



WARWICKSHIRE SAFEGUARDING CHILDREN'S PARTNERSHIP GROUP

Delegated Safeguarding Partners (DSP) Group

Terms of Reference

1. Purpose

The Designated Safeguarding Partners (DSPs) are responsible for:

- Delivery and monitoring of WSCP's priorities and procedures to protect and safeguard children in Warwickshire, in compliance with published arrangements and thresholds.
- Close partnership working and engagement with education (at strategic and operational level) and other relevant agencies, allowing better identification of and response to harm.
- The implementation of effective information sharing arrangements between agencies, including data sharing that facilitates joint analysis between partner agencies.
- Delivery of high-quality and timely rapid reviews and local child safeguarding practice reviews, with the impact of learning from local and national reviews and independent scrutiny clearly evidenced in yearly reports.
- The provision of appropriate multi-agency safeguarding professional development and training.
- Seeking of, and responding to, feedback from children and families about their experiences of services and co-designing services to ensure children from different communities and groups can access the help and protection they need.

The DSPs, working together, assume primary responsibility for implementing the local multi-agency safeguarding arrangements and providing leadership to ensure they are effective in bringing together relevant partner agencies.

2. Chairing of the Group and Quoracy

The DSP Group will be chaired by one of the four DSPs (rotated on an annual basis). To be quorate either the Chair or Vice Chair must be in attendance and there should be a senior representative from each of the safeguarding partners (Warwickshire County Council Children's Social Care, NHS, Education, and the Police).

Warwickshire's four DSPs are:

- Warwickshire Police, Detective Superintendent, Jill Fowler.
- Warwickshire County Council, Executive Director for CYP, Nigel Minns.
- Coventry & Warwickshire ICB, Chief Nurse, Ellie Monkhouse.
- WCC Education Services, Director of Education, Johnny Kyriacou.

3. Frequency of Meetings

The DSP Group will meet quarterly prior to the WSCP and gives the opportunity for the Delegated Safeguarding partners to work with the WSCP Service Manager to confirm agenda and discuss priorities and actions.

4. Membership

The membership of the DSP Group includes representation from the following organisations:

- Warwickshire County Council.
 - Children's Services.
 - Education.
- Coventry and Warwickshire Integrated Care Board.
- Warwickshire Police.

If the appointed representative is unable to attend meetings, members must nominate a suitable alternative representative who has the authority to commit their organisation to decisions.

5. Reporting Structure

The group will report to WSCP on the progress of their work against the strategic priorities and address any issues arising from their work.

6. Terms of Reference Review

The Terms of Reference for the DSP Group will be subject to a minimum of an annual review.

Date agreed by Delegated Safeguarding Partners Group:	September 2024
Date for Review:	September 2025