

01 Background

The Children and Social Work Act (2017) set out that Local Safeguarding Children Boards will be replaced with new arrangements led by 3 safeguarding partners (Cheshire East Council, Cheshire Chief Officer of Police and the Clinical Commissioning Groups), and places a duty on those to make arrangements to work together with any relevant agencies for the purpose of safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children within the area.

02 Geographical boundaries

The geographical boundary for Cheshire East Safeguarding Children Partnership (CESCP) is the same as Cheshire East Council.

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03 Principles

1. Rights and interests of children will be at the heart of the arrangements
2. Arrangements will exist to improve outcomes for children and all measures of success should be toward that goal.
3. Responsibility for effective safeguarding lies with each partner agency; it does not lie with the CESCP. CESCP will be responsible for holding each partner individually to account for their safeguarding work, which includes their responsibility for effective multi-agency working.
4. Safeguard children by having in place policies, procedures, safe working practices and suitable, trained staff and volunteers;
5. Improve the quality of life and opportunities for all children by working together with multi-agency partners to improve outcomes for children in respect of keeping them safe from harm.

06 As a Partnership we will:

- ✓ Actively involve children and young people and their families, as what they say will shape the way that we work;
- ✓ Listen to front line practitioners and their managers and take their views into account;
- ✓ Act in an open and transparent way and foster a culture of challenge, scrutiny and support across the partnership;
- ✓ Ensure that our staff have the skills, support and supervision to keep children and young people safe;
- ✓ Share information and intelligence that will enable us to keep our children and young people safe;
- ✓ Celebrate strengths and positive achievement and we are committed to continuously improve;
- ✓ Embed the principles of 'signs of safety across our partnership;
- ✓ Work with other strategic partnerships in Cheshire East to ensure that our plans are aligned in order to maximise the opportunities for children and young people;
- ✓ Hold multi professional events to update the settings on the work of the Safeguarding Children Partnership but also include them in delivering the key safeguarding objectives.

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05 Priorities

We will improve frontline multi-agency practice through working on:

- Our approach to Contextual Safeguarding
- Improving the quality and effectiveness of child in need planning for children
- Emotional Health and Wellbeing of our vulnerable children
- Embedding the New Arrangements

04 Collective Vision

It is the right of every child and young person in Cheshire East to enjoy a healthy and happy childhood, grow up feeling safe from abuse or neglect and thrive in an environment that enables them to fulfil their potential