

**MULTI-AGENCY
SAFEGUARDING
ARRANGEMENTS FOR
CHILDREN AND YOUNG
PEOPLE IN PLYMOUTH
AND TORBAY**



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.



Devon & Cornwall Police



Devon
Clinical Commissioning Group



OUR VISION

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.



INTRODUCTION

As a result of the Wood Report, March 2016, the Children Act 2004 was amended to remove the statutory requirement of local authorities to have Local Safeguarding Children Boards and placed responsibility for safeguarding equally with local authorities, police and clinical commissioning groups. Working Together to Safeguard Children 2018 (WTG 18) placed a duty upon these three agencies to work together to define the local multi-agency safeguarding arrangements. As WTG 18 permits local arrangements to cover two or more local authorities, it has been agreed that the three agencies can perform effectively and efficiently across Plymouth and Torbay, delivering local arrangement in a joined up way which meets the key priority of safeguarding and protecting children and young people.

These new multi-agency safeguarding arrangements will promote wider engagement and collaboration of the organisations and agencies which have footprints in Plymouth and Torbay. By extending geographical sight the safeguarding partners aspire to deliver arrangements where excellent practice becomes the norm, strong links and joint working are fostered, and develops a skilled, knowledgeable and confident workforce, which works across local authority, sector and geographical area. These new arrangements are designed to put children young people and families across Plymouth and Torbay at its centre and shall engage all children and young people by using existing systems and forums. It will harness, share and build upon the sector expertise across Plymouth and Torbay to safeguard and promote the welfare of children and young people.

Our arrangements shall:

- focus upon strength based approaches to support children and young people's independence, resilience, strengths and capabilities
- adopt a contextual safeguarding approach to understanding and responding to young people's experience of significant harm beyond their families
- advocate a trauma informed approach and integrate an understanding of trauma in organisational safeguarding practice and policy.

GEOGRAPHICAL AREA

The geographical area for these multi-agency safeguarding arrangements shall be based upon the Plymouth and Torbay Local Authority boundaries.



THE SAFEGUARDING PARTNERS

The safeguarding partners have equal and joint leadership responsibility for local safeguarding arrangements. The safeguarding partners for Plymouth and Torbay are:

- Plymouth City Council – Chief Executive
- Torbay Council – Chief Executive
- NHS Devon Clinical Commissioning Group – Accountable Officer
- Devon & Cornwall Police – Chief Officer (Assistant Chief Constable).

These lead representatives remain accountable for actions and decisions taken on behalf of their agency. As permitted by WTG18 they have delegated their functions to the following senior officers:

Plymouth City Council Director of Children's Services	Torbay Council Director of Children's Services	NHS Devon Clinical Commissioning Group Executive Officer (Executive Safeguarding Lead)	Devon and Cornwall Police Head of Public Protection Unit BCU Commander
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These representatives shall:

- Speak with authority for the safeguarding partner they represent
- Take decisions on behalf of their organisation or agency and commit them to policy, resourcing and practical matters
- Hold their own and each other's organisation or agency to account on how effectively they participate and implement these local arrangements.



STRUCTURE OF THE PLYMOUTH AND TORBAY SAFEGUARDING CHILDREN PARTNERSHIP

The PTSCP has been structured to meet the requirements of Working Together to Safeguard Children 2018. The overarching structure features the strategic PTSCP which comprises of the safeguarding partners, i.e. Local Authority, Police and Clinical Commissioning Group. These partners will set the vision, mission, values and priorities for safeguarding and improving outcomes for all children and families in Plymouth and Torbay.

Joint working upon core functions of quality assurance, CDOP, child serious safeguarding practice reviews, and multi-agency work force development shall bring together relevant agencies across both Plymouth and Torbay who shall drive the safeguarding priorities set by the PTSCP, ensuring that its core and statutory functions are delivered.

