

Wandsworth Safeguarding Children Partnership

Annual Report

April 2022 – March 2023



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Foreword (Exec partners)

Wandsworth Safeguarding Children Partnership (WSCP) is pleased to present their Annual Report for the period 01 April 2022 to 31 March 2023. As always, protecting children and young people from harm, abuse, neglect, and exploitation and promoting their welfare remains the paramount concern of the partnership. The work we do outlined within this report highlights how we are all contributing to this goal.

As you will see detailed we have worked to strengthen our partnership arrangements, making changes to our governance which give greater oversight and focus on the achievement of our priorities. These priorities reflect emerging need within our community and when priority areas are delivered on will make a difference to the children and young people in Wandsworth.

The partnership already through our work in this year anticipated many of the recommendations outlined in the 'Working Together Consultation' (launched in June 2023). We have arrangements where the leadership rotates between our partners, ensuring we effectively challenge and support each other to account for provision of services and oversight of quality, which includes improvement and agreement on priorities. Education is a core partner, and their engagement in the partnership has been strengthened. As you will see in the next statement from Sarah Lawrence, we have also strengthened our accountability to the children and young people we serve, with the recruitment of an independent scrutineer which will strengthen the voice of children and young people within the partnership and ensure the work we do always has their needs at the heart of everything we do.

As highlighted within this report the work we do has been set along a background of significant change. At the end of the year, The Baroness Casey Review was published, which made significant recommendations to the Metropolitan Police in terms of how the Police force address the needs of women and children, racism, sexism and homophobia, and how officers and staff are treated, as well as how communities are policed. The impact of this review has been far reaching and work remains underway to address the failings identified.

Health and Social Care, through the development of Integrated Care Systems (ICS) and local Place Based Partnerships, are focused on how we improve pathways of care,

and how we develop a Health and Care system that are resilient and collaborative. There has been a shift from traditional ways of working, with the dissolution of Clinical Commissioning Groups (CCGs) in July 2022 and the emergence of Integrated Care Boards (ICBs) to support the delivery of the new way of working has happened. The core focus of Integrated Care Systems being: the reduction of inequalities; improved health outcomes; supporting value for money; and helping broader social and economic development.

Outlined in the report are some of the challenges Wandsworth faces and how we are responding to these challenges to support the safety and welfare of our children and young people. These are similar to many other areas: workforce; physical and mental health and wellbeing, with the impact of covid; inequality and discrimination; and the cost of living crisis.

On a local level we have seen the publication of Child Safeguarding Practice Reviews, and as can be seen in this report work is underway in the partnership to continually improve our processes and ways of working to ensure lessons learnt from these tragic events are built into everyday practice.

We are expecting and preparing for inspections across our partnership, we welcome these as opportunities for reflection and learning, and our preparation should ensure that our systems are more robust and we are able to make further changes to support the safety of children and young people.

I hope this annual report provides an insight into what we are doing, and how we are delivering our objectives. We are open to new ideas and ways of working, and in reading this report should you feel there is something we are missing, or you have an idea as to how we can deliver the support needed more effectively please do get in touch with your thoughts. In the context of all the above as a partnership we have much to do and focus on and I hope this report highlights how we will achieve what we need to deliver.

Justin Roper Director of Quality

NHS South West London (Merton, Sutton and Wandsworth)
South West London Integrated Care Board, on behalf of WSCP

Reflections from Independent Scrutineer

I am delighted to have been appointed as WSCP's Independent Scrutineer in March 2023, joining this energetic and passionate partnership at a time of positive review, reflection and development. While I joined towards the end of this reporting period, I have been able to gain insights in to the partnerships position as part of my induction including the activity reported in this document.

The annual report provides an overview of the progress made by the WSCP in this year, continuing pressures and more 'stubborn' challenges that face children, families, communities and therefore the safeguarding partners. It is heartening to see that direct work with children took place in the borough exploring sexual harassment and abuse in schools took place and that this resulted in a video resource that was then used in training.

My observations of the partnership to date reinforce findings from the Local Authority Ofsted inspection that took place in this reported year.

I have witnessed system leaders working well together to review and address key concerns in Wandsworth with a relentless focus on improving children's outcomes. For example, in recognising and responding to disproportionality for black and minoritised children in the safeguarding system. The result of this is a clear partnership commitment to developing and driving improvements so that racism and discrimination are made visible and addressed.

I have so far experienced an open and transparent approach that encourages challenge and support with collaborative priority development and setting. The need to strengthen and reinforce WSCP arrangements in the year ahead is thoroughly recognised by leaders, and significant efforts are already underway to improve and regularly review these. With our newly appointed Young Scrutineers, I will commence independent scrutiny of the refreshed safeguarding arrangements towards the end of 2023/4. This work will focus on how WSCP can directly impact on improvements for children and families. Our findings will be informed by direct engagement with children and families, and wider communities. We will also seek insights from practitioners working with children and families in the borough.

