

### MSCB Business Plan 2017 – 2020 VERSION 8 – MAY 2019

**RAG** rating: Each action should be given a RAG (Red, Amber, Green) rating according to the following definitions.

Progress/indicator RAG status					
Work is significantly behind schedule and no progress has been made, and/or Progress has been made but the					
timescale has not been achieved.					
Progress is being made, progress is good and the action is likely to be achieved within timescale. Or the action					
has been completed but evidence is required to demonstrate achievement.					
The action has been completed and there is a record of evidence to support its completion.					

	Planning			Monitoring	
Action number	Specific action	Lead	Actions and Timescales for work	RAG rating	Impact and evidence
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.	Identified improvement area / desired outcome: What do we intend to achieve?  Ensure that educational establishments are 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	MSCB Chair and Business Manager attended Secondary Head Forum – 2 Feb 2018	
			<ul> <li>MSCB Chair and Business Manager to attend Primary head teachers forum</li> <li>Booked to attend meeting 27 April 2018</li> </ul>	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	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	<ul> <li>Expression of interest sent out to all Primary Head Teachers – 15 May 2018</li> <li>5 Head Teachers expressed an interest. Telephone conversations with interested Heads taking place 25/06/2018</li> </ul>	New Primary Head Teacher representative appointed to attend first Board meeting November 2018.	
1.2	<del>-</del>		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	Up to date contacts to ensure effective communication with DSL's	
	issues	Education Safeguarding Officer	<ul> <li>Twilight sessions for schools to be set up</li> <li>Prevent</li> <li>CSE training with schools</li> </ul>	Prevent session held 28 September 2017 attended by over 50 DSL's. CSE training with schools held 25 June 2018	

1.3.		Identified improvement area / desired outcome: What do we intend to achieve?  Develop assurance arrangements on the effectiveness of safeguarding arrangements in educational establishments				
1.3.1	Ensure Local Authority schools, colleges, academies, independent schools and alternative provision are fulfilling their duties under s175 and s157 of Education Act 2002	Education Safeguarding Officer  Performance Management and Quality Assurance (PMQA) Sub Group	Review Education Safeguarding S11 (to cover s175 and s157 of Education Act)     Audit Tool for Schools	ication eguarding Audit 6-17 presented MQA meeting 2018		
1.3.2	Review and update model child protection policy for schools	Education Safeguarding Officer	model child protection and safeguarding policy for schools – Jan – March 2018  • MSCB Executive to consider draft policy  web Sch	del Child tection Policy lished on MSCB esite for use by ools (March 8) . Updated cy to be lished in March 9.		

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	ty objective 2 Ensure stood and embedded		s of Early Help, the Multi Age	ncy Safeguarding I	Hub (MASH) and thre	sholds are
2.1.			outcome: What do we intend ay Early Help Strategy and use		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	<ul> <li>Quarterly Early Help data by PMQA Sub Group</li> <li>Early Help Steering Group be considered by Board o basis</li> </ul>	to be scrutinised update reports to		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 intend coss the partnership and childre		are receiving the appr	opriate 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	and agreed by		Initial proposal for levels of need in threshold document approved by Board – March 2017
	thresholds are understood	Development Sub Group Board	<ul> <li>Revised Threshold docum considered by Policy &amp; Pr group, Executive and Boa Complete</li> </ul>	ocedures sub		Revised Threshold document on Executive, Policy & Procedures and

				Board Agenda – March 2018
			Revised Threshold Document to be published and Launched - Complete	Threshold document published April 2018. Launched at Children's Services Partnership event 20 April 2018
			Workshops hosted by Children's Social Care to be held on Threshold Document	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	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 implementation of the MASH	MASH Operational group	Updated threshold document and MASH pathways are published on MSCB website – April 2018 - Complete      Launch of First Response Service and MASH Briefing circulate – April 2018 - Complete	Threshold document published in April 2018.  Promotion of launch completed.
			Workshops on thresholds to include MASH	'Making referrals, understanding and 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     MASH data including MASH contacts meeting threshold; decisions within 1 working day; decisions within 4 hours to be added to dataset by Performance team – by May 2019 – Complete     Partner Engagement Requests (% response in timescale) to be added to dataset by performance team – by July 2019	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	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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	Priority objective 3 Support a local recruitment strategy to help ensure there is an effective workforce for safeguarding children in Medway  3.1. Identified improvement 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	<ul> <li>Continue to develop and improve the Medway Council Social Care internet portal</li> <li>Maximise the usage of the jobsgopublic recruitment portal.</li> <li>Increase the Social Care's social media footprint</li> </ul>			
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	<ul> <li>Deliver a series of roadshows at careers events</li> <li>Establish links with educators and potential recruits, maintaining a database, keeping in touch via social media, and invitations to events.</li> </ul>			

