

Service Delivery Plan 2025/2026 – [MSP Addendum to Safeguarding & Review Service Plan]



MANCHESTER SAFEGUARDING PARTNERSHIP



Our Achievements (2024/2025)

- Celebration conference coproduced with our children evidencing the impact of the work done by the Partnership with the children on safeguarding issues identified by our children.
- Coproduced a mental health toolkit for children when they said this was their biggest concern - Manchester Children Mental Health.
- coproduced a training programme on e-safety with primary school pupils for their parents and carers. 136 parents attended the webinars. During the year, 2,574 parents then accessed the Online Safety Hub. There have been 5241 pieces of content viewed on the hub all together.
- We also held the annual 'Children of Manchester's Safeguarding Conference' which is entirely led by our children.
- Conducted the S11 audit and analysis from this will direct the test and challenge session this year to drive the way agencies can work together to improve the safeguarding of our city's children and young people
- Split the adult and children's safeguarding effectiveness group to allow focus solely on either children or adults which has allowed us to focus on evidence on the quality of our work and outcomes for children through performance data, audit, front-line visits, spotlight on specific thematic areas and independent scrutiny.

Our Service Priorities (2025/2026)

The MSP BU will develop and lead the implementation and support to partners of the assurance on the effectiveness of the Partnership arrangements to meet the needs of children, families and vulnerable adults across the whole system from help and support through to safeguarding and children in care.

There will be particular focus on:

- To develop the role of the independent scrutineer in line with Working Together to Safeguard Children 23. For example, to provide safeguarding partners and relevant agencies with independent, rigorous, and effective support and challenge at both a strategic and operational level
- Review and implement the programme of thematic front-line visits that will provide assurance on the effectiveness of the partnership in keeping children and adults safe.
- Progression of the changes in WTSC23 including Multi-Agency Practitioners and managers knowledge and skills in meeting the practice standards and impact and the strengthened role of schools and the community and voluntary sector in influencing the work of the Partnership.
- The evaluation of the learning from reviews on practice.
- The evaluation of multi-agency training on practice. The MSP BU will put in place and action mechanisms for evidencing the impact of training on improving multi-agency responses to harm and preventing future harm.
- Implementation of the inter-partnership protocol, ensuring effective pathways, connections and timetable to other partnerships such as Corporate Parenting, Children's Board, CSP and other relevant strategic partnership bodies so MSP are clear 'What they seek assurance on and when; what they provide assurance on and when'.
- MSP MA training will reflect the research on the impact for the child of key points of transition to ensure all partners feel skilled in ensuring the best outcomes for children and adults at risk.

Activities which will support delivery of Our Priorities

- Develop and lead the assurance on the effectiveness of the Partnership arrangements to meet the needs of children and adults at risk including: a multi-agency performance report; multi-agency audits and using the views of CYP and families to inform evaluation
- Lead the progression of the changes in WT23
- Evaluate the impact of MSP Training on practice to reflect the MA support for children, adults at risk and families
- Ensure that the MSP website is fit for purpose, accessible and dynamic
- Lead the work on the response to the National Panel report into intra-familial child sexual abuse and the findings from the thematic child safeguarding review into CSA
- Support partners to be trauma responsive organisations
- Support the approach to domestic violence in Manchester with a MSP Development Programme for practitioners and managers
- Support Practitioners and managers to be trained and confident in meeting the practice standards set out in WTSC 23
- Conduct a programme of thematic front-line visits that will provide assurance
- Ensure that the Partnership are informed by research, best practice and national policy direction and learning. Including our influence at a regional and national level.
- Conduct development work to reflect the importance of education as our 4th statutory partner to MASA, linking with the DSL Network and working creatively with schools to enhance and influence the effectiveness of the partnership.

Zero Carbon All staff to attend zero carbon literacy training, embed zero carbon considerations in our day to day operations, our ways of working will include sustainable travel policies and sustainable delivery of events and workshops.

PLACE Maintain a place-based approach for staff and family to promote accessibility, sensitive to the communities we serve and actively consider how we can ensure accessibility,

UNICEF Child Friendly City All staff to attend children's rights training, all service development is coproduced, we will feedback to CYP & families the impact of their work with us



Equality and Inclusion

Deliver Directorate Equality and Inclusion Action Plan and the priorities of the multi-agency MASA Partnership.