



Hull Safeguarding Children Partnership

The purpose of this document is to set out the safeguarding arrangements for the partnership in accordance with [Working Together 2023](#).





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Arrangements for section 103 of Working Together 2023:

Once agreed, local multi-agency safeguarding arrangements must be published and must include:

1. Arrangements for the safeguarding partners to work together to identify and respond to the needs of children in the area



Safeguarding partners work in collaboration on identified priority themes and issues affecting children and families within Hull. This is achieved through the Hull Safeguarding Children Partnership (HSCP). The 2023 - 2025 HSCP business plan outlines the activities and outcomes which the HSCP will achieve in delivering against identified priorities. The plan includes clear timescales and measures of success and progress, including how updates from Working Together 2023 will be considered and embedded.

There is a dedicated subgroup for each priority area to deliver against identified objectives. HSCP priorities were collectively decided and agreed by HSCP Executive leads, demonstrating shared accountability and vision. Actions within the HSCP Business Plan are referenced in quarterly subgroup chair reports to ensure progress is consistently reviewed by the HSCP Executive Board. Further detail regarding the arrangements is within the [HSCP Annual Report](#).

The [HSCP core procedures](#), Threshold Guidance and [Early Help Prevention Strategy 2021-2025](#) also align with safeguarding arrangements and are co-developed through the partnership.

2. Arrangements for commissioning and publishing local child safeguarding practice reviews

The HSCP Learning from Individual Cases subgroup (LFICG) forms part of the HSCP's framework for learning and improvement and is held bi-monthly with consistently good multi-agency representation and engagement. This subgroup oversees all open HSCP learning reviews and actively develops, and ensures progress of, action plans.

The panel considers all referrals made to HSCP for learning reviews, and referrers attend the meeting to ensure that there is a collaborative and reflective approach as to how to progress learning most effectively. A case specific, nuanced approach is taken, with outcomes including reflective learning events or agency specific audits with key learning actions then shared within the wider subgroup.

Key messages are disseminated widely across the partnership, through 7-minute guides and short briefings in the form of a Power-Point. These are all accessible through the HSCP website and shared through presentations delivered at subgroups and other partnership forums.

There are two key pathways to support learning from practice. The Learning from Individual Cases Subgroup and the Learning Review Decision panel. The processes for each and interface are outlined in more detail further within this document.

Where criteria are met for notification to the National Panel, HSCP Executive Board representatives are notified and sighted on the details within 24 hours for oversight, and to endorse decision making. In terms of good practice, all three statutory agencies participate in the decision making for cases which may require a safeguarding practice review. Where this happens, an in-depth Rapid Review is undertaken with a decision made as to whether a Local Child Safeguarding Practice Review where there is National Learning or whether learning can be captured within the 'Line of Sight' review.

Where a Child Safeguard Practice Review takes place, notification to the National Panel is made. The core agenda includes sectors providing updates, and highlighting relevant emerging themes, to inform planning for safeguarding children across the system.

3. Arrangements for independent scrutiny of the effectiveness of the arrangements

The safeguarding partnership arrangements are independently reviewed to assess the effectiveness of delivery against its priorities. These arrangements inform future developments of the safeguarding multi-agency partnership and its functions. In Hull, the named Independent Chair/Scrutineer provides Independent Scrutiny.

Safeguarding partners identify key lines of enquiry that independent scrutiny will utilise to ensure they are effective in meeting their statutory duties under the [Working Together to Safeguard Children 2023](#) guidance. The arrangements identify where there has been progress in the safeguarding of children in the local area and contribute to setting objectives, and areas of focus for the year ahead. The independent scrutiny arrangements provide safeguarding partners and relevant agencies with independent, rigorous, effective support and challenge. This is at both a strategic and operational level. This arrangement drives continuous improvement and provides assurance that arrangements are working effectively.

Current local arrangements have been highly effective in driving forward positive outcomes for children, families and has strengthened multi-agency working therefore all support a continuation of this. The facilitation of the HSCP Executive Board by an Independent Chair/Scrutineer, has enabled delegated safeguarding partners to fully engage in discussion, and to have equitable input regarding key areas of focus and decision making, including individual agency risks. The HSCP Independent Chair/Scrutineer works closely with the HSCP manager to support the functioning of the HSCP Executive Board, and associated governance arrangements (including subgroups).

