

MSCB Business Plan 2017 – 2020 VERSION 7 – MARCH 2019

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	Priority objective 1: Develop the effectiveness of the Medway Safeguarding Children Board. The MSCB will do this by: a. Developing links between educational establishments (to include primary, secondary, pupil referral units, independent and colleges) and the MSCB;								
1.	-		tcome: What do we intend to achieve? engaged with the work of the MSCB						
1.1.1	In consultation with Head teachers establish an effective mechanism to engage schools	MSCB Chair/ Business Manager	MSCB Chair and Business Manager to attend secondary head teacher forums	Green	MSCB Chair and Business Manager attended Secondary Head Forum – 2 Feb 2018				
			 MSCB Chair and Business Manager to attend Primary head teachers forum Booked to attend meeting 27 April 2018 	Green	MSCB Chair and Business Manager attended MELA on 27 April 2018				
			MSCB Chair and Business Manager to meet with Mid Kent College Principal and Safeguarding Lead	Green	MSCB Chair and Business Manager met with Mid Kent College on 15 May				

				2018
1.1.2	In consultation with MELA appoint a new Primary Head teacher representative for MSCB Board	MSCB Chair/ Business Manager	 Expression of interest sent out to all Primary Head Teachers – 15 May 2018 5 Head Teachers expressed an interest. Telephone conversations with interested Heads taking place 25/06/2018 	en New Primary Head Teacher representative appointed to attend first Board meeting November 2018.
1.2			tcome: What do we intend to achieve? ated effectively to all educational establishments	
1.2.1	Set up a programme of twilight sessions for schools focusing on specific safeguarding	Learning & Development Sub Group	Ensure Designated Safeguarding Leads (DSL) contacts are up to date Gre	en Up to date contacts to ensure effective communication with DSL's
	issues	Education Safeguarding	 Schools representative for Learning and Development Sub Group to be identified 	per
		Officer	 Twilight sessions for schools to be set up Prevent CSE training with schools Gre	en Prevent session held 28 September 2017 attended by over 50 DSL's. CSE training with schools held 25 June 2018
1.3.	-		tcome: What do we intend to achieve?	tabliah sa anta
1.3.1	Ensure Local Authority	ngements on the et	fectiveness of safeguarding arrangements in educational es Review Education Safeguarding S11 (to	tablishments
1.5.1	schools, colleges, academies,	Safeguarding Officer	cover s175 and s157 of Education Act) Audit Tool for Schools	
	independent schools and alternative provision are fulfilling their duties under s175 and s157 of Education Act 2002	Performance Management and Quality Assurance (PMQA) Sub Group	Educational establishments to complete the Education Safeguarding Audit tool annually and report to be presented to PMQA sub group – July 2018 meeting Gre	Education Safeguarding Audit 2016-17 presented to PMQA meeting July 2018

1.3.2	Review and update model child protection policy for schools	Education Safeguarding Officer	•	Education Safeguarding Officer to review model child protection and safeguarding policy for schools – Jan – March 2018 MSCB Executive to consider draft policy		Green	Model Child Protection Policy published on MSCB website for use by Schools (March 2018) . Updated policy to be published in March 2019.
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	ty objective 2 Ensurerstood and embedde		s of Early Help, the Multi Ag	ency Safeguarding I	Hub (MASH) and thi	resholds are
2.1.			outcome: What do we interact ay Early Help Strategy and u		ssments	
2.1.1	MSCB receives regular Early Help reports on the effectiveness of early help and use of Early Help Assessments.	Performance Management and Quality Assurance (PMQA) Sub Group	 Quarterly Early Help dat by PMQA Sub Group Early Help Steering Gro be considered by Board basis 	a to be scrutinised up update reports to on a six monthly	Green	Early Help Steering Group update reports scrutinised by Board at March 2017, November 2017, July 2018 and January 2019 meeting and continue to be on forward plan.
2.2			outcome: What do we inteross the partnership and child		are receiving the ap	propriate services to
2.2.1	Review and update the Threshold document and support partners to ensure the	Policy and Procedures Sub Group Learning and	Initial proposal considered MSCB Board - Complete		Green	Initial proposal for levels of need in threshold document approved by Board – March 2017
	thresholds are understood	Development Sub Group Board	Revised Threshold docu considered by Policy & I group, Executive and Bo Complete	Procedures sub	Green	Revised Threshold document on Executive, Policy & Procedures and Board Agenda – March 2018
			Revised Threshold Docu published and Launched		Green	Threshold document published April 2018. Launched at