I am committed to building on this and other participation activities to hear directly from children, families, communities, and frontline practitioners regularly about their experiences, understand what works well, and how multi-agency working can be improved.

I have no doubt that some stubborn safeguarding challenges lie ahead, and I have confidence in the WSCP's ability to respond, building upon its strengths. I will continue to provide independent scrutiny and to support the partnership in navigating risks and challenges. I look forward to working alongside them to keep children in Wandsworth safe.

Sarah Lawrence, Independent Scrutineer

Executive Summary

The Wandsworth Children's Safeguarding Partnership has ensured that children remain at the heart of everything we do across the borough. The safety and wellbeing of children and families is our main priority.

The last 12 months have seen the partnership grow from strength to strength, with innovative solutions and improvements made at pace. Successes and improvements include:

- The practice model, Family Safeguarding, has been further strengthened since its launch in 2021. Children and families receiving services have more access to specialist workers such as psychologists who work alongside social workers.
- The Ofsted inspection in November 2022 identified strong and effective leadership and improvements in practice. The Local authority was judged to be good.
- A robust quality assurance process has been developed to enable senior leaders and managers to understand the impact on improved outcomes for children and quickly identify areas that require support.
- We have reshaped how we learn from Child Safeguarding Practice Reviews (CSPRs) with new methodologies to produce shorter reports with a focus on wider systems learning. This has included a review of how actions are delivered so that learning is swift, and actions implemented quickly to improve practice.
- The vulnerable adolescents service has strengthened over the year and there is evidence that children referred to the service have risk reduced and life chances improved. This service delivers multi agency intervention seamlessly ensuring the young people are at the centre of every decision made. The Ofsted ILAC report in 2022 identified that this service was a strength and noted that the Evolve team had undertaken significant bespoke work to reduce the risks of gang involvement and exploitation to young people in Wandsworth.
- As a partnership we have offered a robust training programme that addresses all of the priorities of the partnership. Across the SSA the Violence Against Women and Girls (VAWG) strategy has been developed, with clear and strong contribution from across the partnership, enabling a 'Think Families' approach at the core of the SSA response.
- The Multi-Agency-Safeguarding-Hub (MASH) was identified to respond to referrals appropriately and promptly with good evidence of partnership collaboration to understand risk and need during the Ofsted ILAC inspection November 2022.

Some key challenges and opportunities for the coming year

The partnership acknowledges the following key challenges, and opportunities they may present for different ways of working. The partnership has taken these into consideration when reviewing the structure and priorities of the WSCP in April 2023.

Key challenges:

- The recruitment of good staff is both a challenge and opportunity. An opportunity to ensure that we are a model employer, offering opportunities to upskill and retain staff. This is a key priority for the Leadership team to ensure excellent training, support and management direction for all staff across the partnership.
- COVID-19 has impacted on all the community and disproportionately impacted on some communities that were more marginalised before COVID. The partnership, through data, is realising and acting on what we know and remain agile to ensure we best respond to the changing needs of our children and families.
- Promoting inclusion, celebrating diversity, and challenging inequalities is a key priority for the partnership in the coming year. We are committed to driving improvements so that racism and discrimination are made visible and addressed.
- Ensuring clear ambition across the partnership to address the challenges in the workforce
- Social care reforms and review of SEND - as further announcements of these are made the partnership will fully realise and respond to any changes in safeguarding arrangements for our children and young people, and how the review will shape and guide our work to best ensure we meet the needs of our children with SEND.
- Responding to the changing needs of our most vulnerable adolescents remains a key priority for the partnership.



1 Local Context

Knowing and understanding the local context is key for the WSCP.

We are proud of our Good and Outstanding schools across the borough, and the overall employment rates, which is the highest in London and third highest in the UK. We acknowledge and are responsive to existing and emerging needs, while also addressing the challenges through the opportunities they present, for example to engage more families and adapt services across the system.

The Local Context has slightly changed in the last six months and figures shown reflect that Wandsworth is a place of hope and opportunity, including an increase of 4% in schools rated good or outstanding.

The Wandsworth Context

Demographics

- 332,070 residents, the second highest in inner London
- 3rd largest population of children amongst inner London boroughs, 64,037 children aged 0-19
- Almost three quarters of school pupils come from Black or Minority Ethnic backgrounds and 38% of school pupils speak a first language other than English
- The largest ethnic group amongst pupils in Wandsworth schools is White (41%), followed by Black / Black British (19%), Asian / Asian British (17%) and mixed / multiple ethnic groups (15%), with 3% unknown or not disclosed

Challenges

- Nearly 1 in 5 people moved into the borough in 2021
- 12% or 8,878 children live in low income families
- 19.4% of households in temporary accommodation, this is higher than the London average of 16.3%

