

Online Safeguarding Working Group

Terms of Reference

Purpose

The purpose of this Working Group is to support the Kent Safeguarding Children Multi-Agency Partnership (KSCMP), Medway Safeguarding Children Partnership (MSCP) and the Kent and Medway Safeguarding Adults Board (KMSAB), and their partners in their oversight of online safeguarding issues and ensuring joined up multi-agency working where online safeguarding is seen as risk factors for children, young people and adults.

Objectives

- Take the policy direction from the joint KSCMP, MSCP and KMSAB Exploitation Group with regards to online safeguarding.
- Advise the safe use of information and communication technologies by children, young people and adults, building on the work of national and local organisations.
- Create and maintain an online safeguarding strategy to form the basis for other agency strategies.
- Support all agencies involved in the safeguarding of children, young people and adults, in developing procedures and strategies related to online safeguarding.
- Identify new and emerging online safeguarding threats and ensure that partners are informed of the risks.

Responsibilities

- Be a central point of contact for guidance, advice and networking
- Support the national online safeguarding strategy and liaise with national agencies
- Maintain the joint KSCMP, MSCP and KMSAB Online Safeguarding Strategy and workplan
- Share information across all partner agencies
- Identify and signpost resources and where necessary, develop them e.g. resources for professionals and resources aimed at children, young people, adults and families.
- Provide expertise in strategy and policy development
- Provide information about current developments in the field through news updates, websites and meetings
- Lobby relevant groups to raise the profile of online safeguarding within Kent
- Monitor online safeguarding arrangements and provide audit tools if necessary

Accountability

The Working Group will report to the joint KSCMP, MSCP and KMSAB Exploitation Group.

Membership

- The Education People – Education Safeguarding Service
- KCC Libraries, Registration and Archive
- KCC Children, Young People and Education – Integrated Children’s Services
- KCC Adult Social Care and Health – Adult Social Care
- KCC Kent Community Safety Team
- KCC Fostering
- Kent and Medway NHS Partnership Trust
- Kent Police
- District / Borough Councils
- North East London NHS Foundation Trust (NELFT)
- Porchlight
- National Probation
- Kent, Surrey and Sussex Community Rehabilitation Company (KSS CRC)
- NHS Clinical Commissioning Group (CCGs)
- Kent Safeguarding Children Multi-Agency Partnership
- Medway Safeguarding Children Partnership
- Kent and Medway Safeguarding Adult Board
- Independent Fostering Agencies

Frequency of Meetings

The Working Group will meet quarterly

Support from the KSCMP Business Unit

- Agree the agenda with the Chair two weeks before the meeting
- Send out the agenda and supporting papers at least one week in advance of the meeting
- Produce and send out an action log to members no later than one week after the meeting
- Maintain an up to date list of members and their contact details
- Organise and provide administrative support for any Task and Finish Groups commissioned
- Undertake research on behalf of the groups to enrich and improve local processes and procedures