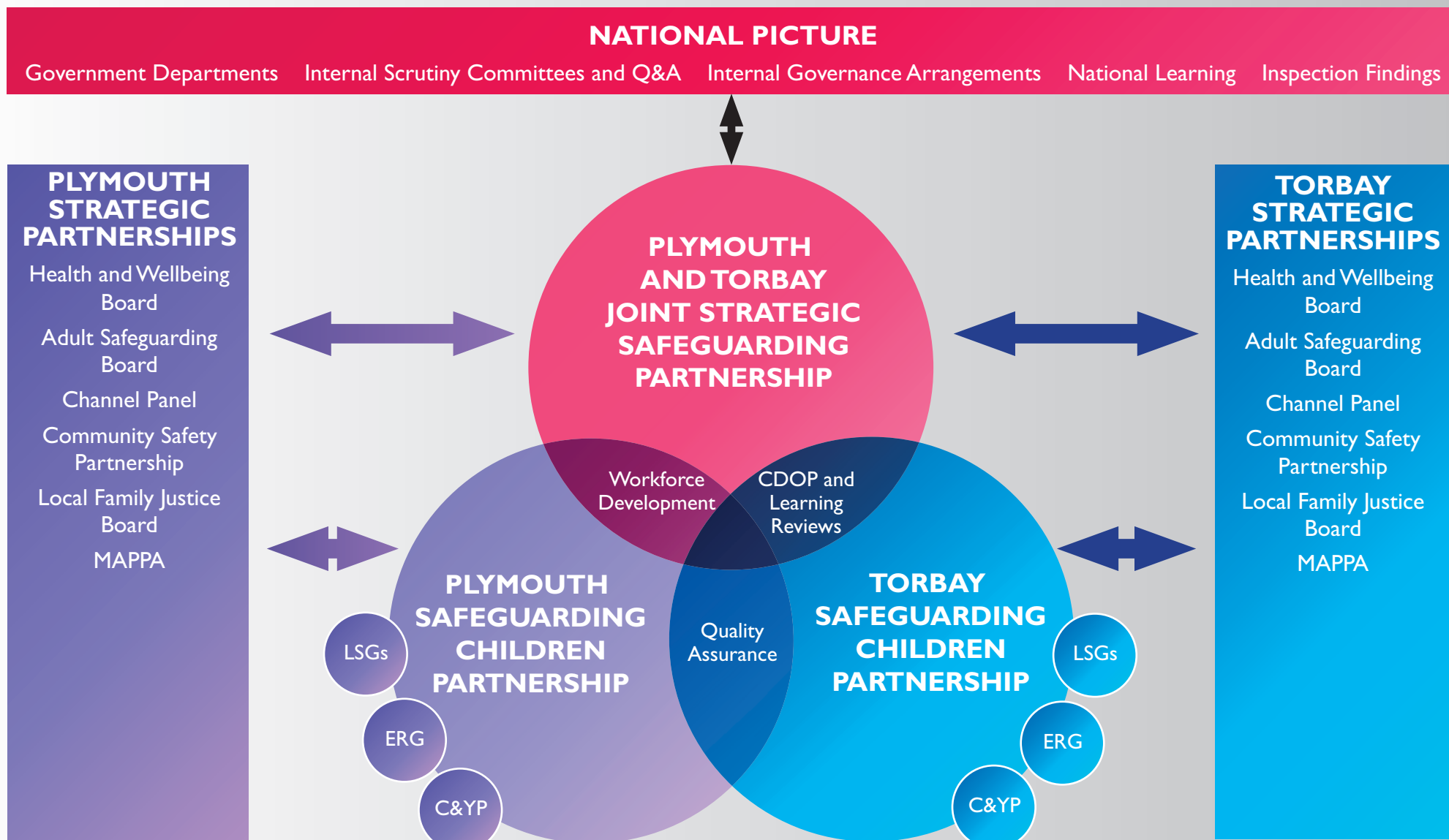
Localised child safeguarding partnerships respectively within Plymouth and Torbay shall deliver local dynamic responses within and across each geographical area to confidently create, influence and negotiate system improvement as part of multi-agency working and deliver effective working relationships that improve impact and outcomes for their children and young people.

The PTSCP arrangements have been established in the context of wider partnership and governance arrangements across Plymouth and Torbay. The PTSCP arrangements link into other strategic partnership work streams that support children, young people and families. Such partnerships include

- • Health and Wellbeing Boards
- • Community Safety Partnerships
- • Safeguarding Adults Boards
- • Local Family Justice Boards
- • Channel Panels
- • Multi-Agency Public Protection Arrangements.

It shall continue to work collaboratively across the South West Peninsula.

STRUCTURE



Key: LSGs - Local Safeguarding Groups ERG - Education Reference Group C&YP - Children and Young People Group

PLYMOUTH AND TORBAY JOINT STRATEGIC SAFEGUARDING PARTNERSHIP

The Plymouth and Torbay Safeguarding Children Partnership (PTSCP) co-ordinates safeguarding services, acts as a strategic leadership group in supporting and engaging others and shall implement local and national learning from serious child safeguarding incidents. The current Child Death Overview Panel arrangements for the South West Peninsula shall remain, but the PTSCP shall put in place arrangements for the same to be monitored, reviewed and actioned via the new working arrangements.

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The role of the PTSCP is as follows:-

- ensure children are safeguarded and their welfare promoted;
- set and oversee strategic direction of multi-agency safeguarding arrangements;
- determine equitable and proportionate funding on a yearly basis;
- hold local arrangements to account;
- challenge either other appropriately and hold one another to account effectively;
- scrutinise the effectiveness of multi-agency safeguarding arrangements;
- have oversight of multi-agency workforce development
- facilitate and drive action beyond usual institutional and agency constraints and boundaries and ensure the effective protective of children is founded on practitioners developing lasting and trusting relationships with children and their families.