Need

- 28% of school pupils eligible and claiming free school meals
- 25% of children in relative low-income families in Latchmere compared to national average of 20%
- 5-9% of pupils on an Education Health and Care Plan (EHCP), higher than national and London average
- The number of children with an Education Health and Care Plan (EHCP) has more than doubled over the last 5 years

Opportunity

- 96.5% schools rated good or outstanding by OFSTED
- 89.2% of residents in employment, highest rate in London and third highest in UK
- 70.3% of over 16-64 year olds in Wandsworth are educated to degree level or above, well above national and London rates of 43.6% and 59% respectively

2 Voice of the child/young person

In response to the Ofsted Sexual Abuse in Schools report the Wandsworth Safeguarding Childrens Partnership, led by the Safeguarding Standards Head of Service and Participation, worked with a group of young women from schools across Wandsworth over a number of weeks to understand their experiences of peer-on-peer abuse in schools and were encouraged to provide solution focused suggestions on we can do to reduce peer-on-peer abuse.

This work culminated in a short but very impactful video which the young women gave consent for agencies to use as a training resource. This video was recently shown to over 30 Designated Safeguarding Leads (DSL) at our Twilight sessions, and discussed the types of solutions that they can bring back to their own schools e.g., how school nursing teams can support and the use of Student Councils to ensure students are having a voice on what matters most to them. All agreed that the video was an excellent resource and acknowledged how articulate and strong these young women were in talking about such a challenging and uncomfortable subject.

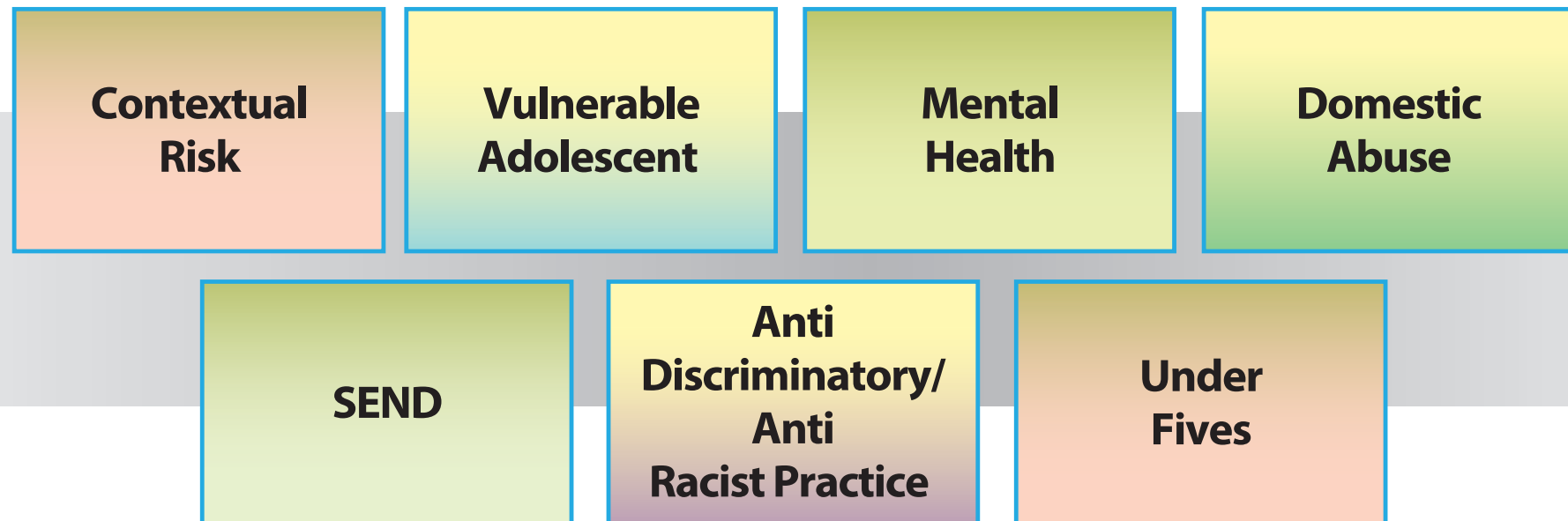
Once again, the WSCP would like to thank the young women who made this video for their time, courage, and commitment to this important work.



3 How are we doing as a partnership against Priorities 2022 -2023

WSCP Key Priorities 2022 - 2023.

The table on the next page provides an overview of how we have achieved our priorities and the impact this had had on children and young people in Wandsworth.



Evidence of how well the partnership is working against the key priorities are in the table below.