The Independent Chair/ Scrutineer provides an independent perspective, and oversight, to support with resolutions when potential professional differences may arise and has independent oversight of local child safeguarding practice reviewing arrangements. In Hull, there is the added benefit of the same Independent Chair/ Scrutineer role being mirrored within adult safeguarding arrangements which support system wide practice improvements.

As a minimum, there is an annual meeting between the LSPs and the DSPs as part of the annual review process, to ensure LSPs are well-sighted on their delegated responsibilities. There is also a quarterly report to the LSPs to provide assurance regarding the implementation of the local arrangements. This includes review and assurance about the effectiveness of chairing and scrutiny arrangements.

Arrangements for section 104 of Working Together 2023:

4. Who the three safeguarding partners, their delegates and partnership chair are

In Hull, responsibility for safeguarding children is led by the three statutory safeguarding partners (Hull Local Authority, NHS Humber, and North Yorkshire Integrated Care Board (ICB) and Humberside Police) who form the Hull Safeguarding Children Partnership Executive Board (HSCP Executive Board).

In Hull, education representation is achieved throughout arrangements, at both strategic and operational levels. The Chief Executive Officer for an Academy Trust is a core member of the HSCP Executive Board, consistently attending and having equitable contribution in terms of oversight and decision making

The named lead and delegated safeguarding partners have been agreed and are as follows:

LSPs agreed for the partnership are:

Matt Jukes	Chief Executive	Hull City Council
Judy Heaton	Interim Chief Constable	Humberside Police
Stephen Eames	Chief Executive	NHS Humber and North Yorkshire Integrated Care Board (ICB)

DSPs agreed for the partnership are:

Pauline Turner	Director of Children’s Services	Hull City Council
Paul Butler	Interim Chief Superintendent	Humberside Police
Paula South	Director of Nursing – Governance	NHS Humber and North Yorkshire Integrated Care Board (ICB)

Education is represented at executive level as follows:

Jonathan Roe	Chief Executive Officer	Thrive Cooperative Learning Trust
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The Voluntary, Community and Social Enterprise (VCSE) sector are also represented at an executive level as follows:

Jason Stamp	Chief Officer	Voluntary, Community and Social Enterprise (VCSE)
Pippa Robson	Deputy Chief Officer	Voluntary, Community and Social Enterprise (VCSE)

VCSE practitioner organisations are represented on safeguarding subgroups as well as task & finish groups, and the VCSE Safeguarding Co-ordinator from the Sector Connect Hull service attends strategic and operational groups to ensure that the VCSE voice is recognised in arrangements. This includes the task & finish group to update the threshold guidance, which reflects the role of the VCSE sector within it.

Designated Safeguarding Leads from VCSE organisations also have a regular peer support meeting, and the sector meets monthly at the VCSE Assembly. Any themes identified at these meetings are shared back into the safeguarding partnership meetings, ensuring the continual link between VCSE and statutory services of the HSCP.

The VCSE comprises a range of organisations, including those that support parents and families with pre-school children, childcare organisations, alternative education providers, youth work and outreach, sexual health, and sports activities. Their work includes early intervention as well as social, mental health and emotional wellbeing/identity support. They therefore play a key role in supporting children and young people. Participation and representation at an operational and strategic level is through a range of these organisations. More information about VCSE can be [accessed here](#).

5. Geographical boundaries, including if the arrangements operate across more than one local authority area.

The partnership arrangements cover one local authority area, Hull City Council. However, it is recognised within the partnership that some individual agencies cover more than one local authority boundary area. Of the statutory agencies, Humberside Police cover three other local authority areas and Humber and North Yorkshire Integrated Care Board cover six local authority areas. As a minimum, there is an annual meeting between the LSPs and the DSPs as part of the annual review process, to ensure LSPs are well-sighted on their delegated responsibilities. There is also a quarterly report to the LSPs to provide assurance regarding the implementation of the local arrangements. Representation at all meetings for LSPs and DSPs is from all three statutory partners.

6. The relevant agencies the safeguarding partners will work with, why these organisations and agencies have been chosen, and how they will collaborate and work together to improve outcomes for children and families 37 Children Act 2004 Section 16G 40

The partnership has an established list of agreed relevant agencies who work alongside the partnership and support the delivery of the partnership functions and priorities. A quarterly Partnership and Relevant Agencies Meeting (PRAM) is a key component of the HSCP governance structure and is consistently well attended. The meetings provide an opportunity for agencies to engage with partners to share updates relating to safeguarding activity across the partnership and to facilitate open discussion around what is working well and how to further improve engagement and progress. The list of relevant agencies is regularly reviewed as part of the arrangements and agreed at executive level.