To enable the PTSCP to fulfil this role it shall have the ability to co-opt at their discretion key relevant agencies and/or their representatives into their strategic meetings to discuss recurrent themes in the safeguarding and promotion of welfare, or the need to identify and action improvements. This discretionary ability will support a dynamic, proportionate and flexible approach to the safeguarding arrangements.

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The members of the PTSCP will delegate functions to designated senior safeguarding leads respectively within Plymouth and Torbay (this will be at Assistant/Service Director level/Designated Senior Officer level). They will deliver a local response through the creation of Local Safeguarding Partnerships in each of Plymouth and Torbay. The Local Safeguarding Partnerships will comprise of selected relevant agencies. This approach will enable local responses capable of being delivered under differing commissioning regimes, and retains separate identities for national inspection purposes.

JOINT WORKING OF PTSCP

The Plymouth and Torbay Safeguarding Children Partnership has put in place one method of joint working across Plymouth and Torbay for the delivery of quality assurance, performance management, multi-agency workforce development, serious child safeguarding reviews and monitoring and review of the South West Peninsula Child Death Overview Process (CDOP). This approach will better support the early identification and analysis of new safeguarding issues, and provide a consistent multi-agency safeguarding workforce able to implement and embed learning within respective local services for children and families across Plymouth and Torbay.

Joint Quality Assurance Board

The PTSCP has created and is responsible for a joint Quality Assurance Board and will appoint an Independent Quality Assurer. This Board will:-

- set and evaluate the single quality assurance framework;
- undertake multi-agency auditing/thematic reviews;
- scrutinise performance data and intelligence;
- provide line of sight into practice and the lived experience of the child;
- deliver qualitative reports on impact and outcomes for children and young people to the PTSCP.

Joint CDOP/Learning Reviews Board

The PTSCP has created and is responsible for a joint CDOP/Learning Review Board and will be overseen by the Independent Quality Assurer. This Board will:-

- deliver the statutory duties relating to South West Peninsula Child Death Review arrangements and oversee implementation of recommendations arising;
- oversee, commission and deliver local child safeguarding practice reviews and make recommendations to the joint Quality Assurance and Workforce Development Boards;
- deliver qualitative reports on impact and outcomes for children and young people to the PTSCP.

Joint Multi-Agency Workforce Development Board

The PTSCP has created and is responsible for a joint Workforce Development Board which shall:-

- consider what multi-agency training is needed across the PTSCP and how they monitor and evaluate the effectiveness of delivery;
- commission and deliver the required multi-agency training in innovative and efficient methods which satisfies the requirement and continuing improvement of multi-agency safeguarding arrangements;
- deliver recommendations and learning of Quality Assurance Board and CDOP/Learning Review Board;
- deliver qualitative reports on impact of workforce development to PTSCP.

The Independent Quality Assurer

The Independent Quality Assurer acts as a non-voting strategic critical friend, encouraging reflection on practice and providing a line of sight for the PTSCP into the lived experiences of children and young people. A core purpose of this role will be to ensure that quality assurance and learning into practice does not occur in silos and identify and report upon the impact safeguarding system learning and changes make to improving outcomes for children and young people. The role provides scrutiny and challenge, and shall seek assurance from relevant agencies, children young people and families, to measure and inform the effectiveness of the PTSCP learning culture and systems leadership.

The Independent Quality Assurer shall facilitate the effective operation of the PTSCP Joint Quality Assurance Board and Joint CDOP and Learning Review Board, including chairing the meetings and ensuring that the three safeguarding partners, and their relevant agencies, are fulfilling their function effectively and with integrity.

The Independent Quality Assurer shall be a member of the PTSCP and shall contribute to its annual report.

Independent Scrutiny

The PTSCP shall have a multi-systems approach to independent scrutiny to provide robust, rigorous and transparent assurance as to the effectiveness of the safeguarding arrangement within Plymouth and Torbay.

This approach shall comprise a number of functions which will include:-

- Utilise existing structures of assurance and scrutiny (e.g. Health & Wellbeing Boards, Corporate Safeguarding Improvement Plans and Assurance, NHS England etc.).
- Internal peer reviews by other Plymouth and Torbay strategic partnerships (e.g. Community Safety Partnerships).
- Appointment of Independent Quality Assurer role.
- Review and evaluation by Plymouth and Torbay Children System Improvement Boards and Children System Design Groups.
- Commissioning as necessary expert scrutiny from national bodies or acknowledged experts.
- Develop a system of engaging multi-agency practitioners, children, and young people of families in the evaluation and scrutiny of service delivery.
- Develop partnering arrangements with neighbouring safeguarding partners to provide strategic peer reviews.

ase should co-operate as appropriate in the child death review process and keep the child and family at the centre of their discussions. All local organisations or individual practitioners should also have regard to any guidance on child death reviews issues by Government.

