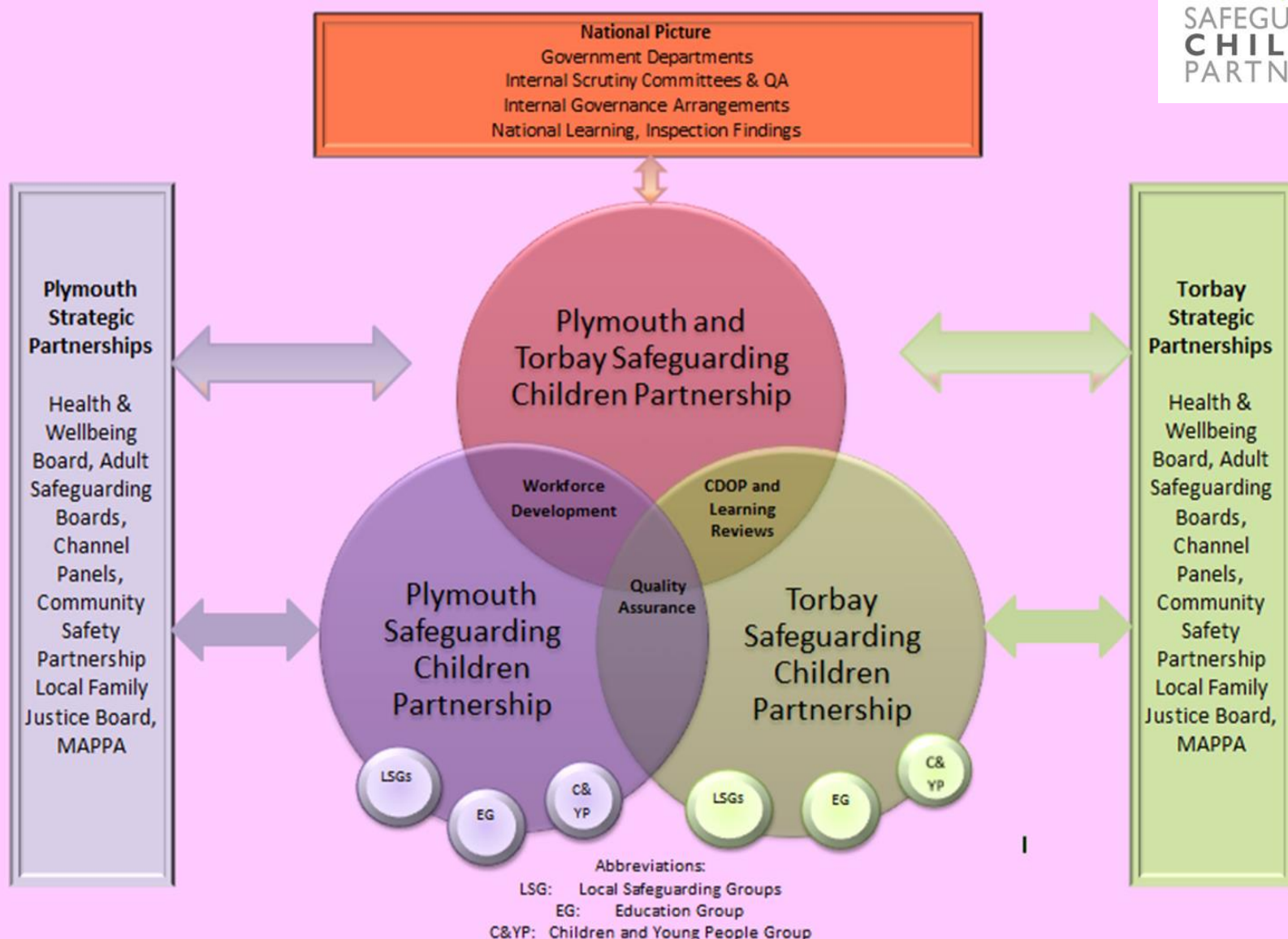
Better understanding of whole system activity

Children & Young People's Voice

Benefits of the new arrangements



Structure



Plymouth and Torbay Safeguarding Children Partnership

- Co-ordinates safeguarding services
- Acts as strategic leadership group to support and engage others across Plymouth and Torbay
- Implement local and national learning from serious child safeguarding incidents
- Hold, monitor, review and action Child Death Overview Panel

Vision

Value

Mission

Objectives

Priorities

Joint Working across Plymouth and Torbay

Quality Assurance

Set & evaluate quality assurance framework

Multi-agency auditing, policies & procedures

Performance data and intelligence

Impact and outcomes

CDOP/Learning Reviews

South West CDOP

Local and National child safeguarding practice reviews

Impact and outcomes

M/A Workforce Development

Commission and deliver

Monitor and evaluate

Deliver recommendations of Joint Boards

Impact and outcomes

The Independent Quality Assurer



- Acts as non-voting strategic critical friend
- Reflect on practice and provide line of sight into lived experience of children and young people
- Scrutiny, challenge and assurance
- Chair Joint Quality Assurance Board and Joint CDOP/Learning Review Group
- Member of PTSCP



