

**DUDLEY HEALTH AND WELLBEING BOARD**

**REPORT SUMMARY SHEET**

**Information Only Item no. 10(b)**

<b>DATE</b>	<b>19<sup>th</sup> September, 2019</b>
<b>TITLE OF REPORT</b>	<b>New Governance Arrangements for Safeguarding in Dudley</b>
<b>Organisation and Author</b>	<b>Karen Jackson Head of Healthy Communities and Place, Dudley MBC</b>
<b>Purpose</b>	This is an information item for the Board detailing the new model for overseeing and assuring the safeguarding functions of the three statutory partners in Dudley Borough (Council, Police, NHS).
<b>Background</b>	<p>In 2016, Sir Alan Wood, presented a report commissioned by DfE, which proposed major changes in safeguarding arrangements that should be adopted locally. DfE accepted his recommendations, which were enshrined in the Children and Social Work Act 2017 and in two pieces of guidance: Working Together 2016 and Working Together 2018.</p> <p>Although the requirements set out in Working Together 2018 apply only to children’s safeguarding, with the existing requirements for adult safeguarding continuing to be regulated through the Care Act 2014, many parts of the country have sought to use the opportunity to review safeguarding arrangements across the board.</p> <p>This report details the changes required and how this has been applied locally to develop an integrated approach for children’s and adult’s safeguarding for Dudley.</p>
<b>Key Points</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The new arrangements establish a single, all-age Dudley Safeguarding People Partnership Board (DSPPB) that brings together the statutory partners at senior level.</li> <li>• Beneath the DSPPB will sit two separate partnership forums, the Dudley Safeguarding Adult Partnership Group (DSAPG) which will focus on the adults statutory duties and Dudley Safeguarding Children Partnership Group (DSCPG) which will deliver the children’s statutory functions.</li> <li>• The Adults and Children’s partnership groups will be supported by a range of topic-based operational sub-groups which will take an all-age approach.</li> <li>• A single business support unit will be established, led by a single Strategic Board Manager.</li> <li>• An independent chair will be maintained for both the DSPPB and the two partnership forums with a single individual undertaking these functions.</li> <li>• A new Child Death Overview Process (CDOP) has been established which incorporates a Black Country Strategic CDOP which will</li> </ul>

	ensure that a review is undertaken of all deaths of children resident in the Black Country.
<b>Key asks of the Board</b>	It is asked that the Board members note the new governance arrangements for safeguarding
<b>Contribution to H&amp;WBB goals</b>	Indirectly to all goals
<b>Contribution to Dudley Vision</b>	Indirectly to all work-streams