



Meeting: Cabinet

Date: 11th August 2020

Wards Affected: All

Report Title: Plymouth and Torbay Children's Safeguarding Partnership

Is the decision a key decision? Yes

When does the decision need to be implemented? As soon as possible

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1. Proposal and Introduction

1.1 This paper has been prepared to provide members with details on proposed, necessary changes to the existing 'Plymouth and Torbay Childrens Safeguarding Partnership' arrangements.

1.2 The Plymouth and Torbay Safeguarding Children Partnership (PTSCP) was established to provide the statutory safeguarding function to the Plymouth and Torbay Council areas at a time when their social care services were accountable to one integrated Director.

1.3 An independent review of current arrangements recommended the changes contained within this proposal in light of Torbay and Plymouth assuming their own statutory responsibilities. Further the new arrangements comply entirely with the most recent government guidance on the future of safeguarding arrangements set out in revised legislation.

2. Reason for Proposal

2.1 The Children and Social Work Act 2017 legislated for new arrangements for safeguarding children. This document describes the new arrangements for Torbay. The new arrangements replace the current local safeguarding children boards with a new Safeguarding Children Partnership. The Act names the statutory partners as the local authorities, the police and clinical commissioning groups.

2.2 Cabinet will note that this proposal reflects the word and the spirit of the revised legislation and envisages the partnership board comprising the 3 main safeguarding agencies: namely Children's Services, the Police and Health.

3. Recommendation(s) / Proposed Decision

3.1 That Cabinet notes the attached document setting out the revised safeguarding partnership arrangements for Torbay and agrees the establishment of a dedicated Safeguarding Children Partnership for Torbay.

Appendices

Appendix 1: 'Safeguarding Partnership Arrangements' Document