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### **Memorandum Of Understanding in respect of safeguarding between key strategic public protection partnerships in Cheshire East**

#### **Introduction:**

This document makes explicit the key responsibilities and accountabilities relating to safeguarding for all the key strategic public service partnerships in CE, namely:

- Cheshire East Health and Well-being Board (HWBB)
- Safer Cheshire East Partnership (SCEP)
- Cheshire East Safeguarding Children Board (CESCB)
- Cheshire East Safeguarding Adults Board (CESAB)
- Cheshire East Children's Trust (CECT)

This document will also reference the key role of the Cheshire East Councils Corporate Scrutiny Committee. The legislation and guidance that underpins the status and remit of these partnerships is set out in Appendix 1.

#### **Principles:**

- The key accountability and responsibility for safeguarding lies with the two Safeguarding Boards (CESCB, CESAB);
  - CESCB in relation to children and young people up to their 18<sup>th</sup> birthday
  - CESAB in relation to safeguarding adults 18 years and over and domestic violence and sexual assault strategy and commissioning
- However the other bodies referenced in this document all have significant roles in safeguarding;

#### **Cheshire East Health and Well-being Board - HWBB**

- HWBB is responsible for producing the Joint Strategic Needs Assessment (JSNA), which will identify and set the commissioning priorities for our vulnerable population.
- The Annual Report from both Safeguarding Boards will set out how the commissioning plans from the JSNA are promoting effective safeguarding in Cheshire East. The annual reports of both Boards will be presented to the HWBB.

### **Safer Cheshire East Partnership - SCEP**

- SCEP is responsible for the commissioning of Domestic Homicide Reviews (DHR's), which are undertaken on its behalf by the CESAB
- It also receives bi-annual reports on domestic abuse and sexual violence partnership working
- The SCEP has a role in ensuring that it maintains and supports partnership awareness and effective response to domestic abuse and sexual violence in Cheshire East.

### **Cheshire East Children's Trust - CECT**

- CECT will set out the strategic priorities for children and young people in Cheshire East. Within this, explicit priorities in respect of prevention and early help, will be identified.
- This will influence the priorities set by CESCIB and their published levels of need.
- CESCIB annual report will be scrutinised by CECT

### **Additional responsibilities for safeguarding vulnerable people in Cheshire East**

- The two Safeguarding Boards are independent of each other but need to ensure that they take a whole family approach to setting their priorities and reporting performance where warranted, for example:
  - Transition of vulnerable young people to adulthood
  - Domestic and peer abuse
  - Sexual Exploitation
  - Transfer of learning from case reviews
- Cheshire East Corporate Scrutiny Committee will scrutinise the annual reports of both safeguarding Boards and receive performance updates. Their role is to provide scrutiny and challenge to the work of the Boards.
- The Local Authority Chief Executive is responsible for the appointment and performance of the Independent Chairs to the safeguarding Boards. (this is a requirement for the CESB). Each Chair will meet with the Chief Executive (and the respective Strategic Director) on a regular basis.