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.	<ul> <li>Attendance at LWAB meetings and events</li> <li>Contribute to national and local strategic consultation programmes.</li> </ul>		
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Action number	Specific action	Lead	Actions and Timescales	Risk RAG rating	Impact and evidence
	ty objective 4 Raise a fied and safeguarded		npact of domestic abuse on children and youn	g people to ensure th	ey are appropriately
4.1	Identified improvement area / desired outcome: What do we intend to achieve?  Ensure there are effective governance arrangements in place for the oversight of domestic abuse and to oversee the implementation of the Domestic Abuse Strategy				
4.1.1	The MSCB ensures appropriate communication between multi agency domestic abuse groups	MSCB Executive  MSCB Board	<ul> <li>Review of Kent and Medway Domestic Abuse Groups – complete January 2018</li> <li>Review of domestic abuse arrangements to report to MSCB Board setting out links between MSCB, CSP, MSAB and KMDASV – July 2018</li> </ul>		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	Kent and Medway Domestic Abuse Strategy to be updated and published – In progress		

4.2			May 2019      First draft of strategy – Complete     Consultation on Strategy held – In progress     Final strategy to be agreed and published  outcome: What do we intend to achieve?  stic 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 — briefings held with schools with the first briefing on 18 January 2019 — complete	
4.2.2	Medway professionals are aware of safeguarding process and services for children and young people affected by domestic abuse	Learning and Development sub group MSCB Training Officer	<ul> <li>MSCB to develop programme of learning opportunities around domestic abuse</li> <li>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</li> <li>Domestic abuse court orders taster session to be set up to enable professionals to</li> </ul>	Domestic Abuse Civil and Criminal
			understand the various court orders	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		
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 - complete     Tool has been revised and presented to Learning Lessons sub group in February 2019 – complete     Medway Domestic Abuse     Assessment Checklist for children and families to be piloted for 3 months and reviewed in light of any feedback		
4.3.			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.		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		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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	Priority objective 5 Enhance the understanding of neglect amongst professionals and ensure children experiencing neglect receive timely 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 der as and processes including the use of the Graded (		dership in driving			
5.1.1	MSCB to develop and agree a multi agency Neglect strategy	Policy and Procedures sub group MSCB Business Manager	<ul> <li>Draft Neglect Strategy to be presented to MSCB Executive – September 2017 - Complete</li> <li>Review of Neglect Strategy to be completed – September 2019         <ul> <li>Working group to be set up to review strategy</li> </ul> </li> </ul>		Neglect strategy approved and published			
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 (GCP2) to provide professionals with an objective measure of the care of the children	Learning and Development	<ul> <li>Set up a programme of multi agency GCP2 training – March 2017</li> <li>Set up monitoring of GCP2 training figures</li> </ul>		Programme of multi agency training in place 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				
5.3	Identified improvement area / desired outcome: What do we intend to achieve?  To improve outcomes for children, young people and families by ensuring the quality and effectiveness of service provision. This will include consultation with young people and their families to evidence their views about the services being offered and their effectiveness						
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		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		Data set updated to include neglect data. Analysis is now provided and is scrutinised by PMQA sub group on a quarterly basis.
			Planning	Moni	toring
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	ding online exploitat	ion), sexually harn nent area / desired	o children and young people at risk of specific nful behaviour and mental health outcome: What do we intend to achieve?		
6.1.1	Be assured that safe Ensure that there is clear Harmful Sexual Behaviour guidance in place, which is reflected in training and accessed by professionals	puarding services a Policy & Procedures  Learning and Development sub groups	<ul> <li>Review of Harmful Sexual behaviour guidance to be undertaken</li> <li>Harmful Sexual Behaviour guidance - Complete approved by MSCB Executive – May 2018</li> <li>Harmful sexual behaviour guidance to be launched – June 2018</li> <li>Harmful Sexual Behaviour Factsheet to be published - complete</li> </ul>	by children and young	Harmful Sexual Behaviour Guidance approved by P&P – March 2018 & Executive May 2018
6.2.			outcome: What do we intend to achieve?		_
6.2.1	Evaluate partners ap MSCB to review the local e-safety support information available	proach to online sat	CEOP (Child Exploitation and Online Protection) Training to be delivered		Session held 5 October 2017 attended by 22 professionals.

