

# Adults and Safer City Scrutiny Panel

Tuesday, 12 November 2019

Dear Councillor

## ADULTS AND SAFER CITY SCRUTINY PANEL - TUESDAY, 12TH NOVEMBER, 2019

I am now able to enclose, for consideration at next Tuesday, 12th November, 2019 meeting of the Adults and Safer City Scrutiny Panel, the following reports that were unavailable when the agenda was printed.

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| 7 | <b><u>Wolverhampton Multi-Agency Safeguarding Arrangements (presentation)</u></b><br><b>(Pages 3 - 12)</b> |
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Report of Dawn Williams, Head of Safeguarding

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# Wolverhampton Safeguarding Together (WST)

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# From Board to Partnership

## Purpose of Safeguarding Boards:

- Developing policies and procedures
- Promote the ethos of safeguarding
- Monitor agencies' safeguarding arrangements
- Participate in the planning and improvement of services
- Undertake learning reviews
- Assure itself that safeguarding practice is person-centred and outcome-focused
- Ensure agencies and individuals give timely and proportionate responses

# Why change?

National recognition of the challenges in delivering effective Childrens Boards:

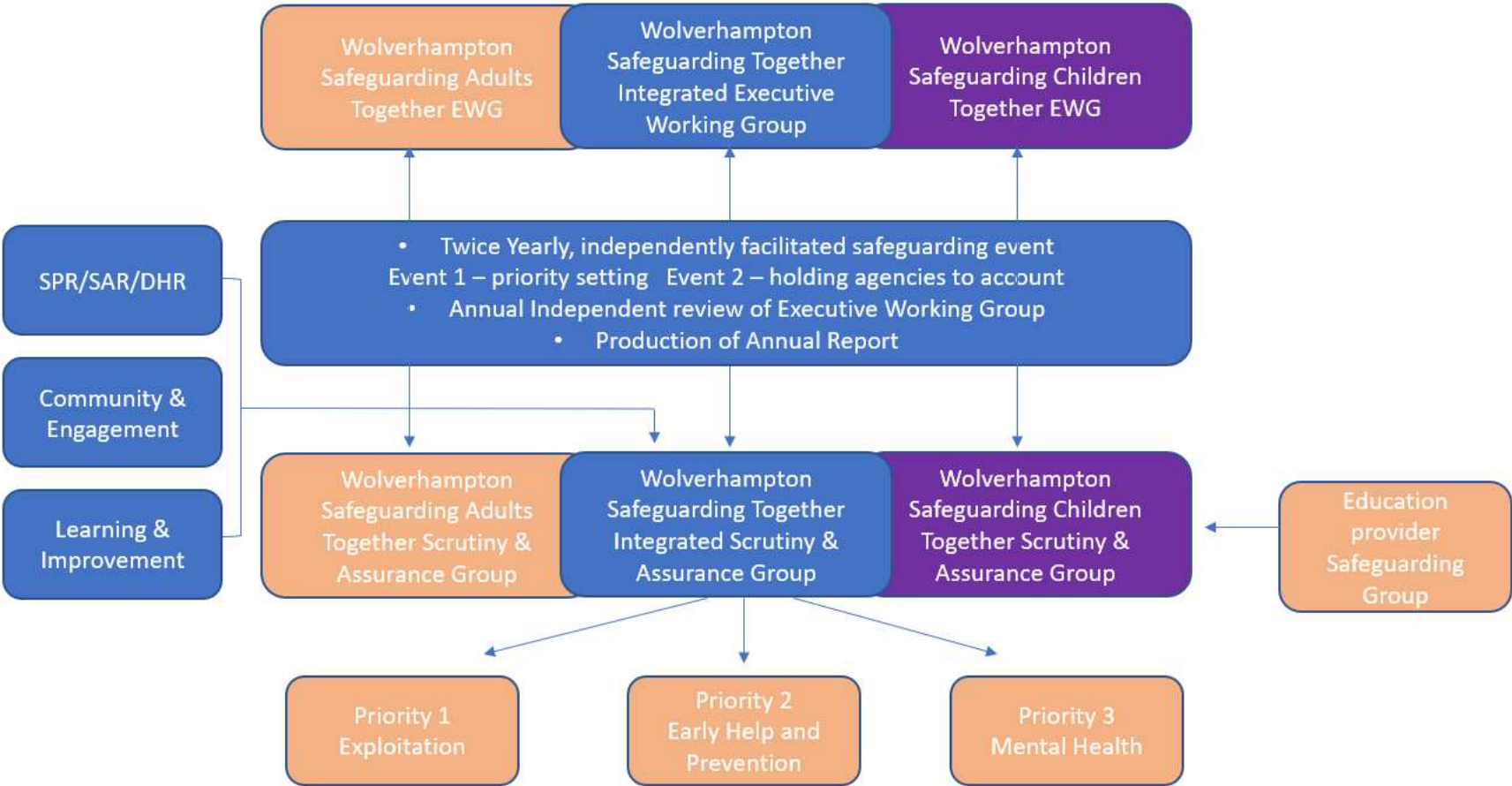
- Lack of ownership
- Unequal partnership
- Too bureaucratic
- Making little or no tangible difference
- Little challenge
- Insufficiently preventative
- Learning from reviews not embedded

# WST aims to be:

- Be dynamic, flexible and responsive to learning
- Learn from feedback
- Utilise data and a variety of scrutiny methods
- Simplify our structure and reduce bureaucracy
- Hold each other to account
- Continue to integrate both children's and adults safeguarding practice
- Use a restorative practice based approach to build a sense of community, resilience and a feeling of safety
- Develop relationship with universal services to widen the safeguard network

# Structure - One Partnership fulfilling two statutory functions

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# **WHAT DIFFERENCE HAVE WE MADE?**



# Scrutiny

## Independent Scrutineer

- Works with the Executive Group and Scrutiny & Assurance Co-ordination Group to ensure sufficient evidence and feedback is available to allow the partnership to demonstrate whether priorities have been achieved.
- Facilitates WST bi-annual safeguarding event that will ensure that our priorities are responding to the needs of children and adults in the city and have a direct influence upon positive outcomes.
- Appraises the Executive group who to forward any recommendations made

## Additional External Scrutiny

- Multi-agency case file audits
- Peer reviews – single agency/interagency/external partnerships
- Independent audit
- Inspection
- Practitioner feedback

# Annual Report

- Drafted by the Independent Scrutineer
- Owned by the Partnership so contributed to by the key agencies
- No longer presented to Scrutiny Panel as a completed document
- Opportunity for challenge and improvement

**QUESTIONS?**

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