There is flexibility to co-opt other relevant agencies to discuss certain agenda items as and when appropriate and relevant agencies will form part of subgroups to support partnership priority areas such as:

The Domestic Abuse Partnership -

The domestic abuse arrangements for Hull are strategically driven through the Hull Domestic Abuse Strategic Board, co-ordinated through Safer Hull arrangements. The work through this partnership is detailed in the annual report. The HSCP collaborate closely with the Community Safety Partnership and this includes participation by relevant agencies. The current strategy is being updated to reflect the Domestic Abuse system review findings and recommendations as well as recent policy. ([See Domestic Abuse Strategy](#)).

Contextual Safeguarding -The Voluntary, Community and Social Enterprise Sector (VCSE) play a key role in supporting young people. Humberside Police, Safer Hull and VEMT (Vulnerable, Exploited, Missing Team) also work closely together to identify and support young people and encourage engagement with activities within the local community. This includes transition work where appropriate to adult services. The Contextual Safeguarding Strategy can be accessed here and this has input from all partners and relevant agencies ([see Contextual Safeguarding Strategy](#))

All partner agencies including relevant agencies are responsible for updating the partnership regarding any significant changes to personnel within the organisation as well as any operational changes

7. How all, schools (including independent schools, academies, and free schools), colleges, early years and childcare settings, and other educational providers (including alternative provision) will be included in the safeguarding arrangements

Within Hull City Council, the Education Safeguarding Manager acts as the strategic safeguarding lead providing a safeguarding monitoring, reporting and guidance function to education settings and partner agencies. There are regular DSL (Designated Safeguarding Lead) network meetings, led by the Education Safeguarding Manager through which key updates are gathered and inform the partnership as well as information being cascaded within education, Hull Association of Primary Heads (HAPH), Hull Multi Academy Trusts safeguarding network is also an opportunity for academy safeguarding leads to come together and share learning from the partnership as well as feeding updates that inform safeguarding arrangements.

As part of the arrangements, Early Years and Childcare settings are represented within the partnership by a named Head of Early Years, and two quality improvement officers.



Education providers are represented at the executive board and within all the partnership meetings, there are leads within partnership meetings to represent designated safeguarding leads for primary and secondary schools. Education colleagues are also involved within operational arrangements such as an education officer within the Local Authority Front door service (EHASH).



There is representation for colleges through named representatives within the partnership and this provides links between the partnership and colleges within Hull. All provisions have access to the full partnership training offer.

The Special Educational Needs & Disabilities ([SEND](#)) plan involves collaboration between partner agencies. Training has recently been delivered to education, health, and social care to understand what constitutes a 'good' Educational Health Care Plan. There is a training offer which supports understanding regarding service duties in relation to the statutory assessment process and this is available to partners.

The [Hull SEND Offer](#) can be accessed by Hull residents and any professionals working with children for the purposes of accessing and understanding the local support for children, young people and young adults up to 25.

8. How any youth custody and residential homes for children will be included in the safeguarding arrangements

During 2024-2025, Hull Prison and HMP Humber are named as relevant agencies subject to section 11 duties. As part of the arrangements, they are required to comply with the local safeguarding requirements and are invited to attend the Safeguarding Children Partnership meetings and Multi-Agency Arrangement Subgroup. The Multi Agency Arrangement subgroup is another forum which HMP Humber, Hull Prison and Probation are invited to attend and participate. There are no Young Offender Institutes (YOI) in the local authority area however there is collaborative working with all YOI where Hull children are placed.

For each children's residential home in Hull, (including Hull City Council residential homes) assurance about compliance with safeguarding arrangements is gained through extensive quality assurance by the Placements Team in Hull. The team have quality assurance officers who are commissioned to quality assure any provision commissioned for children by Hull City Council as well as Hull City Council owned children's homes. A copy of the last inspection report, statement of purpose, regulation 44 visit documentation and other key documents are reviewed prior to a placement being commissioned for a child. The quality assurance officers also conduct visits where necessary as part of seeking assurances and this includes supported accommodation providers for young people aged 16-18.

