

Appendix 2: Further information on the key safeguarding governance structures in Barnet

Safeguarding Overview and Scrutiny Committee provides Member scrutiny of the Council and its partners in the discharge of statutory duties in relation to safeguarding

The **Barnet Partnership Board** meets in public and is an overarching partnership board that takes an overview of the cross-cutting challenges facing the Borough. The Council agreed new arrangements for the Board in February 2012.

The **Safer Communities Partnership Board (SCPB)** recognises safeguarding as a priority and is the inter-agency mechanism in Barnet to reduce crime and anti-social behaviour and reoffending, and to promote social cohesion. Reports from the Children's and Adults' safeguarding boards are a standing item on the SCPB. The Safeguarding Adults Manager is also now a member of the Safer Communities Partnership Board.

The **Barnet Children's Trust Board** provides inter-agency governance to ensure that partners in Barnet are working together effectively, to improve the wellbeing of children and young people. Responsibilities cover the needs of all children and young people in Barnet under the age of 19 as well as young people under who are leaving care, up to the age of 21 or 25 (depending on whether they are in education) and young people who have learning difficulties and/or disability, up to the age of 25.

The **Health and Wellbeing Board** provides the function of joining up commissioning of local NHS services, social care and health improvement at a strategic level and support integration across health, adult social care and children's services.

Barnet Safeguarding Children Board is the key statutory mechanism for agreeing how organisations will co-operate to safeguard and promote the welfare of children. There are four 'task groups': Faith and Cultural; Audit of a Child's Journey; E-Safeguarding; Missing & Sexual Exploitation, and four sub groups in addition to the Standing Serious Case Review (SCR) Panel and the Child Death Overview Panel (CDOP). The sub groups are;

- Cross -Generational Sub Group/Joint Services
- Performance and Quality Sub Group
- Training and Development Sub Group
- Professional Advisory Sub Group

Barnet Safeguarding Adults Board co-ordinates activity between agencies. It monitors and audits progress in safeguarding vulnerable adults. Membership has been reviewed and changes have been made to extend membership to include the Domestic Violence Co-ordinator, a GP representative, and London Probation Service. A representative from the London Ambulance Service was secured earlier in the year. Barnet Safeguarding Children Board continues to be represented at Safeguarding Adults Board and the Safeguarding Adults Manager attends the Barnet Safeguarding Children Board to promote links at a strategic level.