				Future session planned for 15 May 2018
6.3.			outcome: What do we intend to achieve?	
6.3.1	Support young people to develop Domestic abuse campaign for young people in relationships	Young Persons Safeguarding Panel	<ul> <li>Finalise development of Young Persons         Domestic Abuse campaign #LovesMeOrNot</li> <li>Circulate #LovesMeOrNot campaign to         Medway schools</li> <li>Support development of domestic abuse         drama with Kent Police and Rainham Mark         School – September 2017</li> <li>Relaunch Young Persons Domestic Abuse         campaign with schools for 2019         <ul> <li>MSCB will work with the Medway</li></ul></li></ul>	Initial launch completed September 2017
			from the Medway Youth Council Conference 2018.	
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 September 2019	
6.4.			outcome: What do we intend to achieve?	ovtromiom
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)	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		Prevent Pathway and Channel Referral Form on MSCB website
6.5.			I outcome: What do we intend to achieve?	ation	
6.5.1	Update and implement the CSE	Multi Agency Sexual	<ul> <li>Review CSE Strategy for 2017-20 – July 2017 – complete</li> </ul>	alion	
	Strategy and Action plan taking into account national reports and	(MASE) Panel  CSE Champions	Develop CSE Action Plan for 2017-20 reflective of national and local lessons learned – July – September 2017 – complete		
	findings from reviews		Review to be undertaken of CSE     Procedures, Risk Assessment tool and CSE     Panel		
			MASE to provide six monthly reports to Executive and Board		MASE Update 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	<ul> <li>All agencies to undertake CSE self assessment – July – September 2017</li> <li>Key finding from CSE self assessment to be considered by CSE Champions group and MSE to identify key learning</li> </ul>		
6.5.3	Ensure there is accurate and consistent reporting	Multi Agency Sexual Exploitation	MASE to review and update multi agency problem profile		Multi agency problem profile reviewed by MASE

	of CSE and missing children	(MASE) Panel Performance Management and Quality Assurance sub	Ensure all agencies are using the CSE soft intelligence form     'Soft intelligence' portal to be relaunched and promoted – July 2019	Reporting using intelligence form monitored by MASE – reporting is still low – to be monitored by MASE
		group	<ul> <li>MASE to consider use of electronic intelligence form - complete</li> <li>Agreement at MASE meeting Nov 2017 to adopt electronic intelligence form – details circulated, sent to CSE partners and published on MSCB website</li> </ul>	
6.6.			outcome: What do we intend to achieve?	
			ded to appropriately by all agencies	
6.6.1	Implement the Child Sexual Abuse	Policy and Procedures	Review and publish CSA Pathway – July 2017 – complete	
	(CSA) Pathway and learning around sexual abuse	Learning and Development Case File Audit Group	Multi Agency Audit to be completed on CSA     – May – Sept 2018	Multi agency audit on Sexual Abuse undertaken between May 2018 and Sept 2018 and reported to the Executive and Board in March 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	Objectives				
7.1	Ensure learning from Serious Case Reviews, Learning Lessons Reviews, Case audits and child deaths impacts on front line practice to protect children	Learning Lessons  Learning and Development	<ul> <li>Revisit learning from previous action plans – In progress</li> <li>Serious Case Reviews to be undertaken in accordance with Working Together 2015</li> </ul>	Ongoing	SCR Ellie published 24 January 2018. Action Plan considered by Learning Lessons Sub group SCR Dawn published 27 March 2018. Medway STC published January 2019.
			<ul> <li>Lessons from SCR's briefing sessions to be set up – June 2018</li> <li>Continue to develop publication of Learning Lessons Bulletin for professionals</li> </ul>		Two learning from SCR Briefing sessions held – October 2018. Further sessions planned for 2019. Learning Lessons bulletins for SCR Ellie and Dawn

			Learning from SCR's, Learning Lessons     Reviews, and Child Death reviews to be     embedded into multi agency training              This is being included as part of the             review of the Basic and Intermediate             training packages currently being             undertaken	
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	<ul> <li>Regular bulletins to be produced by MSCB for professionals with local news and learning opportunities</li> <li>MSCB twitter account to be utilised to promote key safeguarding messages</li> </ul>	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 safeguarding arrangements	MSCB Chair/ Business Manager	<ul> <li>Annual Report to be signed off by Board and published – September 2017</li> <li>2017-18 Annual Report to be signed off by Board and published – September 2018</li> </ul>	2016-17 and 2017- 18 Annual Report published and 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	Salety Faithership.
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	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	

			•	Challenge panels to be held – June – July 2018	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	
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	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.