There is a regional framework and mechanism for sharing information which is an information sharing point for 15 local authorities in the region including Hull. This enables sharing of information such as prior concerns or quality assurance documents. This information is held on the share point and can be accessed as appropriate, for instance when commissioning a new provider. The information also covers settings not commissioned by Hull City Council. This adds a layer of information sharing to ensure assurance about settings for children within the area.

All settings have access to the partnership wide training offer which includes the partnership learning events. Where children's residential homes are from an independent provider, they will also be named as a relevant agency and have access to the HSCP training offer.

The Local Authority Designated Officer (LADO) service provides support, consultation, and guidance to all settings established in Hull and this is captured within the LADO annual report which is presented annually to the safeguarding partnership. There are regular meetings between LADO and the placements team to look at any themes arising and ensure any concerns are addressed appropriately.

9. How the safeguarding partners will share information and data safely and effectively, using arrangements that clearly set out the processes and the principles for sharing

Across the partnership there are rich pools of data from Children & Adult Social Care, Health, Police, Education, and relevant agencies. Pathways to link all this data will be strengthened through a task and finish group focused on information sharing.

Currently, data and information are shared through all the relevant subgroups which are referred to in the annual report. Intelligence feeds into and drives the meetings to support achievement of priorities. There are also data systems across the partnership which hold rich information that can strengthen safeguarding arrangements.

The Hull Collaborative Partnership ([see Collaborative Partnership](#)) brings together key partners from four multi-agency boards namely [Hull Safeguarding Children Partnership](#), [Community Safety Partnership](#), [Hull Health & Wellbeing Board](#) and [Hull Safeguarding Adults Partnership Board](#). This allows for opportunities to collaborate and strengthen work on priority areas within each multi-agency partnership. Through this platform, data is shared amongst the partnership to identify areas of improvement.



[Hull Safeguarding Children Partnership](#)



[Hull Safeguarding Adults Partnership Board](#)

Data sharing through this collaborative partnership is formed on identified priorities which include:

- domestic abuse
- case reviews
- exploitation
- trauma informed practice

Police have a newly established 'vulnerability tracker' which includes data that can assist partners in risk management and safety planning. This is in addition to the early help module portal that is being developed which assists agencies in being able to provide data and intelligence to support arrangements for family help and support. There are current steps to link with the Community Safety Partnership and link data sharing with HSCP in addressing one of the core priorities of Domestic Abuse and this will be further strengthened through the information sharing task & finish group.

There are existing information sharing agreements between the local authority social care front door service (Early Help and Safeguarding Hub, EHASH) and partner agencies which set out process and principles for information sharing and this is updated in line with the Working Together 2023 information sharing guidance. The information sharing agreements will be extended 'Humber wide' to support system wide information sharing.

Proportionality of information shared will continue to be monitored in line with GDPR guidelines and Working Together 2023 to ensure that defensible information sharing takes place in accordance with the seven golden rules government guidance and it is clear what information is shared by way of 'Public Task' and 'Public Duty' in line with the Information Commissioner's Office. This will be achieved through close working with the Information Governance Team.

10. How the safeguarding partners will use data and intelligence to assess the effectiveness of the help being provided to children and families, including early help

This is achieved through quality assurance activity. Quality assurance activity is a core function of the HSCP arrangements to ensure that the effectiveness of work undertaken to safeguarding children is understood and this can improve outcomes to keep children safe from harm. In addition to the 'deep dive' auditing activity undertaken to inform Line of Sight Reviews; multi-agency auditing activity is facilitated through the HSCP within individual task and finish groups where audits take place. There is representation from the partnership throughout this activity to ensure learning includes all partnership agencies.

In addition to the above, there are existing task and finish groups in place to ensure policies and procedures in place are current and up to date reflecting national learning, research, and policy. An example of this is the Working Together 2023 task and finish group.

Section 11 audits enable the effectiveness of each agency and feedback from section 11 audits informs partnership arrangements. The partnership Multi Agency

Arrangements subgroup, Strategic Delivery Group and Learning and Improvement subgroup enable partners to assess the effectiveness of partnership working.

Feedback from children and families obtained through lived experience workstreams within each agency also inform understanding about the impact and effectiveness of service delivery.