Priority	Impact of work
<p>Contextual Risk Ensure joined up working across the partnership to identify geographical areas in the community where young people are likely to be at risk and have robust aligned strategies to minimise risk</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Contextual meetings protocol agreed by WSCP and in place since February 2022. This protocol looks at child protection conferences for older adolescents to ensure better safeguarding of most vulnerable adolescents from extra-familial /contextual risk. Complimenting the protocol will be contextual safeguarding meetings that are young person focused. Between April 2022 and March 2023 there were 12 contextual meetings held. Introduction of the MARVE Plus panel November 2021, which looks at young people ages between 18- 25 where there are concerns of contextual risk. There has been a total of 21 referrals; 77% had an improved risk rating or alternatively were ceased to review (CTR) during the reporting period April 2022- March 2023. There continues to be robust communication and information sharing between MACE, Police, MARVE panel, the Evolve Groupwork programme lead, and Education to strengthen collaboration and safeguarding.
<p>Vulnerable Adolescent Ensure services provide appropriate help and interventions, consistent application of thresholds to offer help at the right level of need to reduce risk leading to better outcomes</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Redthread presented a report on referrals to their service and will work with Strategic MACE panel, making them aware of trends so resources can be used effectively. Wandsworth has been chosen to be part of the NHS Your Stance project. This is an outreach programme that provides lifesaving skills to young people at risk of violence to eradicate needless deaths. The focus of this is to support health care professionals and young people to have conversations that empower through the sharing of knowledge and skills. Violence reduction unit project proposals have been accepted for the new financial year. It will be an extension of the Individual Support Action [ISA] project and the Pathways to Progress [P2P] project within Wandsworth. Community Safety and Education are looking at putting together a training program for Head Teachers in key hotspot locations to help teachers to identify vulnerabilities early. Knife Crime Forum is inviting more organisations to join and developing its website to ensure relevant information is available to young people to safeguard them and the community.
<p>Mental Health Ensure that issues of mental health are given prominence in all aspects of intervention, especially where there are covert concerns about young people</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> A Working Group to look at a pilot project for black young people's mental health and possible inequalities was taken forward by the Chief Nurse, Gloria Rowland, and funding was made available through the Health Innovation and Health Equalities funding programmes. There have been several workshops with partners on health inequalities. The Director of Public Health published a report and Wandsworth Health & Care Partnership will be discussing the recommendations. Working in partnership with South West London (SWL) Head of Mental Health Transformation to develop a SWL suicide prevention pathway and associated training for professionals. There is a diverse team of Child and Adolescent Mental Health Service [CAMHS] young commissioners who help monitor and commission services. There is a Wandsworth Suicide Prevention Strategy which has been taken forward and meetings are held regularly with robust representation from the ICB. There is a comprehensive programme of co-production identified by NHSE as best practice. Quarterly GP led forums have focused on mental health needs of Children and Young People (CYP) and how Covid-19 has increased this. There is a new weekly clinic for CYP called the Well Centre as well as other initiatives. We know that GP's are now aware and using the CAMHS map and services which are available to support CYP and their families. We have acted on the findings of the publication by NHS Race and Health Observatory report 'Ethnic Inequalities in Healthcare: A Rapid Evidence Review' which suggested that Black children were 10 times more likely to be referred to CAMHS via social services rather than their GP service, in comparison to White British children. A pilot project has been identified to improve access to mental health services for Black Asian and Minority groups. Additionally, there is a working group jointly led with Wandsworth Community organisations to better understand this from a CAMHS tier 3 perspective.

Priority	Impact of work
<p>Domestic Abuse Ensuring that the impact of domestic abuse on children and young people are understood and identified so that levels of need are understood and acted upon promptly</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Multi Agency Risk Assessment Conference (MARAC) panels continue to take place 3-weekly in Wandsworth. The purpose of MARAC is for professionals to share information on high risk cases of domestic abuse and put in place a risk management plan. Referrals accepted for victims and perpetrators over 16. • Modern Slavery referral pathway created and introduced to Wandsworth partnership agencies • Training sessions were delivered on MARAC, Domestic Abuse Act 2021 and DASH RIC throughout the year, as well as presentations to various services to raise awareness of DA and available services (for example, to Childcare Provide network event) • White Ribbon events took place over 16 days starting on the 25th Nov 2022 included White Ribbon walks in Wandsworth, training sessions on Domestic Abuse, Multiple Disadvantage, Trauma-Informed Practice coordinated with Solace, SignHealth delivered training on Understanding Domestic Abuse in the Deaf Community, Safer streets training, Anti-Sexual Harassment Training for Night-Time Economy Staff, Boys to men training for professionals, Bystander training to professional and residents, Community Forum for organisations across the borough. • VAWG Strategic Group was set up to ensure that there is collective leadership across all relevant partners to establish, promote and embed a clear vision to tackle the issues and to ensure there is a clear strategic delivery model owned by all key agencies • Community Forum was set up to provide a platform for community organisations in Wandsworth addressing VAWG to come together and discuss issues and seek solutions regarding services, projects, and responses to VAWG, as well as to develop connections between community organisations and statutory partners to share best practice and achieve our shared efforts in VAWG prevention, mitigation, response, and recovery. • International Women's Day 8th March 2023 – held a conference on Stalking, specialists from Police, St Mary university and Refuge delivered presentations • 2 One Stop Shops are operating in Wandsworth -- drop-in services for domestic abuse survivors • Wandsworth council is White Ribbon accredited • Safer Streets Campaign – started in September 2022. The overall theme and aim is to effect a 'Culture Change' across the community in attitudes and abusive behaviours towards women and girls, with sustainability to build on what we have already delivered. (Delivered in partnership with Wandsworth, Kingston and Merton Councils and support of Met Police). Activities include anti sexual harassment, and vulnerability training for Night Time Economy workers, Bystander Training • RASAC (Rape and Sexual Abuse Centre: South London Rape Crisis) were commissioned to deliver training and workshops from December 2022. We reached 540 young people, delivering workshops in schools and colleges, around sexual violence/harassment, consent and image based sexual abuse (exploitation). This included Richmond College, and two local secondary schools. • Brentford FC Community Trust Kicks programme. – We delivered a half term project combining football training and workshops around healthy relationships with a group of boys aged 12-16 from across the borough. • Harmful Practices Working Sub Group for Richmond and Kingston – we have developed a Harmful Practices referral pathway and aide memoir for general professionals to help them identify, respond and refer victim/survivors of Honour Based Abuse, Forced Marriage and FGM – to improve local response

