



SOUTHEND Safeguarding Partnership

ANNUAL REPORT 2021 – 2022 Summary

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Scrutiny

Southend Safeguarding Partnership have met all the requirements of Adults and Childrens legislation as they refer to Safeguarding Partnerships. We continue to operate as a single Partnership (Childrens and Adults), improving links between services and concentrating on supporting the transition from child to adult care services where necessary. Our Partners have engaged in a shared drive, articulated in our Strategy, to improve the way we safeguard children and vulnerable adults. The honest and frank discussions held in all our meetings and sub-groups have led to improvements in policy and practice in many areas.

Safeguarding Policy and Practice Guidance is provided through a Partnership arrangement with Southend, Essex and Thurrock (SET). All are available on our [website](#) and are reviewed every 3 years, when there is significant change or if any Partner requests.

Operating Highlights

We have delivered our first Safeguarding Adult Review (not yet published), delivered 2 Structured Updates (Conferences on Communications and Transition) and driven improvement through the provision of data, review, and audit.

Meeting Activity: Over 70 Structured Partnership Meetings that include over 60 Partners (agencies and departments) and over 150 different people. Meetings concentrate on Improvement, Performance, Audit, Quality, Assurance, Schools and Education, Missing and Exploitation, Learning and Development, Case Reviews (Childrens and Adults), Local, Regional and National Updates.

Looking Ahead

We hope to develop the partnership training offer, and to offer some data analysis and peer review opportunities in the next year. We have a three-year strategy that is ambitious, and we continue to deliver against the articulated aims of our strategic partners.

Financial Summary

After delaying delivery of learning opportunities during the pandemic, some exploration of the budget by Partners and a 60% churn in staff we have run with one person short for a large part of the year. This means we have been able to ringfence the salary for an additional ½ a post for the next three years.