			Workshops hosted by Children's Social Care to be held on Threshold Document	Green	Children's Services Partnership event 20 April 2018 Eight multi agency training sessions on 'Making referrals, understanding and applying thresholds in Medway' have been held attended by 218 professionals. Three further sessions are to be held in 2019.
2.3			outcome: What do we intend to achieve? of the Multi Agency Safeguarding Hub (MASH)		
2.3.1	Oversee the implementation of MASH through clear governance arrangement between MSCB and MASH	MASH Implementation Group Board	Set up reporting arrangements between MASH and MSCB MASH implemented – April 2018 – Complete MASH update report to be scheduled to MSCB Board – September 2018	Green	MASH launched in April 2018. JTAI in June 2018 identified learning although MASH was at an early stage of development. MASH update provided to MSCB Board in September 2018. MASH Strategic Board in place
2.3.2	Ensure partners and public are updated on the development and	MASH Operational group	 Updated threshold document and MASH pathways are published on MSCB website April 2018 - Complete Launch of First Response Service and 	Green	Threshold document published in April 2018. Promotion of launch
	implementation of the MASH		MASH Briefing circulate – April 2018 - Complete Workshops on thresholds to include MASH	Green	'Making referrals, understanding and
				210011	applying thresholds

					in Medway' workshops include information on MASH
2.3.3	Monitor the effectiveness of MASH	Performance Management and Quality Assurance (PMQA) sub group	MASH performance data to be included in MSCB dataset - Ongoing	Amber	MSCB data set now includes First Response performance data and analysis – further MASH data identified and awaiting reporting for Quarter 4 2018-19
			Reviews to be undertaken of MASH performance and reported to MSCB Board	Green	Review undertaken and reported to MSCB in November 2019. Recommendations from audit to be implemented. Further multi agency audits will be undertaken to monitor quality of MASH performance

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Priori Medw		rt a local recruitme	ent strategy to help ensure there is an effective	workforce for safegu	arding children in
3.1.	Identified improven	nent area / desired	outcome: What do we intend to achieve?		
3.1.1	Delivering the message that Medway Council is an employer of choice.	Tim Silver Acting Head of HR Services	 Continue to develop and improve the Medway Council Social Care internet portal Maximise the usage of the jobsgopublic recruitment portal. Increase the Social Care's social media footprint 	Amber	
3.1.2	Working with schools, colleges and universities to raise the profile of a career in children's social care.	Tim Silver Acting Head of HR Services	 Deliver a series of roadshows at careers events Establish links with educators and potential recruits, maintaining a database, keeping in touch via social media, and invitations to events. 	Amber	
3.1.3	Engage with the Local Workforce Action Board (LWAB) to drive the council's social care recruitment agenda.	Tim Silver Acting Head of HR Services.	 Attendance at LWAB meetings and events Contribute to national and local strategic consultation programmes. 	Amber	

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	ty objective 4 Raise a fied and safeguarded		mpact of domestic abuse on children and young	g people to ensure th	ey are appropriately			
4.1	_	ective governance a Strategy	outcome: What do we intend to achieve? rrangements in place for the oversight of domestic	abuse and to oversee	the implementation of			
4.1.1	The MSCB ensures appropriate communication between multi agency domestic abuse groups	MSCB Executive MSCB Board	 Review of Kent and Medway Domestic Abuse Groups – complete January 2018 Review of domestic abuse arrangements to report to MSCB Board setting out links between MSCB, CSP, MSAB and KMDASV – July 2018 	Green	Domestic Abuse and Sexual Violence Executive and Tactical Group established and update provided to MSCB Board July 2018. Medway representation through lan Sutherland and James Williams			
		Kent and Medway Domestic Abuse Executive	Kent and Medway Domestic Abuse Strategy to be updated and published – In progress March 2019	Amber				
4.2	Identified improvement area / desired outcome: What do we intend to achieve? Children living with or affected by Domestic Abuse in Medway are appropriately identified and safeguarded							
4.2.1	Information from incidents of domestic abuse attended by Police are shared with identified partners	Kent Police	Operation Encompass to be implemented in Medway Verbal update on implementation of Operation Encompass provided at March 2018 Board meeting Operation Encompass to be implemented in February 2019 –	Amber				