Priority	Impact of work
<p>SEND Ensure recommendations for improvement are met as set out in the Written Statement of Action following the 2019 SEND Local Area inspections</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Reduction of caseloads from 350+ to 200-250, enabling the Special Needs Assessment Service (SNAS) team to be more proactive, working towards stronger case management so that children are better engaged with and supported more effectively, leading to improved overall outcomes. • Fully staffed team of Early Years Inclusion Advisors leading to a greater implementation of the graduated response and more timely and responsive support for children with emerging SEND needs. • Training: The Inclusion team have continued to support the leadership of SEND through a programme of SEN peer reviews in schools where Headteachers and SENCOs make reciprocal visits to each other's settings supported by members of the Inclusion team. The team have identified and invested in the training that schools report to be most impactful – speech and language (ELKLAN) and Emotional Literacy (ELSA and PATHS). • The Inclusion Team have recently expanded and recruited a Social, Emotional and Mental Health (SEMH) specialist to work with schools struggling to manage complex behaviours linked to children and young people's SEND. • SCPS team continue to offer supervision for Senior Leadership Teams and reflective space to class teachers in schools to help consider the needs of the children and young people on their SEND Register. • Wandsworth Autism Advisory Service (WAAS), in conjunction with CAMHS, have created several posts to meet the increasing levels of complexity in children and young people with Autism and how this affects behaviour patterns. • Designated Clinical Officer (DCO) has reviewed the reporting documentation used for health contributions to the EHCP process, improvements have been made to health advice templates to ensure health colleagues fully understand the information being requested • Appointment of Head of SEND in Integrated Care System – covers all 6 boroughs in South West London and directly supports the DCO. The Development of cross-border working will remove logistical barriers for children and families. The aim is for services to be delivered seamlessly by all six boroughs. • Since Jan 2023 timeliness for the 20 weeks is at 100% • New Health and Social Care template has been designed • The Quality Assurance Framework has been reviewed with a shift of focus looking at Health contributions in EHCPs, Plans from Annual Reviews and deep dive audits on themes such as Alternative Provision • The SEND Review Team now manage a clear tracking system for Annual Reviews with an annual review development plan in place • Health Subgroup with focus on Health paediatric health reports Timeliness and Quality of Paediatric reports for EHCNA • Support health professionals to understand their role in contributing to EHCNA

Priority	Impact of work
<p>Under Fives Ensure that under-fives issues are seen as key in all aspects of the work of the partnership and is integrated in key strategies and guidance</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • CS Practice Week 30th March – 5th April – saw excellent presentations – to promote the Early Years Offer. Informative sessions looking at Introduction to the Early Years Offer and Impact of Covid on Child Development and Drop-in sessions at each Children centre in each cluster • Following Rapid Review actions have been progressed with the London Ambulance Service (LAS). LAS have changed some of their processes /policies and training for clinical staff as result of learning from the case. This continues to be part of the LAS safeguarding training and competencies. • Head of Midwifery/NHSE has a pan London Maternity pathway in place. • The ICB Head of Midwifery has a key priority to monitor the impact of ethnicity on access to maternity and neonatal care. There is also a strong engagement service that draws in wider community to support / design interventions to improve equity for women and babies and race equality for staff. • CAMHS Tier 2 service under 5's has under – representation of Black Asian and minority groups and work ongoing with referrers and seeing progress.
<p>Anti – Discriminatory / Racist Practice Through performance management areas of over representation and being disproportion of any service group is identified, understood, and analysed leading to appropriate action and intervention</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Following the Ethnic Inequalities in Healthcare; A Rapid Review Evidence report the Monitoring Quality & Performance [MQ&P] subcommittee will be taking this forward regarding actions following the report. • Report presented on anti-racist/discriminatory from the Community Safety Board [CSB] – the report focused on the disproportionality of the Youth Offending Team [YOT] population in Wandsworth and the stop and search rates of Black, Asian, and other ethnic groups being significantly higher than across SW London Boroughs. This is being addressed through the Youth Justice Board. Actions will be reported to the WSCP anti racist group and the Executive. • The WSCP has established an anti-racist practice, challenge and advice working group within its core structure to provide scrutiny to all partnership activities. The purpose of this is to achieve change that will reduce disproportionality and increase opportunities.