Full details of Child Death Review arrangements can be found at Appendix 3.

LOCAL SAFEGUARDING PARTNERSHIPS

The purpose of the respective Local Safeguarding Partnerships in Plymouth and Torbay is to:

- ensure children are safeguarded and their welfare protected;
- deliver the strategic direction set by the PTSCP;
- be the Leadership Group which supports and engages relevant agencies;
- co-ordinates and oversees local safeguarding arrangements and responses;
- determines appropriate local safeguarding response groups, activities and learning (as necessary);
- deliver qualitative written reports and/or presentations on impact and outcomes for children and young people directly to the PTSCP.

The inclusion of this local level mechanism provides a local dynamic response within and across each geographical area which can confidently create, influence and negotiate local system improvements as part of partnership working, and promote effective working relationships with the relevant agencies.

The Local Safeguarding Partnerships will be able to engage within the community and voluntary sector; providing valuable consultative opportunities on proposed policies and methods of working. Each Partnership shall be driven and overseen by quality assurance activities and learning reviews within the Joint Boards, and expected to evidence greater openness and resilience in their front line practice.

By providing local oversight safeguarding partners will be able to better focus on the concerns which most affect our children and young people, and be responsive to emergency trends, either nationally, regionally, or locally via performance data and intelligence delivered via groups informed by intelligence and data.

Local Response Groups

The Local Safeguarding Partnership, in having oversight of local safeguarding arrangements shall determine and action appropriate dynamic and timely responses which meet the needs of the child, at the right place and at the right time. To ensure flexibility and innovation there shall be less fixed Group structures with a move towards thematic time focused local response (task and finish) groups. These local response groups shall be commissioned by the Local Safeguarding Partnership as a result of their own oversight, or in conjunction with the performance intelligence scrutinised with the Joint Quality Assurance Board, or learning arising from the Joint CDOP and Learning Review Board. Local Response Groups may for example undertake deep dive or other time limited pieces of work which will benefit multi-agency practice to improve outcomes for children, young people and families.



**PLYMOUTH
SAFEGUARDING
CHILDREN
PARTNERSHIP**

Torbay  Safeguarding Children Board

RELEVANT AGENCIES

Attached at Appendix 1 is a list of the relevant agencies whose involvement the three safeguarding partners believe is required to safeguard and promote the welfare of local children. These relevant agencies shall work within these new multi-agency safeguarding arrangements. Whilst the legislation and statutory guidance draws a distinction between safeguarding partners and relevant agencies to ensure clarity around accountability, it is clear that all members of the PTSCP have a shared responsibility to work collaboratively to provide targeted support to children and families. This list reflects and enhances upon the current Plymouth and Torbay LSCB's memberships, and accords with the Child Safeguarding Practice Review and Relevant Agencies (England) Regulations 2018.

Strategic leaders of the relevant agencies shall form the membership of the Joint Working Boards and Local Safeguarding Partnerships to:

- inform and deliver the strategic direction set by the PTSCP
- be the leadership group which supports and engages multi-agency working
- co-ordinate and oversee local safeguarding arrangements and responses;
- identify emerging themes, actions and learning to be embedded into practice
- determine appropriate local safeguarding response groups.

The relevant agencies shall co-operate with the safeguarding partners and act in accordance with these arrangements. It is expected that as the arrangements evolve the relevant agencies may change, and the safeguarding partners will have the right to consult with and include other organisations as relevant agencies as they determine from time to time.

Early Years, School Colleges and other Educational Providers

Early years, schools, colleges and other educational providers are an important part of the wider safeguarding system for children. Due to their pivotal role in safeguarding children and promoting their welfare, all early years settings, schools, colleges and educational providers shall be named as relevant agencies in the new arrangements.

The safeguarding partners will build upon and enhance the current commitment from early years and education. Education Reference Groups shall be retained within each Local Safeguarding Partnership to support active engagement in a meaningful way with a wide representation from the early years and education arena, including independent and language schools. Lead representatives from the Educational Reference Groups shall be members of the Local Safeguarding Partnerships, and form part of the Joint Working Boards. This approach will help ensure full engagement and inclusion within these new safeguarding arrangements, and enable individual early years and educational settings to use the arrangements to support each other as peers.

Designated Health Professionals

The Designated Doctors and Designated Nurses within Plymouth and Torbay shall, as a minimum, be representatives at the Local Safeguarding Partnerships to ensure clinical expertise of designated health professionals is proportionately secured.

