

Redbridge Safeguarding Children Partnership (RSCP)

Statement of Multi-Agency Safeguarding Arrangements

The way in which these organisations and agencies work together is known as multi-agency safeguarding arrangements (MASAs). Robust arrangements help to ensure that information about a child and their family is shared effectively, risk of harm is correctly identified and understood, and that children and families receive targeted services that meet their needs in a co-ordinated way.

This statement provides an outline of the multi-agency safeguarding arrangements (MASA) adopted by the Redbridge Safeguarding Children Partnership (RSCP) in line with [Working Together to Safeguard Children 2023](#).

The purpose of multi-agency safeguarding arrangements is to ensure that, at a local level, organisations and agencies are clear about how they will work together to safeguard children and promote their welfare. This means:

- there is a clear, shared vision for how to improve outcomes for children locally across all levels of need and all types of harm
- when a child is identified as suffering or likely to suffer significant harm there is a prompt, appropriate and effective response to ensure the protection and support of the child
- organisations and agencies are challenged appropriately, effectively holding one another to account
- the voice of children and families combined with the knowledge of experienced practitioners and insights from data, provides a greater understanding of the areas of strength and/or improvement within arrangements and practice
- information is sought, analysed, shared, and broken down by protected characteristics to facilitate more accurate and timely decision-making for children and families, and to understand outcomes for different communities of children
- effective collection, sharing and analysis of data, enables early identification of new safeguarding risks, issues, emerging threats, and joined-up responses across relevant agencies
- senior leaders promote and embed a learning culture which supports local services to become more reflective and implement changes to practice
- senior leaders have a good knowledge and understanding about the quality of local practice and its impact on children and families

The RSCP is committed to supporting the UNICEF UK Child Friendly Cities & Communities Programme in Redbridge and as such all the partners are committed to A 'children's rights based' approach which means

- Organisations will prioritise children's rights in their work with children and families to improve children's lives
- All children are given the opportunities to make the most of their talents and potential
- All children are given access to information and resources to enable them to take full advantage of their rights
- Children are provided with meaningful opportunities to influence decisions about their lives
- Organisations and individuals are accountable to children for decisions, and for outcomes that affect children's lives.

These arrangements will come into effect from January 2025.

Lead Safeguarding Partners (LSPs)

The LSPs are:

- Chief Executive, NEL NHS ICB, delegated to the Chief Nursing Officer, NEL NHS ICB
- Assistant Commissioner (AC), MPS
- Chief Executive Officer (CEO), LB Redbridge

The LSPs will meet formally once a year.

Delegated Safeguarding Partners (DSPs)

The DSPs are:

- Deputy Director for Safeguarding Children, NEL NHS ICB
- Borough Commander, Basic Command Unit East Area, (EA BCU MPS)
- Corporate Director of People (including Director of Children's Services), LB Redbridge

Membership and Meeting Arrangements

The RSCP consists of representatives from a wide range of agencies, including those deemed 'relevant' under [Working Together to Safeguard Children 2023](#), whom work across Redbridge from the statutory, private and voluntary and community sectors. The list will be regularly reviewed as part of the implementation Action Plan for the MASA to ensure membership includes all 'relevant' agencies.

The RSCP will meet quarterly and will be chaired on a rotational basis by year by the LSPs/DSPs.

Arrangements for Scrutiny

The DSPs are responsible for making independent scrutiny arrangements on behalf of the LSPs and reviewing those arrangements to ensure safeguarding partners and relevant agencies receive independent, rigorous, and effective support and challenge at both a strategic and operational level. An Independent Scrutineer will undertake a programme of scrutiny and provide an annual report which will be published on the [RSCP website](#) and presented to the Borough's [Health and Wellbeing Board](#).

Governance and Structure

The RSCP will report into the joint Redbridge Safeguarding Adult Board and the RSCP Executive which consists of the Delegated Safeguarding Partners, and will report, as appropriate, to the Lead Safeguarding Partners. The RSCP has established links with the Redbridge Community Safety Partnership and the Redbridge Safeguarding Adult Board.

The RSCP will be supported by the following Subgroups:

- Learning & Improvement Subgroup
- Training Subgroup
- Data Subgroup (joint with the [Redbridge Safeguarding Adults Board \(RSAB\)](#))
- Redbridge 'One Panel' (joint with the RSAB and [Community Safety Partnership \(CSP\)](#))

Statement of Values

The work of the RSCP is based on the [Statement of Vision and Values](#) developed following discussion at the October 2024 meeting of the RSCP and agreed in December 2024.

Priorities and Workstreams

Annual [priority themes](#), agreed following consultation, will be taken forward via Action Plans by Task & Finish Groups reporting into the RSCP.

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