The Partnership acknowledges the work that has been undertaken in relation to these priorities, and the WSCP Key Priorities were revised in April 2023.

Priorities for 2023/2024

Anti-Racist Practice, Actions, Behaviour, and Culture across the Partnership and within all organizations.

To deliver excellent education to children in Wandsworth with a focus on children with special educational needs, and young people who have been disproportionately impacted by COVID restrictions, ensuring needs are assessed and that children receive the right support at the right time in the right provision to enable every child to reach their potential.

To work alongside children, young people, and communities to develop and deliver accessible early help services to children and families in Wandsworth with a focus on supporting disadvantaged and marginalised families, increasing fairness and inclusivity, and improving the wellbeing of children, young people, and their families in Wandsworth.

To deliver accessible and inclusive Mental Health services to children, young people and parents and carers ensuring access pathways for services are clear and gaps in services responded to.

To have meaningful multi agency data that enables the Leadership to understand the effectiveness of the safeguarding response to children and young people and to act quickly when there are areas of vulnerability or risk.

4 Performance and Quality Assurance

Child Sexual Abuse practice review.

Some of the key findings:

Good multi-agency information sharing at front door in well attended Daily Intelligence Briefings

Robust multi agency response to CSA concerns

Effective cross borough working across partnership agencies

Strategy Meetings are well led and attended by education / Early Years providers, health and police

Professional network reflecting safety and planning purposefully together can improve outcomes for children and young people

Section 11 Audit

It is the responsibility of organisations that work with children and families to ensure “that any services have regard to the need to safeguard and promote the welfare of children” (WT18, p.56). This is set out in Section 11 of the Children Act 2004 and is often referred to as Section 11 requirements. The annual section 11 audit is the main tool that provides the WSCP with assurance that agencies are doing what they can to ensure the safety and wellbeing of children and young people.

The section 11 audit was undertaken in three ways to assure the partnership that agencies and staff understood their responsibilities around safeguarding. The three areas are:

- **11 key agencies completing a self-assessment on their safeguarding duties**
- **MS teams survey**
- **Direct communication**

The report analysis identified that there was compliance with S11 safeguarding practices and procedures with all 11 partners that were asked to complete the S11 audit.

The S11 report identified that analysis of responses was made difficult because each organisation completed their response using different templates. This was addressed in year and a S11 online platform was commissioned to enable all organisations to submit consistent information securely using one template. This will streamline processes so that analysis of responses is simple and accurate, which will enable challenge and scrutiny.

The new on-line S11 platform will be tested with the 11 key partners in 2023-24 and following that the ongoing S11 audit will be broadened to include the voluntary and community sectors. This will allow the partnership to hold an improved understanding of strengths and areas where targeted support may be required to improve safeguarding practices across Wandsworth.



5 Multi-Agency Learning Events

Between April 2022 and March 2023, the WSCP undertook the following learning from experience events:

- Alsami 14 December 2022
- Carl & Max 14 January 2023

Key Learning from each

Hidden Harm

Professional Curiosity

Think Family

Voice of the Child and lived experience

Culturally Sensitive Practice

Know your families

Take time to Build Relationships

Addressing of therapeutic work

6 Child Death Overview

April 2022 – March 2023

Every child's death is a devastating loss that affects the family involved.

The SW London Child Death Overview Panel (SWL CDOP) is an inter-agency forum for Child Death Reviews and includes the boroughs of Croydon, Merton, Kingston Upon Thames, Richmond Upon Thames, and Wandsworth. The Child Death Review process is an analysis of deaths of children who die in England from birth to 18 years of age. The panel is a statutory body and is accountable to their respective Local Authorities and Clinical Commissioning Group. The objectives of the SW CDOP are to learn lessons and to share any findings and recommendations to prevent future child deaths.

For the reporting year April 2022 to March 2023, there were four new notifications of child death, and ten child deaths were reviewed. These deaths included deaths from previous years. Of these reviews, one was linked to self-harm. Three were under one year of age. Overall of the 10 reviewed deaths eight were male. This is lower than last year.