Youth Custody and Residential Home Arrangements

There is no youth custody provision in Plymouth and Torbay, nor secure residential homes. Youth Offending Teams within Plymouth and Torbay work with children and young people under the age of 18 who are either accused of or convicted of a crime. The Youth Offending Teams are nominated relevant agencies and shall provide periodic reports and performance data to the Joint Quality Assurance Board and shall participate within thematic task and finish groups.

Residential Home Arrangements

At the time of publication Plymouth does not have any residential homes. Torbay Council does provide resident holiday schemes for disabled children. These schemes are regularly inspected by Ofsted, with any concerns uplifted into the Independent Quality Assurer, who will manage actions plans and practice through their role as the Chair of the Joint Quality Assurance Board.

MEMBERSHIPS

PLYMOUTH AND TORBAY SAFEGUARDING CHILDREN PARTNERSHIP

ROLE	
Co-ordinate safeguarding services, act as strategic leadership group in supporting and engaging others and implementing local and national learning from serious child safeguarding incidents.	
Chair: Rotation of Strategic Partners	
Partner	Representative
Plymouth City Council	Director of Children's Services
Torbay Council	
NHS Devon Clinical Commissioning Group	Director of Nursing/Executive Officer
Devon & Cornwall Police	Head of Public Protection/BCU Commander
Independent	Independent Quality Assurer
Meeting frequency	Quarterly
Meeting venue	Plymouth/Torbay/SKYPE

JOINT BOARDS

JOINT QUALITY ASSURANCE BOARD

Role	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ Set and evaluate the PTSCP quality assurance framework. ■ Undertake multi-agency auditing/thematic reviews. ■ Scrutinise performance data and intelligence. ■ Provide a line of sight into practice and the lived experience of a child. ■ Deliver qualitative reports on impact and outcomes for children and young people to the PTSCP. 	
Chair: Independent Quality Assurer	
Partner	Representative
Plymouth City Council	The PTSCP shall agree core representatives from the relevant agencies across Plymouth and Torbay. A Designated Doctor and Designated Nurse shall form part of the membership.
Torbay Council	
NHS Devon Clinical Commissioning Group	
Devon & Cornwall Police	
Primary Health Care Providers	
NHS Trusts	
Education	
Early Years	
Children & Young People's representative (Care Leaver)	
Public Health	
Youth Offending	
PTSCP Training and Development	
Community, voluntary and charitable sector	
Meeting frequency	Quarterly (minimum)
Meeting venue	Plymouth/Torbay/SKYPE

JOINT CDOP AND LEARNING REVIEW BOARD

Role

- Deliver the statutory duties relating to the South West Child Death Review arrangements and oversee implementation of recommendations arising.
- Oversee, commission and deliver local child safeguarding practice reviews and make recommendations to the Joint Quality Assurance Board, the Joint Workforce Development Board and the respective local partnerships.
- Deliver qualitative reports on impact and outcomes for children and young people to the PTSCP.

Chair: Independent Quality Assurer

Partner	Representative
Plymouth City Council	The PTSCP shall agree core representatives from the relevant agencies across Plymouth and Torbay. A Designated Doctor and Designated Nurse shall form part of the membership.
Torbay Council	
NHS Devon Clinical Commissioning Group	
Devon & Cornwall Police	
Livewell SW (CDOP Manager)	
NHS England	
NHS Trusts	
Education	
PTSCP Training and Development	
Primary Care providers	
Co-opted members according to nature of case/purpose of meeting.	
Meeting frequency	Quarterly (minimum)
Meeting venue	Plymouth/Torbay/SKYPE

JOINT Multi-Agency Workforce Development Board

Role

Consider what multi-agency training is needed across the PTSCP and how they monitor and evaluate effectiveness of delivery.

Commission and deliver the required multi-agency training in innovative and efficient methods which satisfy the requirement for and continuing improvement of multi-agency safeguarding arrangements.

Delivery recommendations of Joint Quality Assurance Board, the Joint CDOP and Learning Review Board and the respective local safeguarding partnerships.

Deliver qualitative reports of workforce development, impact and outcomes to the PTSCP.

Chair: Rotation of representatives from three safeguarding partners

Partner	Representative
Plymouth City Council	The PTSCP shall agree core representatives from the relevant agencies across Plymouth and Torbay and appoint the initial Chair.
Torbay Council	
NHS Devon Clinical Commissioning Group	
Devon & Cornwall Police	
Primary Health Care Providers	
NHS Trusts	
Education	
PTSCP Training and Development	
Early Years	
Children & Young Person's representative	
Community, Voluntary and Charitable Sector	
Meeting frequency	Quarterly (minimum)
Meeting venue	Plymouth/Torbay/SKYPE