			briefings held with schools with the first briefing on 18 January 2019 – In progress		
4.2.2	Medway professionals are aware of safeguarding	Learning and Development sub group	MSCB to develop programme of learning opportunities	Amber	
	process and services for children and young people affected by domestic abuse	MSCB Training Officer	Establish quality assured awareness training programme for dissemination through Champions via a training for trainers opportunity. Review to include methods of evaluation and evidence of impact on practice	Amber	
			Domestic abuse court orders taster session to be set up to enable professionals to understand the various court orders	Green	Domestic Abuse Civil and Criminal Orders Workshop held on 18 September 2017 attended by over 70 professionals
			Domestic Abuse champions programme to be rolled out which embeds champions across partner organisations and provides more consistency of training with agencies	Amber	
4.2.3	Children living with domestic abuse receive the right help and protection	Public Health	Review domestic abuse risk assessment tools and agree a new child focused tool that can be rolled out across the system to supplement DASH Workshop to review tools to be held July 2018 Tool has been revised and presented to Learning Lessons sub group in February 2019, further consultation is needed. To be presented to Learning Lessons sub group in May 2019.	Amber	

4.3.	<u> </u>		outcome: What do we intend to achieve? ency Risk Assessment Conference (MARAC) proce	ess in Medway	
4.3.1	Children who are known to live in families where there is domestic abuse have appropriate	MARAC Performance Management & Quality Assurance Sub	MARAC Annual Report to be presented to PMQA sub group – July 2017 - Complete; July 2018; July 2019.	Green	MARAC Annual Report scrutinised by PMQA sub group – July 2017 and scheduled for July 2018 meeting
	intervention and care plans in place and the Medway MARAC engaged partners effectively	Group	MARAC data to be included in a MSCB dataset including monitoring of repeat cases – Quarterly throughout 2017-20	Amber	Number of cases presented to MARAC and number of repeat cases is included in MSCB dataset. Quarter 3 2018-19 data showed the number of cases remains consistent with the last quarter

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	iority objective 5 Enhance the understanding of neglect amongst professionals and ensure children experiencing neglect receive nely and effective support									
5.1.	Secure collective cor	nmitment to addres	outcome: What do we intend to achieve? sing neglect across all partner agencies and to deres and processes including the use of the Graded C		dership in driving					
5.1.1	MSCB to develop and agree a multi agency Neglect	Policy and Procedures sub group	Draft Neglect Strategy to be presented to MSCB Executive – September 2017 - Complete	Green	Neglect strategy approved and published					
	strategy	MSCB Business Manager	Review of Neglect Strategy to be completed – September 2019	Amber						
5.2			outcome: What do we intend to achieve? ssessment and intervention for children and young	people living in negle	ctful situations					
5.2.1	Implement the NSPCC Graded Care Profile	Learning and Development	Set up a programme of multi agency GCP2 training – March 2017	Green	Programme of multi agency training in place					
	(GCP2) to provide professionals with an objective measure of the care of the children		Set up monitoring of GCP2 training figures	Green	GCP roll out update report considered by L&D Sub group – Jan 2018. There are 14 trained GCP trainers. The MSCB has held 7 multi agency training events attended by 118 professionals up to January 2018. The GCP training is well received and well reviewed.					

5.2.2	Undertake review of the multi agency neglect training available	Learning and Development	Training officer to undertake review of neglect training This will be completed by September 2019	Amber	
5.3	To improve outcome	s for children, young	outcome: What do we intend to achieve? g people and families by ensuring the quality and e and their families to evidence their views about the		
5.3.1	MSCB to have a clear picture of the quality and effectiveness of services to address neglect including the use of GCP2	Case File Audit Group Performance Management & Quality Assurance	Multi agency audit on neglect to be undertaken – December 2017 – May 2018	Green	Neglect audit undertaken between Nov 2017 and Apr 2018. Audit reported to Executive and MSCB Board in Jan 2019. Audit findings raised as a challenge to all partners by MSCB Independent Chair. Action Plan in place to implement recommendations monitored by Learning Lessons sub group.
			Agencies to include key performance information on neglect in MSCB dataset – June 2018	Green	Data set updated to include neglect data. Analysis is now provided and is scrutinised by PMQA sub group on a quarterly basis.