11. How multi-agency training will be commissioned, delivered, and monitored for impact, and how they will undertake any multi-agency and inter-agency audits

The partnership is committed to ensuring that there is a culture of continuous learning, reflection, and development. Also, that there is a combined recognition that learning is key to all the work undertaken across the HSCP. Opportunities for learning have been further enhanced by the collaborative activity which takes place between the HSCP, Hull Safeguarding Adults Partnership (HSAP) and the Hull Community Safety Partnership (HCP). The HSCP partnership website has been jointly developed and launched, providing an accessible platform for members of the public and professionals to access safeguarding information.

The partnership training offer includes the learning and skills department training offer delivered by two trainers commissioned by the partnership. Resources are drawn upon from within the partnership to strengthen the learning offer. This includes training delivered from services such as Renew (substance misuse), DAP (domestic abuse) and Hull VCSE. Further training includes training delivered by Humberside Police and the local authority Social Work Academy. There are webinars produced on relevant topics which can be accessed widely across the partnership and resources on the partnership website.

The HSCP business support unit and partnership manager deliver a programme of learning which partners benefit from. All training is in line with identified partnership priorities. A core part of staff inductions within agencies across the partnership includes neglect training. In addition, Humberside Police support with Achieving Best Evidence (ABE) training.

To ensure key local and national updates are widely shared across the HSCP, regular newsletters and virtual updates (including helpful resources and events to support safeguarding work, national key messages, campaigns, tools, and learning) are shared through HSCP, reaching a wide audience across voluntary and statutory agencies.

The impact of progress from training will be supported through evaluation and feedback from training and conferences. This is also achieved through the Learning and Improvement Subgroup where the impact of learning is considered. One of the core functions of the subgroup is to ensure that this is a space where partners share how information has been fed back within agencies and evaluate the impact of resources and training on practice. The impact of training is further measured through progress on priority areas and outlined within the [annual report](#).

Quality Assurance takes place regularly with planned and scheduled audits to monitor the quality of and effectiveness of work undertaken to safeguard children. 'Deep Dive' auditing activity continues to be undertaken to inform Line of Sight

Reviews; focused thematic auditing activity is facilitated through the HSCP against priorities within the respective subgroups.

Multi Agency Audits seek to understand children's wishes and feelings. In accordance with Working Together, agencies have a duty under Section 11 of the Children Act 2004 to consider children's wishes and feelings in the development of services. Section 11 audits further support the partnership to better understand how this is being achieved and scrutiny is provided by the Independent Scrutineer. Terms of reference.

12. How the arrangements will be funded

Funding of the partnership is provided by the three statutory partners in line with the Working Together 2023 recommendations. LSPs and DSPs have committed to ensuring that each statutory agency contributes to funding the safeguarding arrangements. Under this arrangement, each partner contributes to the structure of the multi-agency arrangements in terms of staffing resources to enable the functioning of the Hull Safeguarding Children Partnership subgroup activity.

The core income for the current year 2024/2025 has totalled £281,342. Hull City Council Local Authority contributions equate to 61% of the total input, ICB contribute 30% and Humberside Police 9%. The contributions from partners finance staffing costs (HSCP Manager, HSCP Senior Safeguarding Officer, HSCP Business Support Co-ordinator, HSCP Service Support Officer and two HSCP Training Officers, HSCP Independent Chair/ Scrutineer activity) and learning events. The equitability of funding is to be reviewed for 2025/2026 and will be considered on an annual basis.

There will also be continuing partnership discussions about how to be efficient. In terms of funding forecasting, the partnership is within budget however there will be considerations about how partners can continue to be resourceful.

13. The process for undertaking local child safeguarding practice reviews, setting out the arrangements for embedding learning across organisations and agencies

When the local authority notifies the National Child Safeguarding Practice Review Panel that a child has died or been seriously harmed, and that abuse or neglect of that child is known or suspected. The notification will trigger a rapid review which will be held within five working days. The HSCP notifies the national panel and safeguarding partners in the area within five working days.

The rapid review will decide, as a multi-agency panel, what next steps need to be taken including whether a local child safeguarding practice review (CSPR) should take place, a national child safeguarding practice review or if a local learning event will be sufficient to ensure learning takes place and actions progressed accordingly. The outcomes of rapid reviews are notified to the National Child Safeguarding Practice Review Panel as soon as the rapid review has taken place.