LOCAL PARTNERSHIPS

Plymouth Safeguarding Children Partnership	
Role	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ Ensure children are safeguarded and their welfare protected; ■ Deliver the strategic direction set by the PTSCP; ■ Be the Leadership Group which supports and engages relevant agencies; ■ Co-ordinates and oversees local safeguarding arrangements and responses; ■ Determines appropriate local safeguarding response groups, activities and learning (as necessary); ■ Deliver qualitative written reports and/or presentations on impact and outcomes for children and young people directly to the PTSCP. 	
Chair: Rotation of representatives from three safeguarding partners	
Partner	Representative
Plymouth City Council	Service Director Children's Services, Service Director of Education Participation and Skills, Head of Service Children, Young People and Families
NHS Devon Clinical Commissioning Group	Senior Designated Safeguarding Nurse (Plymouth)
Devon & Cornwall Police	Head of PPU/Senior Lead of BCU
Livewell South West	Director of Professional Practice, Safety & Quality
University Hospital Plymouth NHS Trust	Chief Nurse
Education Reference Group	Chair
Children & Young Person's representative	Young Safeguarder and/or Participation Support
NHS England	TBA

NSPCC	Strategic Service Manager
Barnardo's	Assistant Director
Trauma Informed Network	Lead Member
Action4Children	Director
Independent	Lead Portfolio Holder
Office of Police & Crime Commissioner	Senior Safeguarding Lead
Public Health	Director
Local Authority/CCG Commissioning	Strategic Commissioning Manager
CAFCASS	Service Manager
Plymouth Octopus Project (POP+)	Chief Executive or Representative
HM Prison and Probation	Head of LDU
Community Rehabilitation Company (KSS)	Assistant Chief Officer
Meeting frequency	Quarterly (minimum)
Meeting venue	Plymouth

LOCAL PARTNERSHIPS

Torbay Safeguarding Children Partnership	
Role	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ Ensure children are safeguarded and their welfare protected. ■ Deliver the strategic direction set by the PTSCP. ■ Be the Leadership Group which supports and engages relevant agencies. ■ Co-ordinates and oversees local safeguarding arrangements and responsive. ■ Determines appropriate local safeguarding response groups, activities and learning (as necessary). ■ Deliver qualitative written reports and/or presentations on impact and outcomes for children and young people directly to the PTSCP. 	
Chair: Rotation of representatives from three safeguarding partners	
Partner	Representative
Torbay Council	Assistant Director of Children Safeguarding, Assistant Director of Education, Learning and Skills, Head of Service, Safeguarding and Quality Assurance
NHS Devon Clinical Commissioning Group	Senior Designated Safeguarding Lead
Devon & Cornwall Police	Head of Public Protection (Torbay)
Torbay and South Devon Hospital NHS Trust	Chief Nurse
Education Reference Group	Chair
Children & Young Person's representative	Young Safeguarder and/or Participation Support
Independent	Lead Portfolio Holder
NHS England	TBA

Public Health	Director
Commissioning	Strategic Commissioning Manager
Office of Police & Crime Commissioner	Senior Safeguarding Lead
HM Prisons & Probation	Head of Devon & Torbay LDU
Community Rehabilitation Company	Assistant Chief Probation Officer
CAFCASS	Service Manager
Action4Children	Children's Services Manager
Children's Society	Area Manager Area Manager
Meeting frequency	Quarterly (minimum)
Meeting venue	Torbay

VOICE OF CHILDREN AND YOUNG PEOPLE

Engaging the voice, activity and co-design of children, young people and families is integral to these new arrangements. The PTSCP is building upon the effective arrangements in place within Plymouth and shall enhance and extend the same into Torbay. The ambition will be to engage with all children and young people, and not solely upon those who have experienced services. The PTSCP is committed to and engage with children, young people and families at an individual, service and strategic level. Various systems, forums and existing networks/groups shall be used to gather views and seek independent voices and experiences. A participative approach to safeguarding is key to understanding the realities of young people's lives. Their involvement in system design is important because they bring real life experience of using services and can reflect on what works and what requires improvement. The arrangements include a Children and Young People's Forum in each of the Local Safeguarding Partnerships. This Forum will improve upon engagement, challenge and scrutiny, and assist our service design and delivery to more effectively meet need and achieve positive outcomes.

In addition, a young person lay member shall be appointed into the Joint Quality Assurance Board. The Lay member for the Joint Quality Assurance Board shall be a care leaver whose experience of the care system and the transition from child to adult services will be an invaluable perspective to inform the work of the strategic safeguarding partnership



REPRESENTATION AND ACCOUNTABILITY WITHIN THE PTSCP

The PTSCP has identified and nominated relevant agencies whose involvement is required to safeguard and promote the welfare of children in Plymouth and Torbay. See Appendix I.

