



Walsall Multi-Agency Safeguarding Hub (MASH)

APPENDIX D – MASH MANAGEMENT GROUP TERMS OF REFERENCE

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Purpose:

The Walsall Multi Agency Safeguarding Hub (MASH) Management Group is a multi-agency group which meets to oversee the effective operation of and adherence to the MASH Operating Principles.

Governance:

The MASH Management Group is accountable to the Walsall Safeguarding Partnership

Chair:

The Chair of the MASH Management Group is the Head of Help and Protection Walsall Children's Services.

The Chair will provide a written report to the Walsall Safeguarding Partnership and information as requested to a range of other strategic groups within Walsall including, but not limited to:

- Health and Wellbeing Board

Membership:

The following agencies are represented on the MASH Management Group:

- Walsall Children's Service: Social Care
- West Midlands Police
- Walsall Children's Services: Early Help
- Walsall Children's Services: Education Welfare
- National Probation Service
- Walsall Clinical Commissioning Group
- Walsall Healthcare Trust
- Black Country Partnership Foundation Trust (BCPFT)
- Black Country Women's Aid
- Beacon Recovery Service

Frequency of Meetings:

Meetings will be held on a bi-monthly basis as a minimum. However, additional meetings will be convened according to the business needs of the MASH and at the request of any member of the MASH Management Group.

Quoracy:

6 members are required for the group to be quorate with representation from at least 3 member agencies. Attendance at the Management Group meetings should be at least 75% throughout the year and the Management Group will monitor this.

Work Programme:

The Management Group will:

- Monitor performance of the MASH and Early Help Hub against the agreed performance indicators developed from MASH data and agencies located within or virtually connected to the MASH including:
 - contacts and referrals including conversion rate from contact to referral
 - presenting issues
 - category of Risk
 - timeliness
 - outcome Indicators
 - repeat referrals
 - feedback activity

Quality Measures:

- quality of referrals by agency ~ auditing of MARF's by MASH Management Group with outcomes shared by partners in their own agency as part of learning and as part of the Walsall Safeguarding Partnership audit activity
- decision making by MASH ~ as part of the Walsall Safeguarding Partnership auditing activity

- Deliver the Walsall response to the Independent Review of MASH carried out during the Autumn of 2016 and progress the actions arising out of that review
- Continue to develop the MASH and Early Help Hub in line with best practice
- Review the MASH Operating Principles on an annual basis as a minimum