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	riority objective 6 Address the challenges to children and young people at risk of specific vulnerabilities including exploitation ncluding online exploitation), sexually harmful behaviour and mental health								
6.1.		Identified improvement area / desired outcome: What do we intend to achieve? Be assured that safeguarding services are responsive to the needs and risks experienced by children and young people in Medway							
6.1.1	Ensure that there is clear Harmful Sexual Behaviour guidance in place, which is reflected in training and accessed by	Policy & Procedures Learning and Development sub groups	 Review of Harmful Sexual behaviour guidance to be undertaken Harmful Sexual Behaviour guidance - Complete approved by MSCB Executive – May 2018 Harmful sexual behaviour guidance to be launched – June 2018 	Green	Harmful Sexual Behaviour Guidance approved by P&P – March 2018 & Executive May 2018				
	professionals		Harmful Sexual Behaviour Factsheet to be published - complete	Green					
6.2.	Identified improvem Evaluate partners ap		outcome: What do we intend to achieve?						
6.2.1	MSCB to review the local e-safety support information available		CEOP (Child Exploitation and Online Protection) Training to be delivered	Green	Session held 5 October 2017 attended by 22 professionals. Future session planned for 15 May 2018				
6.3.	Identified improvement area / desired outcome: What do we intend to achieve? Ensure that children and young people are educated about potential safeguarding risks								
6.3.1	Support young people to develop Domestic abuse campaign for	Young Persons Safeguarding Panel	 Finalise development of Young Persons Domestic Abuse campaign #LovesMeOrNot Circulate #LovesMeOrNot campaign to Medway schools 	Green	Initial launch completed September 2017				

	young people in relationships		Support development of domestic abuse drama with Kent Police and Rainham Mark School – September 2017					
			Relaunch Young Persons Domestic Abuse campaign with schools for 2019 MSCB will work with the Medway Youth Council in April 2019 to relaunch this in line with the findings from the Medway Youth Council Conference 2018.	Amber				
6.3.2	The MSCB engages with young people	MSCB Lay Members	Safeguarding partners to consider engagement of young people in development of new safeguarding partnership arrangements – by June 2019	Amber				
6.4.	Identified improvement area / desired outcome: What do we intend to achieve?							
			ding children and young people vulnerable to rac	dicalisation and extremisr				
6.4.1	Medway professionals recognise and work with young people vulnerable to	Mutli Agency Prevent Board Learning and Development	Deliver Workshops to Raise Awareness of Prevent (WRAP)	Green	WRAP sessions held and future sessions planned for March and September 2018			
	radicalisation and extremism		Ensure the referral pathway into Channel is clearly understood and widely circulated	Green	Prevent Pathway and Channel Referral Form on MSCB website			
6.5.	Identified improvement area / desired outcome: What do we intend to achieve? Implement an effective strategy to ensure children are protected from Child Sexual Exploitation							
6.5.1	Update and implement the CSE	Multi Agency Sexual	 Review CSE Strategy for 2017-20 – July 2017 – complete 	Green				
	Strategy and Action plan taking into account national reports and	Exploitation (MASE) Panel CSE	Develop CSE Action Plan for 2017-20 reflective of national and local lessons learned – July – September 2017 – complete	Green				

