



**Suffolk
Safeguarding Adults Board**



**Suffolk Safeguarding
Children Board**

Suffolk Safeguarding Partnership Arrangements from September 2019

This briefing outlines the arrangements for the new Suffolk Safeguarding Partnership (SSP) which will be published on 28 June and take effect from 29 September 2019.



Anthony Douglas CBE – Independent Chair.

1. Background & Legislation

Children and Young People

Working Together to Safeguard Children 2018, set in legislation that the three safeguarding partners (Local Authority, Chief Officer of Police, and Clinical Commissioning Groups) must work together with relevant agencies to safeguard and protect the welfare of children in Suffolk.

All three partners have equal and joint responsibility for local safeguarding arrangements.

This will replace the pre-existing legislation to for Local Authorities to have Safeguarding Children Boards (LSCBs).

These new arrangements must be published by 29 June and implemented by 29 September 2019.

Adults at Risk

There is no change to the statutory requirement for Local Authorities to have a Safeguarding Adults Board and all the current guidance about the accountabilities of the SAB in the Care Act guidance remain. There are opportunities for joint working across Children and Adult Services and to 'Think Family', these will be explored where the opportunity arises in Suffolk.

2. How the Suffolk Model was Developed

There was considerable discussion between senior representatives of the three safeguarding partners to develop these new arrangements.

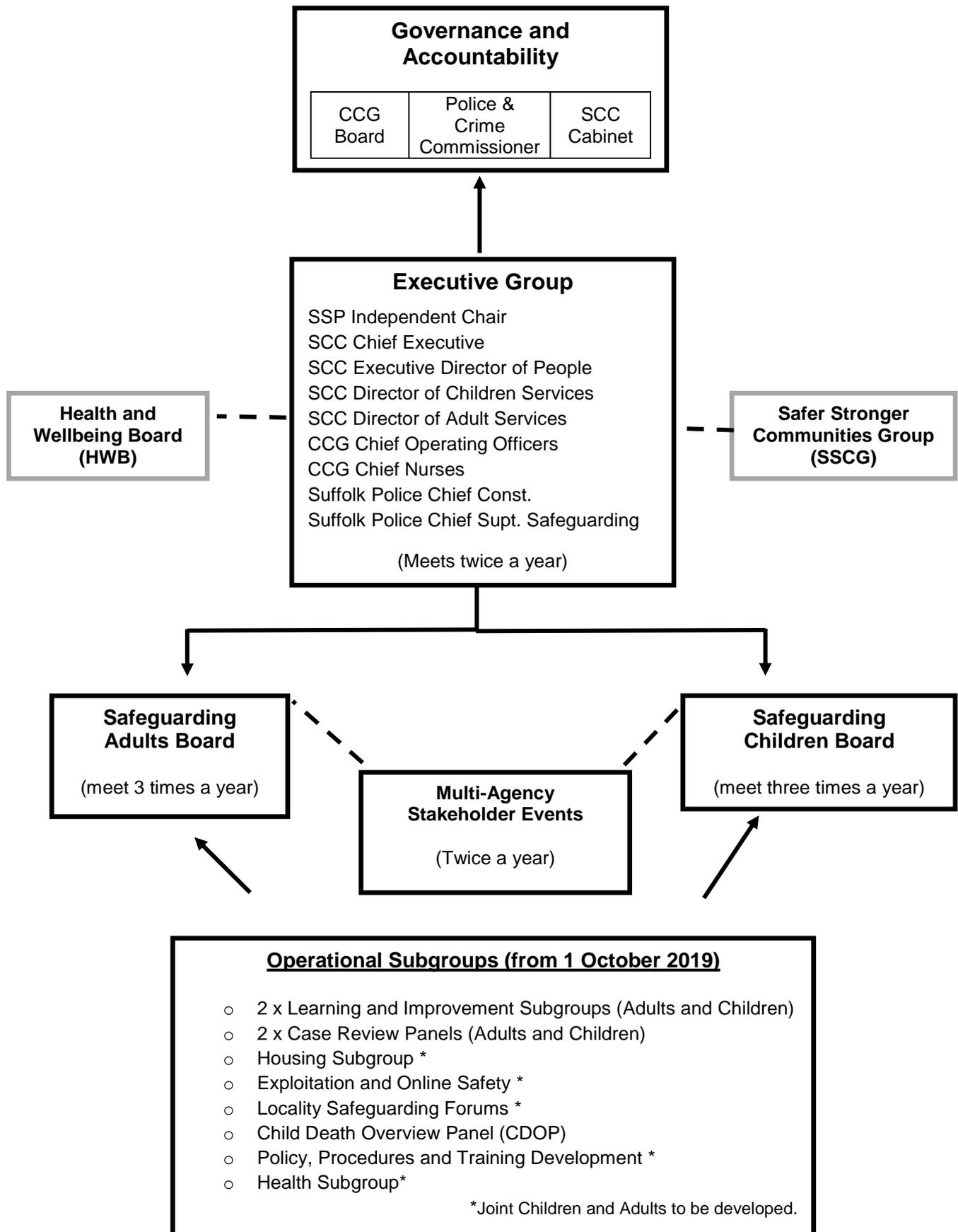
The lead partners were:

- Director of Children's Services SCC
- Director of Adult Services SCC
- Chief Constable, Suffolk Constabulary
- Suffolk Police and Crime Commissioner
- Chief Nurse, Ipswich and East Suffolk and West Suffolk CCGs.
- Chief Nurse, East Coast Great Yarmouth and Waveney CCGs.

The Safeguarding Children and Adult's Boards were consulted during the process over the past twelve months.

The partnership model is outlined on the next page.

The Structure of the New Suffolk Safeguarding Partnership Arrangements



3. What will the new arrangements look like, will anything change?

The team that developed the new model were clear that we don't need to change the things that currently work well, but to take the opportunity to review some of the Boards functions.

What will change?

A new Executive Group	There will be an overarching Executive Group made up of the Chief Officers from the lead partners across Children and Adult Services. They will meet provide strategic guidance and governance.
Board Membership	Membership of the Children and Adults Boards will be rationalised.
Less Subgroup Meetings	There will be 40% less subgroup meetings per year across both Boards, with joint children and adult locality meetings as well as joint policy and training groups. It will free up the time partners currently spend attending meetings across both Boards.
More joint meetings across Safeguarding Children and Adults Boards	Twice a year we plan to have partnership multi-agency stakeholder events based on identified priorities such as Neglect or Exploitation.
A greater focus on 'Think Family'	By joining up meetings and agendas across Children and Adults it gives greater opportunity for joint working and to 'Think Family'.
More outcome focused working, less meetings/ process	Less meetings mean more time to focus on key priorities and vulnerable people. It gives us more opportunity for outcome focused work and more time to engage directly young people and adults at risk.
Annual Reports	There will be one annual report published by the Partnership each September.

What will stay the same?

Independent Chair	We will still have an Independent Chair, Anthony Douglas CBE.
There will still be two Boards	There is still a statutory requirement in the Care Act to have a Safeguarding Adults Board, so three times a year there will be Children and Adults Board meetings.
Keeping the things that work well	Our Boards have excellent partnership engagement at Board and subgroup levels, also well-developed case review processes that have been praised by inspectors. We don't want to lose this.
A central team to support the partnership	There will still be the Central Team run by the Business Manager with two Professional Advisors and a business support team.
Two websites	For the time being there will still be an LSCB and a SAB website, these will merge in in the next 12 months.
Regular communications	There will still be regular newsletters and Twitter feeds from the Central Support Team.
Locality meetings	Locality meetings are important as they are the face to face contact with practitioner teams so will continue