Child Safeguarding Practice Reviews (CSPRs) are undertaken when a child dies (including death by suspected suicide), and abuse or neglect is known or suspected. Reports are completed and published within six months of the decision to conduct a

review. A learning event takes place no later than six months after this review. Any learning identified during the review is cascaded at the earliest opportunity across the partnership. An independent author will be identified to complete these reviews.

The safeguarding partnership also holds the Learning from Individual Cases group (LFICG) which is another space for learning. The LFICG oversees all open learning reviews through the partnership. The group has an active role in developing a plan of action to improve future practice and to monitor the progress of existing action plans. Examples of good multi-agency practice are considered to reflect on what works well as well as areas that require improvement.

Any safeguarding partner agency can refer a case to request a multi-agency learning review. The LFICG will decide if the case meets criteria for a multi-agency learning review through the LFICG Learning Review Decision Panel. The membership of the LFICG Learning Review Decision Panel will consist of the designated child safeguarding professionals from Health (CCG), Humberside Police (DCI from Safeguarding Governance Unit), Children's Social Care (Head of Service) and the HSCP Manager.



Adult Social Care participate within learning reviews. This is in such instances where the learning is about young people transitioning to adulthood (16-18) or young adults who have completed this transition. Through the Hull Collaborative Partnership learning and priorities are driven forward with a focus for improving outcomes for children and adults. This ensures that partnership arrangements align with the [‘Think Family’](#) approach.

The criteria for learning reviews are where a child has or is believed to have suffered significant harm and there are practice issues where it is felt learning could be identified. That might, for example, include where there has been good practice, poor practice or where there have been ‘near miss’ events. In these instances, a learning review (Line of Sight event) will be considered. These reviews will be completed within 12 weeks of notification and will identify good practice and practice that raises critical learning, actions generate from the meeting including a plan regarding how learning is shared across the partnership. The Learning from Individual Cases Group has a scrutiny and quality assurance function in ensuring actions are completed in a timely way and have the desired impact to improve practice. Action plans will be tracked through the LFICG.

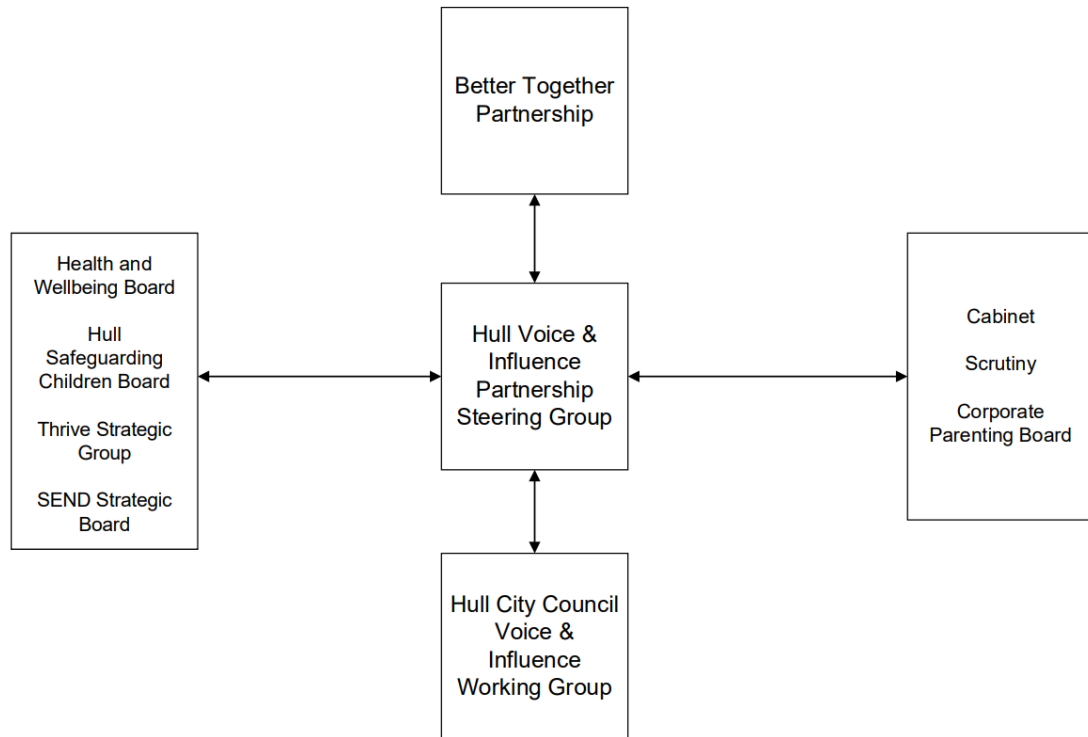
On some occasions a single agency learning review is appropriate, the terms of reference for which are set by the agency concerned with oversight from the LFICG. The outcomes and learning from this are shared with the LFICG to enable this to be cascaded throughout the partnership. In the event there is non-compliance with the process or concern relating to system failure this is escalated to the Executive Board.

