RSCP Data Subgroup
Terms of Reference (ToR)

Purpose

The RSCP Data Subgroup is established to provide strategic scrutiny, assurance and development of multi-agency safeguarding data on behalf of the Redbridge Safeguarding Children Partnership (RSCP).

The Subgroup's purpose is to ensure that the partnership maintains and continually develops a robust, proportionate, and meaningful data set that evidences the effectiveness and impact of multi-agency safeguarding arrangements, supports priority setting, and enables the RSCP to exercise effective oversight of safeguarding risk.

Background

The RSCP requires high-quality, timely and well-interpreted data to provide assurance on the effectiveness of local safeguarding arrangements for children.

Historically, safeguarding data has focused heavily on volumes of activity, with limited emphasis on partnership effectiveness, impact, or outcomes. The Subgroup has therefore agreed a revised approach which strengthens its role not only in scrutiny and interpretation, but also in actively shaping and developing the partnership safeguarding data set.

This Terms of Reference (ToR) reflects the Subgroup's repositioned role as the forum responsible for ensuring that safeguarding data demonstrates how well agencies are working together to safeguard children, rather than simply what activity has taken place.

Scope

The RSCP Data Subgroup will:

- Scrutinise multi-agency safeguarding data relating to children on behalf of the RSCP.
- Provide assurance on the quality, relevance, consistency, and interpretation of safeguarding data.
- Develop, agree, and maintain a core partnership safeguarding data set that evidences the effectiveness and impact of multi-agency safeguarding arrangements.
- Ensure that data presented to the RSCP is supported by clear narrative, professional judgement, and contextual explanation.
- Identify emerging risks, trends, anomalies and data gaps requiring escalation or further exploration.

- Promote reporting by exception and reduce duplication across partnership governance structures.
- Challenge indicators to ensure they demonstrate partnership effectiveness, safeguarding impact and outcomes for children, and their families.
- Align safeguarding measures, where appropriate, with other strategic frameworks and assurance processes (e.g. SEND Reforms, MACE ROTH, Local Outcomes Framework)

The Subgroup will not operate as a delivery or performance management forum, but as an assurance, scrutiny, and data development body on behalf of the RSCP.

Membership and Roles

The Subgroup will be chaired by the Assistant Director, Children's Social Care, LBR.

Membership will include representation from statutory safeguarding partners and relevant agencies and will include both:

- Operational or business leads with safeguarding accountability, and
- Data, performance, or business intelligence leads able to support data development and interpretation.

Members are expected to attend consistently and at an appropriate level of seniority, with authority to challenge, contribute and commit their organisation. Apologies should be submitted in advance, with a suitable covering representative attending where possible. Attendance and apologies will be monitored and reported from the 2026 – 2027 reporting year, supported by narrative where appropriate.

Membership of the Subgroup includes:

- NHS NEL ICB
- LB Redbridge Children's Services, Housing and Communication
- Metropolitan Police Service - EA BCU
- NELFT – 0-19 Services & CAMHS
- BHRUT
- Barts Health NHS Trust

Additional organisations can be invited to join at the discretion of the Chair.

Meetings

The Subgroup will meet quarterly, aligned to the RSCP reporting cycle. Meetings will be held virtually unless otherwise agreed.

Governance

The Data Subgroup is accountable to the RSCP.

The Chair will provide assurance updates to the Partnership as required, highlighting:

- The effectiveness of the partnership safeguarding data set
- Key risks, trends, and emerging issues
- Areas requiring escalation, decision, or further assurance.

Significant changes to the partnership data set or reporting approach will be presented to the RSCP for approval where appropriate.