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North Somerset Safeguarding Children Partnership Risk Outside the Home (ROTH) Subgroup

Terms of Reference

1. Aim

The aim of the ROTH Subgroup is to provide strategic oversight and direction to ensure that there is a co-ordinated and effective response to reducing risk outside the home for the children of North Somerset.

2. Purpose of the ROTH Subgroup

The ROTH Subgroup will:

- Set the strategic objectives and priorities across the Partnership for responding to and reducing risk outside the home.
- Take responsibility for ensuring there is a shared understanding across partner agencies regarding risk outside the home and the different types of contextual risk and oversight of the groups of children involved.
- Drive the implementation of the Adolescent Safety Framework across the partnership to ensure a co-ordinated and structured response to ROTH, including all extra-familial harm (with the exception of terrorism and radicalisation which are overseen by a separate group).
- Maintain a focus on quality assurance and performance across key agencies, including oversight of relevant data to identify strengths and areas for development.
- Lead and promote a positive and supportive culture which is solution focussed and encourages constructive challenge and mutual development.
- Promote and ensure robust information sharing protocols between partnership agencies.

- Report to the NSSCP Delegated Safeguarding Partners and work with relevant subgroups to progress our aims and priorities.
- Ensure relevant information is shared effectively and in a timely manner across borders with Somerset, South Gloucestershire and Bristol when required.

3. Accountability and Responsibility

- The ROTH Subgroup is accountable to the 3 named safeguarding partners via the NSSCP Delegated Safeguarding Partners' group.
- The group will report to the NSSCP Operational Safeguarding Group as required.
- The subgroup links with other subgroups of the partnership.
- The ROTH Subgroup has strategic oversight for the Multi-agency Child Safety (MACS) Panel.
- All members will be responsible for linking to their senior management teams within their agencies and will take on projects/tasks as appropriate to their role on behalf of the group.
 - Weekly Missing Meeting
 - Organised Crime Disruption Panel
 - Violence Reduction Meetings
 - ASB weekly meeting
 - Bournville One
 - Operation Topaz
 - Daily Safety Briefing

4. Structure

The ROTH Subgroup will have 3 co-chairs representing health, police and the local authority who will share the responsibilities of the group.

In accordance with [Working together to safeguard children 2023](#)

“Strong, effective multi-agency safeguarding arrangements should be responsive to local circumstances and engage the right people in a collaborative way. This approach requires flexibility from all relevant agencies, to enable joint identification and response to existing and emerging needs, and to agree priorities to improve outcomes for children.”

5. Membership, Quoracy, Authority

- The ROTH Subgroup membership comprises senior leaders and representatives appointed by the multi-agency partnership, ensuring representation from all relevant agencies involved in safeguarding. Members

include statutory partners such as Children's Social Care, Avon and Somerset Police, Bristol, North Somerset and South Gloucestershire (BNSSG) Integrated Care Board (ICB) and Health representatives, Early Help, Education Safeguarding, Safer Communities Service, Adult Social Care, Youth Justice Service and relevant voluntary organisations including VANS.

- Attendees must possess delegated authority for operational decision-making and be empowered to contribute effectively. Suitable representatives should be nominated in case of absence.

Quoracy: for the ROTH Subgroup to be quorate, there will need to be at least one representative from health, police and the local authority present.

The subgroup will be made up from the following representatives:

Job title	Organisation	Representing
Chair and Designated Nurse,	BNSSG, ICB	Health
Chair and DCI, Early Intervention Team	Avon & Somerset Constabulary	Police
Chair and Head of YJS	North Somerset Council	Local Authority
Safer Communities Service Manager	CSP	Local Authority
Head of Front Door and Family Wellbeing	Children's Social Care (CSC)	Local Authority
Head of Inclusion	Education	Local Authority
Safeguarding Lead for Children in CAMHS Avon and Wiltshire Mental Health Partnership NHS Trust	CAMHS	Health
Deputy Designated Nurse	BNSSG, ICB	Health
Named Nurse for Safeguarding Children	Sirona	Health
Deputy Director of Safeguarding	NBT/UHBW	Health
Business Manager	NSSCP	Partnership
Business Support Officer	NSSCP	Partnership
Safeguarding in Education Lead	North Somerset Council	Local Authority
Safeguarding Lead	Weston College	Education
Joint safeguarding lead	Avon Fire & Rescue	Fire Service
Violence reduction and interventions manager	CSP	Local Authority

HOS Safeguarding Adults'	North Somerset Council	Local Authority
Named Professional for Safeguarding	AWP	Health
Team Manager	YJS	Local Authority
Business Manager	Safeguarding Adults' Board	Adult Social Care

- The co-chairs of the subgroup will be members of the NSSCP Operational Safeguarding Group and will attend its meetings in that capacity.
- Professional advisers may be co-opted as necessary.
- The subgroup is authorised by the Delegated Safeguarding Partners Meeting of the NSSCP to undertake the activities described in these Terms of Reference.

6. Frequency of Meetings

A minimum of every 8 weeks with additional meetings to be held as necessary. This is open to future review.

7. Reporting and Governance Arrangements

- Governance and challenge will be provided by the Delegated Safeguarding Partners Board of the NSSCP to support the work of delivering the actions.
- All subgroup members are responsible for ensuring proactive support and delivery of the Business Plan.
- The Chair will provide a report to the Operational Safeguarding Group as required.
- There is an expectation that all representatives attend the subgroup bi-monthly or send a nominated deputy.
- All representatives will familiarise themselves with the group's terms of reference.
- All representatives will commit to supporting the group's work plan by carrying out actions in between meetings.
- Representatives will work with partners to complete tasks as agreed by the subgroup.
- Co-chairs of the ROTH Subgroup will be appointed by the NSSCP Delegated Safeguarding Partners Board for a term of three years.

8. REVIEW OF THE TERMS OF REFERENCE

Terms of reference will be reviewed annually.

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