The LFICG links closely with the Learning and Improvement subgroup to maintain a framework that identifies themes locally or from national cases. These then form the

basis for an audit or learning event. The LFICG tracks and reviews action plans from CSPR's, learning reviews (Line of Sight) and single agency reviews monthly to ensure that activity is embedded in practice by all agencies.

14. How the arrangements will include the voice of children and families, including how to escalate concerns and how any disputes will be resolved, including whistleblowing procedures

The diagram below shows the arrangements for ensuring that children and family voices inform city-wide governance arrangements.



In Hull, the Voice and Influence Partnership steering group is responsible for the development, implementation, monitoring, and effectiveness of the voice and influence strategy.

Members of the steering group include representation from the safeguarding partnership. The steering group achieves the following:

- Takes a lead in driving forward Hull's commitment to the voice and influence of young people and achieving excellent outcomes for children and young people, in particular vulnerable young people.
- Co-ordinates a range of resources and partnerships (with internal and external partners including representation of the Hull Safeguarding Children Partnership) which enables the effective voice and influence of young people within the safeguarding partnership and maximises opportunities for engagement across the city.
- Supports the development and co-ordinates the delivery of voice and influence services to support vulnerable young people.

- Promotes and where appropriate leads the development of the involvement of children and young people in the design/co-production, delivery and evaluation of services, and active citizenship.
- Identifies, develop, and promote best practice with regards to children and young people's participation, engagement and voice and influence and the learning is taken back to inform the delivery of respective partnerships that sit within this steering group.

The Hull Voice and Influence Steering Group monitors and evaluates effectiveness of the Voice & Influence strategy ([see the strategy here](#)) across the city. In relation to what children and young people tell us and how this influences, the steering group seeks to do the following:

- identify areas of good practice
- identify areas in need of development,
- identify additional training needs,
- identify themes and messages emerging for children and young people and
- establish outcomes because of children and young people's involvement.

Ensuring that the views and feedback of children are heard is integral to the work of the safeguarding partnership and so the safeguarding arrangements are informed by the Voice & Influence Steering Partnership.

There are a number of other ways in which the safeguarding arrangements are child centred in Hull. All assessments include children's voices and feelings and partner agency updates regarding children's lived experiences. Children's wishes and feelings are represented within Child Protection Conferences and children participate within Looked After Reviews. Children are offered advocates for Initial Child Protection Conferences and Children Looked After Reviews and the platforms through which views can be shared exist through digital appliances such as MOMO (Mind of My Own) function which allows children to share their views at any time and away from professionals. Children's views are also represented at Child in Need review meetings. All these meetings are multi-agency and there is joint participation from agencies as well as representation of child and family views from each agency perspective to inform the child's plan. The effectiveness of this is regularly evaluated through the safeguarding partnership multi-agency arrangements sub-group and working together.

The updated 'HSCP Resolution and Escalation Procedure' is now in place and is made available on the partnership website. This was developed alongside a neighbouring local safeguarding children partnership to ensure a consistent approach for children and families across area boundaries. Section 11 audits provide assurance regarding whistleblowing procedures within agencies.

15. How the local threshold document in place aligns with the arrangements

The threshold guidance has been updated during 2024 to reflect the current arrangements and this update has happened through the HSCP. There has been partnership contribution with the development of this document ensuring that it aligns with up-to-date safeguarding arrangements and is updated in accordance with Working Together 2023. Additionally, there is representation from VCSE and 'Family Help' is a core approach and reflected accordingly in line with Working Together 2023 guidance.

The effectiveness of how the threshold guidance is aligned with arrangements is evaluated through the multi-agency-arrangements subgroup. Multi-agency auditing enables evaluation of the threshold guidance and its effectiveness so partners continue to be assured about the alignment of Threshold guidance with arrangements as stipulated by Working Together 2023.