For comparison, for the reporting year April 2021 to March 2022, there were two new notifications of child deaths and Eighteen child deaths that were reviewed in the reporting year April 2021 – March 2022 which included cases from previous years. Two of these were linked to deliberate inflicted injury abuse or neglect. Eight children were under 1 year of age. The two cases linked to deliberately inflicted injury were over 14 years of age and both were male. Overall, of the 18 reviewed deaths, 13 were male.

7 Training the Workforce

The Wandsworth Safeguarding Children Partnership (WSCP) training programme, which is informed by the WSCP training strategy, sets out the framework to deliver appropriate safeguarding training to staff and volunteers working with children, young people, and their families in Wandsworth.

The aim of the training programme is to provide the workforce with core skills and knowledge to safeguard and protect children from harm.

The training has delivered a wide reach of safeguarding training and was also responsive to emerging issues in year. The training included domestic abuse, mental health, and online child abuse.

Training is delivered using a blended model of face to face and online learning. This allows more people to attend whilst also ensuring that all learning styles and needs are catered for.

Although the training programme was wide and varied there were 516 less people attending training in comparison to the previous year. Work is being undertaken within the WSCP Training working group and the Operational group to understand why this was so that there is an increase in staff and volunteers attending multi agency training in the 2023-24.

Key Highlights

- A total of 1,576 delegates attended 114 virtual or classroom-based courses.
- 1,275 school employees across 25 schools received single agency Safeguarding training.
- Two Learning from Experience events were held to share the learning identified following the completion of Child Safeguarding Practice Reviews (CSPR) regarding Alsami, and Carl & Max.
- An annual WSCP conference was held on the topic of domestic abuse with 110 delegates attending. This was well received with good feedback from participants.
- The number of delegates cancelling their training has reduced by 87% from 53 in year 2021/22 to 7 in year 22/23.

8 Communication and Publicity

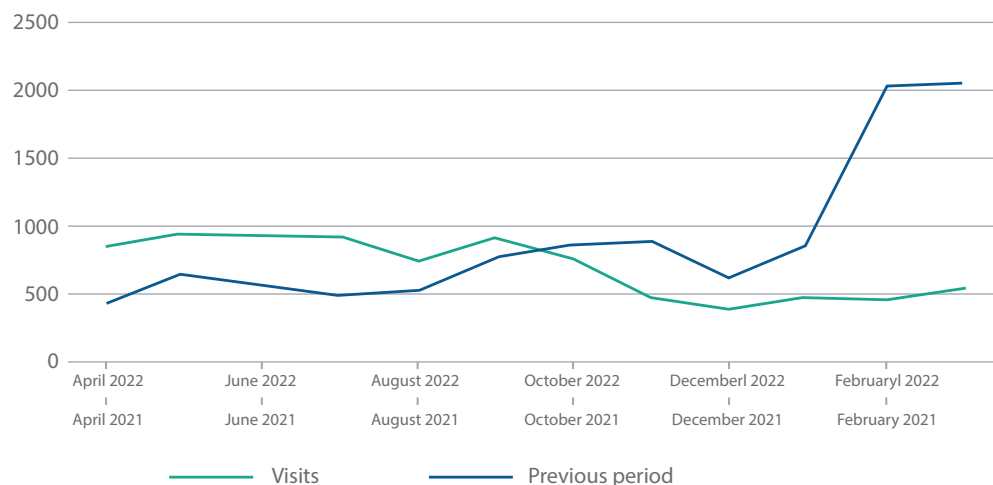
Website usage

There has been a marked increase in visit to the WSCP website when compared to the same period last year. The most popular pages include information when abuse is reported and people accessing the Level of Need Framework.

Historical overview and comparison

Site: wscp.org.uk Group: All pages Time period: 1/4/2022 - 31/3/2023

Visits	Page views	Unique visitors	Returning visitors	Bounce rate
10,684 +2,309	27,793 +2,415	8,321 +1,861	36 +131	64.88% +6.58



Most popular pages

Site: wscp.org.uk Group: All pages Time period: 1/4/2022 - 31/3/2023

No.	Title and URL	Page views % of total	Visits % of total	Average page views
1	What happens when you report abuse - Wandsworth Safeguarding Children Partnership	4,291 16.6%	4,140 16.6%	1.04
2	Home - Wandsworth Safeguarding Children Partnership	3,653 14.2%	2,548 23.8%	1.43
3	Home - Wandsworth Safeguarding Children Partnership	1,052 4.1%	824 7.7%	1.28
4	Levels of Need Framework - Wandsworth Safeguarding Children Partnership	871 2.4%	716 6.7%	1.22
5	Unknown	615 2.4%	563 5.3%	1.09
6	Thresholds for interventions - Wandsworth Safeguarding Children Partnership	608 2.4%	433 4.1%	1.40
7	Report a concern - Wandsworth Safeguarding Children Partnership	598 2.3%	504 4.7%	1.19
8	About the partnership - Wandsworth Safeguarding Children Partnership	597 2.3%	352 3.3%	1.70
9	Training - Wandsworth Safeguarding Children Partnership	540 2.1%	343 2.2%	1.57
10	Training opportunities - Wandsworth Safeguarding Children Partnership	521 2.0%	361 3.4%	1.44