Local Safeguarding Partnerships

- Deliver the strategic direction set by the PTSCF
- Engage within and deliver findings of PTSCP Joint Boards
- Support a local dynamic safeguarding response within and across each geographical area
- Create, influence and negotiate local system improvements
- Promote effective working relationships
- Provide local oversight
- Responsive to emerging trends either nationally, regionally or locally

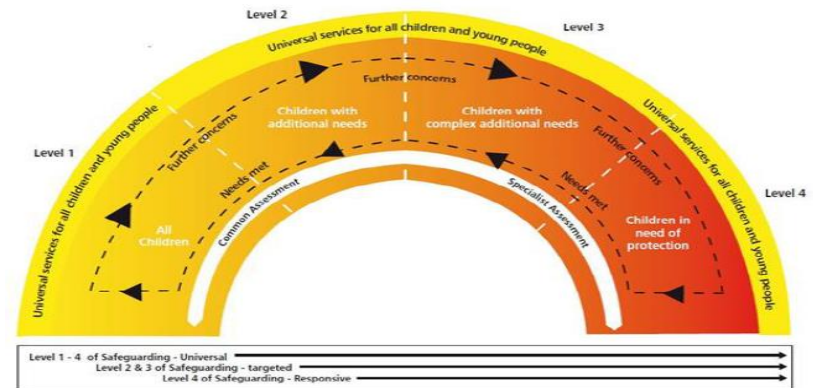
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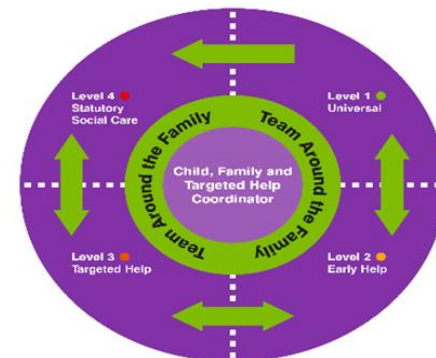
Thresholds

- The PTSCP has adopted and maintained the existing and respective thresholds within Plymouth and Torbay.
- It is the aspiration of the PTSCP to develop a joint online and inactive threshold tool for use across Plymouth and Torbay.
- Work upon such a threshold document will commence following implementation of these new arrangements.

Plymouth thresholds can be located at <http://www.plymouthscb.co.uk/plymouth-assessment-framework/>



Torbay thresholds can be located at <http://www.torbaysafeguarding.org.uk/tookit/>



Multi-Agency Policy & Procedures



- Multi-agency safeguarding policies and procedures are already in place across Plymouth and Torbay via the framework of the South West Child Protection Procedures.
- <https://www.proceduresonline.com/swcpp/>

Escalation & Resolution Procedures



- The existing and respective escalation and resolution policies within Plymouth and Torbay are maintained.
- Plymouth's Professional Escalation and Resolution Policy can be found at:
<http://www.plymouthscb.co.uk/wp-content/uploads/2019/04/2019-04-23-PSCB-Escalation-FINAL.pdf>
- Torbay's Professional Differences (Escalation) Policy can be found at
<http://www.torbaysafeguarding.org.uk/media/1164/professional-differences-escalation-policy-august-2014-v2.pdf>

PTSCP Business Support

- The PTSCP shall be supported by a small Business Unit co-located in Plymouth and Torbay. This Business Unit shall have an integral role in co-ordinating and driving forward the new arrangements and structures.
- It shall support the PTSCP to achieve its visions and values and meet its obligations under Working Together to Safeguard Children, and provide administrative support in the delivery of its strategies, plans and frameworks.
- The Plymouth Team can be contacted at 01752 304177 or pscp@plymouth.gov.uk
- The Torbay team can be contacted at 01803 207176 or tscb@torbay.gov.uk

Multi-Agency Workforce Development



- The PTSCP training offer shall mirror that which was delivered under the respective Plymouth and Torbay LSCB's. New offers will be available from April 2020.
- If you work in Plymouth please contact the Plymouth Safeguarding Children Partnership at safeguardingtraining@plymouth.gov.uk or telephone 01752 307535 to book on training held in Plymouth.
- If you work in Torbay please contact <http://www.torbaysafeguarding.org.uk/training/> to book or gain access to training or e-learning.

LADO Arrangements



- Arrangements for the Local Authority Designated Officer within Plymouth and Torbay respectively remain unchanged.
- For Plymouth please contact Marie Partridge on 01752 306758 or email marie.partridge@plymouth.gov.uk
- For Torbay please contact Ivan Sullivan on 01803 208541 or cpunit@torbay.gov.uk



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