

# Wolverhampton Safeguarding Together (WST)

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Our mission:  
Working as one to  
serve our city

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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?

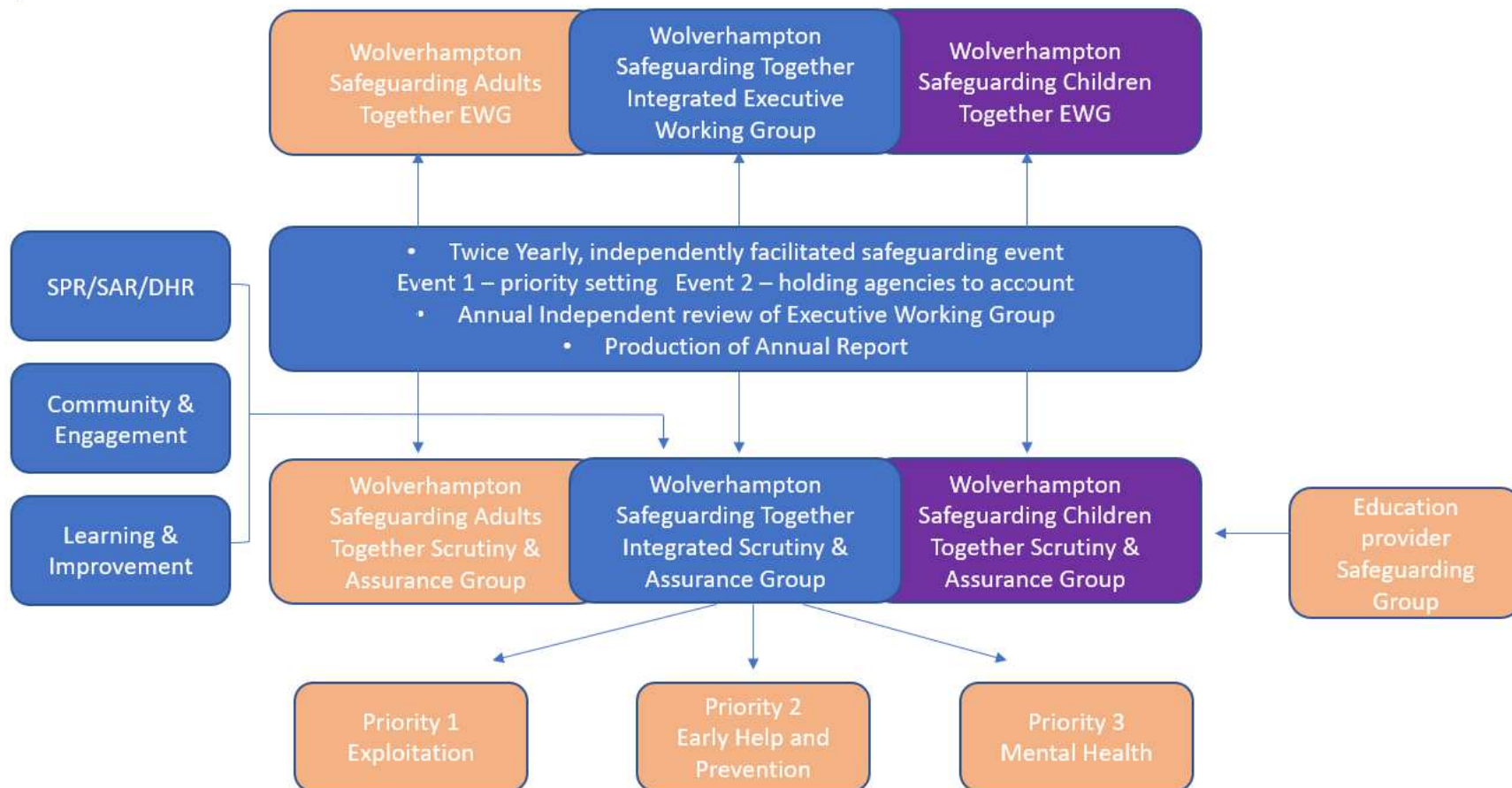
National recognition of the challenges in delivering effective Childrens Boards:

- 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



**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?**