These relevant agencies shall share collective responsibility for ensuring the safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children and young people through collaborative working of the organisations that they represent. They shall:

- collaboratively and innovatively engage to provide targeted support to children and families as appropriate;
- provide flexibility to enable joint identification of, and response to, existing and emerging needs and to agree priorities to improve outcomes for children;
- promote innovation at local levels to enable resources to focus upon frontline practitioners engaging with children young people and families and improving their lived experience.

Relevant agencies shall provide a representative member to the PTSCP. This representative shall hold a strategic role in relation to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children within their own agency and must be able to:

- Work together to ensure the PTSCP meets its statutory functions and improves outcomes for children, young people and families;
- Attend all PTSCP meetings and actively contribute to debate and decision making;
- ensure relevant agency resourcing and contributions to resourcing (direct or in-kind) is adequate and proportionate
- ensure decisions made by the PTSCP are enacted within each agency as appropriate;
- promote and champion the safeguarding agenda within their agency;
- hold their agency to account for its safeguarding work;
- nominate appropriate staff to serve upon and participate within the Joint Working Groups, Local Partnerships and Local Response Groups as required;
- ensure provision of performance and quality assurance data about and on behalf of the organisations;

STATUTORY FUNCTIONS

The PTSCP shall undertake its statutory functions in line with Working Together to Safeguard Children (2018).

Child Safeguarding Practice Reviews

The PTSCP's Joint CDOP and Learning Review Board shall oversee rapid reviews, submit notifications to National Panel, recommend the commissioning of and hold oversight of local child safeguarding practice reviews within Plymouth and Torbay. The PTSCP shall make the final documented decision regarding carrying out a child safeguarding practice review, and shall be supported and advised by the Independent Quality Assurer.

Child Death Reviews

The Child Death partners for Plymouth and Torbay, in agreement with partners from other local authority areas, already have effective South West Peninsula CDOP arrangements in place. The Child Death Review structures and processes shall be modelled on this current Child Death Overview Panel (CDOP) framework. The framework covers a child population such that it can typically review at least 60 child deaths per year; and outlines the structure and processes to review deaths of all children normally resident in the South West Peninsula and the deaths of children not normally resident in the area, but who have died there. The South West Peninsula covers the geographical areas of Devon, Plymouth, Torbay, Cornwall and Isles of Scilly.

All local organisations or individual practitioners that have had involvement in the case should co-operate as appropriate, the child death review process and keep the child and family at the centre of their discussions. All local organisations or individual practitioners should also have regard to any guidance on child death reviews issues by Government.

Section 11 Audits

The PTSCP shall continue to seek that agencies are fulfilling their safeguarding obligations through completion of the Section 11 self-audit process. The oversight and assurance of these functions shall be via the Independent Quality Assurer.

THRESHOLDS

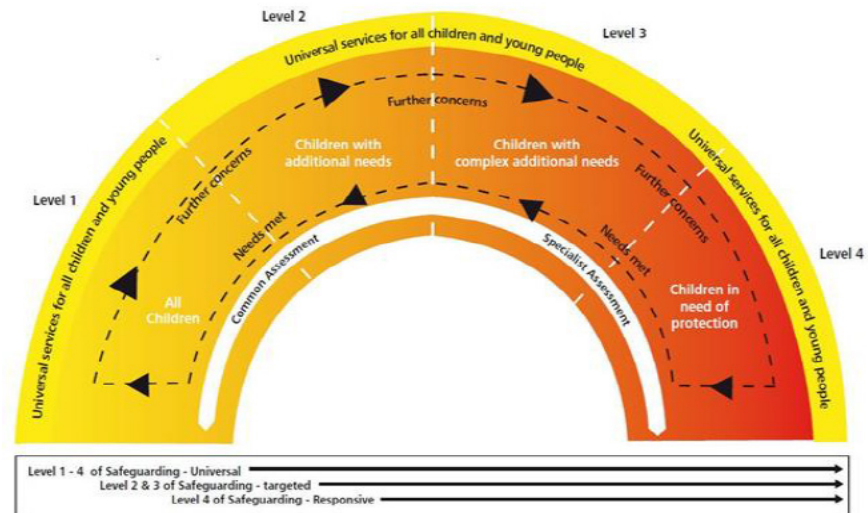
WTG 18 requires the safeguarding partners to publish a thresholds document which sets out the local criteria for action in a way which is transparent, accessible and easily understood. This should include:

1. The process for the early help assessment, and the type and level of early help services to be provided
2. The criteria, including the level of need, for when a case should be referred to local authority children's social care for assessment and for statutory services under:
 - Section 17 of the Children Act 1989 (children in need)
 - Section 47 of the Children Act 1989 (reasonable cause to suspect a child is suffering or likely to suffer significant harm)
 - Section 31 of the Children Act 1989 (care and supervision orders)
 - Section 20 of the Children Act 1989 (duty to accommodate a child)
3. Clear procedures and processes for cases relating to:
 - the abuse, neglect and exploitation of children;
 - children managed within the youth secure estate;
 - disabled children.