	findings from reviews	Champions	Review to be undertaken of CSE Procedures, Risk Assessment tool and CSE Panel	Amber	MASE Update		
			Executive and Board	Green	Report to be considered at Executive March 2018		
6.5.2	Ensure all key stakeholder agencies are adopting the statutory guidance to deliver services relating to CSE and missing children	Multi Agency Sexual Exploitation (MASE) Panel CSE Champions	 All agencies to undertake CSE self assessment – July – September 2017 Key finding from CSE self assessment to be considered by CSE Champions group and MSE to identify key learning 	Green			
6.5.3	Ensure there is accurate and consistent reporting	Multi Agency Sexual Exploitation	 MASE to review and update multi agency problem profile 	Green	Multi agency problem profile reviewed by MASE		
	of CSE and missing children	Performance Management and Quality Assurance sub	Ensure all agencies are using the CSE soft intelligence form	Amber	Reporting using intelligence form monitored by MASE – reporting is still low – to be monitored by MASE		
		group	 MASE to consider use of electronic intelligence form - complete Agreement at MASE meeting Nov 2017 to adopt electronic intelligence form – details circulated, sent to CSE partners and published on MSCB website 	Green			
6.6.	Identified improvement area / desired outcome: What do we intend to achieve? Sexual Abuse is recognised and responded to appropriately by all agencies						
6.6.1	Implement the Child Sexual Abuse	Policy and Procedures	Review and publish CSA Pathway – July 2017 – complete	Green			

(CSA) Pathway		Multi Agency Audit to be completed on CSA		Multi agency audit
and learning	Learning and	- May - Sept 2018		on Sexual Abuse
around sexual	Development			undertaken between
abuse				May 2018 and Sept
	Case File Audit			2018 and reported to
	Group			the Executive and
				Board in March
			Green	2019. Findings of
				audit circulated to all
				Board members.
				Recommendations
				included in Action
				Plan to be monitored
				by Learning Lessons
				sub group.

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Core	Core Objectives								
7.1	Ensure learning from Serious Case	Learning Lessons	Revisit learning from previous action plans – In progress	Amber					
	Reviews, Learning Lessons Reviews, Case audits and child deaths impacts on front line practice to protect children	Learning and Development	Serious Case Reviews to be undertaken in accordance with Working Together 2015	Ongoing - Amber	SCR Ellie published 24 January 2018. Action Plan considered by Learning Lessons Sub group SCR Dawn published 27 March 2018. Medway STC SCR to be published January 2019.				
			Lessons from SCR's briefing sessions to be set up – June 2018	Green	Two learning from SCR Briefing sessions held – October 2018. Further sessions planned for 2019.				
			•	Continue to develop publication of Learning Lessons Bulletin for professionals	Green	Learning Lessons bulletins for SCR Ellie and Dawn published			
			Learning from SCR's, Learning Lessons Reviews, and Child Death reviews to be embedded into multi agency training	Amber					

7.2	The MSCB develops its professional communications to ensure wider awareness and use of the MSCB resources	MSCB Business Manager/ Learning and Development Officer	 Regular bulletins to be produced by MSCB for professionals with local news and learning opportunities MSCB twitter account to be utilised to promote key safeguarding messages 	Green	Quarterly bulletins published on MSCB website MSCB twitter account has over 600 followers – January 2019
7.3	Produce an annual assessment of the effectiveness of	MSCB Chair/ Business Manager	Annual Report to be signed off by Board and published – September 2017	Green	2016-17 and 2017- 18 Annual Report published and
	safeguarding arrangements		 2017-18 Annual Report to be signed off by Board and published – September 2018 	Green	presented to CYP O&S H&WB Board; and Community Safety Partnership.
			2018-19 Annual Report to be signed off by Board and published – September 2019	Amber	
7.4	Ensure there are effective safeguarding arrangements in place across partner agencies in	Performance Management and Quality Assurance	Section 11 audit process to be agreed by PMQA – September 2017 - complete	Green	Section 11 tool and process approved by Board – January 2018. Launch event held 2 February 2018
	Medway		 Section 11 audits to be completed by all partner agencies – February 2018 – March 2018 - Complete 	Green	
			Challenge panels to be held – June – July 2018	Green	Challenge panels held and reported to PMQA sub group and Board
7.5	Ensure that multi agency policies and procedures are up to date and accessible	Policy and Procedures	Policy and Procedures sub group to introduce policy tracking system – September 2017 - complete	Green	

7.6	Ensure MSCB has access to performance information and is able to scrutinise the effectiveness of multi agency work	Performance Management and Quality Assurance	•	MSCB data set to be redesigned to ensure it focuses on the MSCB priorities 2017-20 – September 2017 – June 2019		Green	MSCB Dataset workshop held 18 April 2018. Review of dataset complete. Non submission of agency data has been escalated to MSCB Independent Chair. Regular data and analysis has been provided for Quarter 3 2018-19.
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