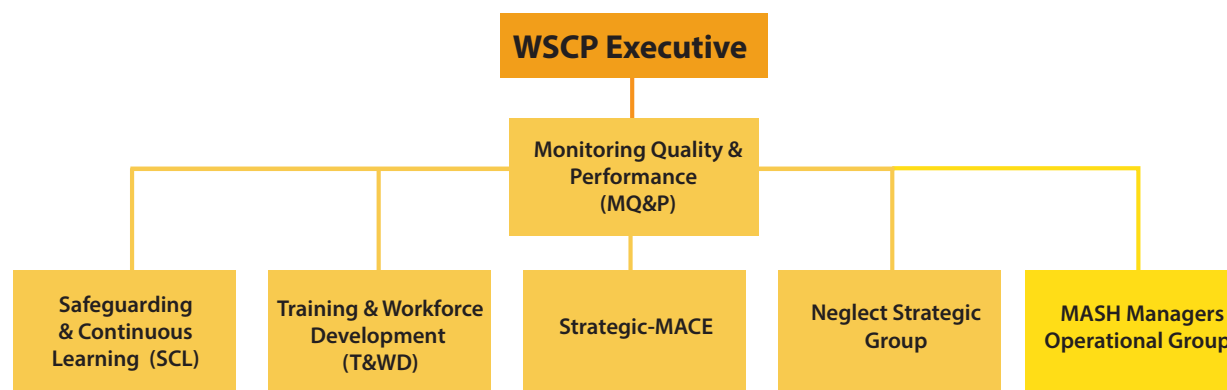
9 Budget 2023/2024

Annual budget discussed in March 2023 executive meeting and key headline: There was a significant carry forward from year 2022-2023. The Executive will consider how best to use this carry forward to improve practice across the partnership.

The budget for 2023-2024 was considered and the current budget will ensure that all WSCP priorities will be delivered.



Appendix 1 Current Structure of the WSCP and Sub-committees



Appendix 2 Acronyms

CAHMS - Child and Adolescent Mental Health Services

CCG/ICS - Clinical Commissioning Group/Integrated Care System

CDOP - Child Death Overview Panel

CLCH - Central London Community Healthcare

CSA - Child Sexual Abuse

CSB - Community Safety Board

CSC - Children Social Care

CSPR - Child Safeguarding Practice Review

DA - Domestic Abuse

DARAC - Domestic Abuse Risk Assessment for Children

EHCP - Education Health Care Plan

EPS - Education Psychology Service

GCP2 - Graded Care Profile 2

ICS - Integrated Care System

ISA - Individual Support Action

LAC / CLA - Looked After Children / Children Looked After

LAS - London Ambulance Service

LCSPR - Local Child Safeguarding Practice Review

LfE - Learning from Experience

MACE - Multi Agency Child Exploitation

MARVE - Multi-agency Risk, Vulnerability, and Exploitation

MQ&P - Monitoring Quality and Performance

NHSE - National Health Service England

PHSE - Personal Social Health & Economic Education

P2P - Pathways to Progress

RR - Rapid Review

SCL - Safeguarding and Continuous Learning

SEND - Special Educational Needs and Disability

SNAS - Special Needs Assessment Service

SSPB - SEND Strategic Partnership Board

TW&D - Training and Workforce Development

VAWG - Violence Against Women and Girls

WSCP - Wandsworth Safeguarding Children Partnership

Appendix 3 Partnership Funding

WCSP Income	Financial Year 2022-2023 Agency Contribution (£)	Projected Agency Contribution (£)
MOPAC/Metropolitan Police	5,000	5,000
National Probation Services	500	1,000
Wandsworth ICB	54,160	51,830
Wandsworth Borough Council	143,800	142,300
Income	203,460	199,130
Income (underspend) carried forward from prior year	102,473	104,100
Total Income	305,933	303,230

WCSP Expenditure	Financial Year 2022-2023 Actual Expenditure (£)	Financial Year 2023-2024 Projected Expenditure (£)
Training & External courses	45,250	45,300
Independent CSPR and Learning Audit Authors	8,400	15,600
Independent Scrutiny	0	10,000
Publicity (Newsletters, Protocols, Leaflets, Booklets, Licences).	0	0
Multi-Agency Auditing, Case Reviews & S11 Audit	6,693	0
Legal Costs	0	0
Printing & Stationary	2,579	2,600
Miscellaneous expenses (including refreshments for meetings)	35	350
Staffing & Agency	138,851	141,836
Total Expenditure	201,808	215,686
Underspend	-104,100	-87,544



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