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### Redbridge Safeguarding Children Partnership Independent Chair & Scrutineer and Safeguarding Adult Board Independent Chair

#### Organisation

Redbridge Children Safeguarding Partnership (RSCP) & Redbridge Safeguarding Adult Board (RSAB)

#### Position

RSCP Independent Chair & Scrutineer and RSAB Independent Chair

#### Detail

Redbridge is seeking a highly effective Independent Chair and Scrutineer for our Local Safeguarding Children Partnership (SCP) and Independent Chair for our Safeguarding Adult Board (SAB), with proven experience at a senior level, including in multi-agency partnership settings, and a good operational and strategic understanding of the safeguarding agenda for both adults and children. The successful candidate will provide independent leadership and strategic vision, as well as robust scrutiny to continue to build on the strong foundation of partnership working in the Borough on safeguarding children, young people and adults at risk.

#### Background

Although we currently maintain separate adult and children's partnerships there is significant overlap and some key topics on a shared agenda. We are looking for one person with the skills, knowledge and experience necessary to chair both the SCP and the SAB and to work creatively to bring together the two agendas and extend collaborative working where appropriate. The current incumbent, who has been working with Redbridge for over seven years, will be retiring in January 2022. We need a replacement with equal enthusiasm, commitment, and determination to drive forward the safeguarding agenda in Redbridge and maintain our strong partnerships.

#### About the Role

The postholder plays an important role in supporting strategic safeguarding, working with the Safeguarding Partnership Manager and support staff to provide independent oversight, scrutiny and challenge, to ensure that our arrangements make a real difference to the safety and wellbeing of children, young people and adults at risk.

The role will:

- Be accountable to the three statutory partners, ensuring that the multi-agency safeguarding arrangements have a strong, influential and independent voice that drives improvements and ensuring independent challenge to partners where necessary.
- Have the ability to ensure all partner agencies in Redbridge collaborate effectively to safeguard our most vulnerable children, young people and adults and promote their welfare to improve outcomes
- Represent and promote the image and reputation of the RSCP and RSAB at a regional and national level and be an effective communicator, comfortable with dealing with the media.

- Be committed to hearing the voices of people who use services.
- Facilitate independent scrutiny to provide assurance in judging the effectiveness of multi-agency arrangements to safeguard people.
- Help focus the work and support the development of quality assurance.
- Have extensive experience in chairing strategic partnerships and an excellent knowledge of safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children and adults, as well as the ability to inspire trust and confidence of senior professionals across a range of agencies.
- Be professionally qualified in health/social care, education or criminal justice with a clear vision, strong leadership skills and clearly demonstrable communication, mediation and negotiation skills, with professionals and public.

If you are an experienced senior leader with an in-depth knowledge of safeguarding adults and children, and a clear commitment to work collaboratively with partners to drive the safeguarding agenda and improve outcomes for those at risk of abuse and/or neglect then we would like to hear from you. Please view the Role Profile and Person for further information on the role.

This is a three-year fixed term contract requiring a commitment of approximately 72 days per year, with some flexibility for additional days, subject to agreement. It is paid at a rate of £600 (excluding expenses subject to agreement). The appointment will be subject to annual appraisal. Please note that the ICS is an employed position as an 'appointed person' and falls within IR35 regulations. Payments will be made through the London Borough of Redbridge payroll and tax and NI deductions will be made at source via PAYE in line with HMRC guidelines. DBS Disclosure at Enhanced level will be required.

#### Further Information

Further Information about the [Redbridge SCP](#) and [Redbridge SAB](#) is available on the individual websites. If you wish to undertake an informal discussion about this role, please contact Lesley Perry, Safeguarding Partnership Manager, via [Lesley.Perry@redbridge.gov.uk](mailto:Lesley.Perry@redbridge.gov.uk) or 020 8708 5282/07775399017. Additionally, the current Independent Chair is happy to talk to anyone considering an application. If you wish to speak to him, please contact Lesley Perry in the first instance.

#### Application & Selection Process

Applicants should submit a completed application form and a CV, accompanied by a personal statement setting out what strengths they would bring to the role, how they meet the criteria of the person specification and why they are interested in the role to [Lesley.Perry@redbridge.gov.uk](mailto:Lesley.Perry@redbridge.gov.uk). An informal group discussion will be held with representatives from the Redbridge Youth Council in February 2022. A formal interview will be held with representatives from the Statutory Partnerships in the last two weeks of February 2022

#### Closing Date

31 January 2022

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