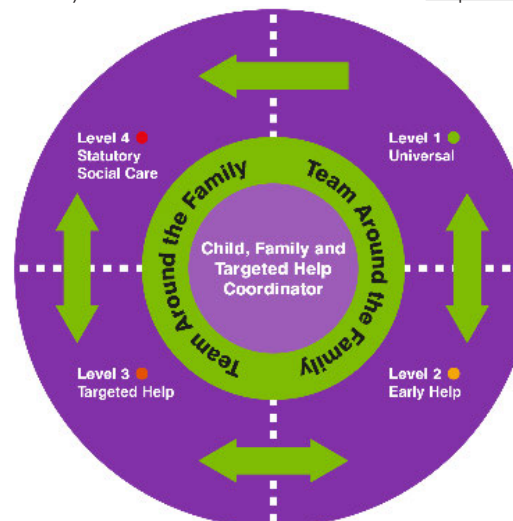
The PTSCP has adopted and maintained the existing and respective thresholds within Plymouth and Torbay.

It is the aspiration of the PTSCP to develop a joint online and inactive threshold tool for use across Plymouth and Torbay via the Joint Quality Assurance and Joint Workforce Development Boards. Work upon such a threshold document will commence following implementation of these new arrangements.

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



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



MULTI-AGENCY POLICIES AND 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/>

These procedures provide a set of chapters which comply with WTG 18 and are accessible to all PTSCP agencies. The manual itself is organised with core procedures and local information sections which include practice guidance and thresholds applicable across Plymouth and Torbay. The procedures are updated to take account of local and national learning and any changes in legislation or statutory guidance.

ESCALATION AND 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.plymouthscp.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>

It is the aspiration of the PTSCP to develop a single Professionals Escalation and Resolution Policy for consistent and uniformed use across Plymouth and Torbay via the Joint Quality Assurance and Joint Workforce Development Boards. Work upon such policy will commence following implementation of these new arrangements.

FUNDING

Funding arrangements for the respective Plymouth and Torbay LSCBs have been agreed for 2019/2020, and pooled funding comprises of:

- contributions by partner organisations at the same level as previously provided to the respective LSCBs;
- use of funding reserve available to the Plymouth LSCB for period 2019/2020;
- accommodation, IT, legal and communication services provided by Plymouth and Torbay Local Authorities;
- in-kind funding and contribution from partners and organisations.

The safeguarding partners are reviewing the funding arrangements and are considering future mutual resourcing requirements. They will collaborate and agree the level of funding to be provided by each safeguarding partner and any contributions (direct or in-kind) from relevant agencies. Funding shall be equitable and proportionate and will be published within the PTSCP annual report.

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.



APPENDIX I RELEVANT AGENCIES

The three safeguarding partner must set out how they will work together 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.

The list of relevant agencies is set out in the Child Safeguarding Practice Review and Relevant Agency (England) Regulations 2018. Many agencies and organisations play a crucial role in safeguarding children. Safeguarding partners may include any local or national organisation or agency in their arrangements, regardless of whether they are named in relevant agency regulations.

The following have been chosen because of their key role in safeguarding children and young people in Plymouth and Torbay.

Educational and Childcare

All early year settings
All children centres
All primary education settings
All secondary education settings
All special education settings
Pupil referral unit
All independent education settings
Universities
Further Education colleges
Private training providers
Careers South West
Language schools.

Health and Social Care

NHS England
NHS Hospital Trusts
Public Health
Livewell South West

South West Ambulance NHS Foundation Trust
Regional Adoption Agency
Registered providers of fostering agencies
Providers of private children's homes
Providers of residential holiday schemes for disabled children.

Criminal Justice

CAFCASS
HM Prison and Probation Service
Dorset, Devon and Cornwall Probation Services, part of KSS CRC Youth Offending Teams
Office of Police & Crime Commissioner.

Police and Immigration

British Transport Police
Port Police Force
Local Border Force/Customs & Excise.

Miscellaneous & Charitable

Action 4 Children
NSPCC
Barnardo's
Children's Society
Young Devon
British Red Cross
Lay member
Children & Young People member
Drug and alcohol support services
Domestic abuse services
Community and Social Housing providers
Sexual Assault Referral Centres
Local Authority Commissioning
Devon & Somerset Fire and Rescue Service
Ministry of Defence (Royal Marine and Royal Navy Personnel).

Sports & Leisure

The PTSCP shall identify lead representation for Community Sports and Leisure Groups
Plymouth Argyle Football Club
Plymouth Albion Rugby Club
Torquay United Football Club.

Community and Voluntary

Plymouth Octopus Plus (POP+)
Community Development Trust
Asylum Seeker/Refugee support services
Religious and faith groups.

