

## **Selsey Peer Group Conference Terms of Reference.**

### **Purpose and accountability**

The Selsey Peer Group Conference (PGC) has been set up to ensure that local authority and third sector partners work together collaboratively to proactively safeguard children and young people in Selsey in a safe, secure and efficient way.

Whilst Children's safeguarding has traditionally focused on harm and neglect occurring within in the home, the concept of Contextual Safeguarding lends itself to risks occurring in the community as a place-based harm approach, beyond the family home. Contextual Safeguarding considers the context beyond individual children and their families such as those related to schools, peer groups and neighbourhoods.

Contextual Safeguarding recognises that children and young people may be vulnerable to abuse or exploitation from:

- Their peer groups
- The wider community
- Online
- Adults

The Selsey PGC seeks to offer the opportunity to build upon existing partnership working but focused more at a local level to include Community Safety, Police, Education, Youth Justice and Children's Social Care and Community partners to look through the lens of children and young people in a school and community setting to help understand the push and pull factors that can increase the risk of exploitation.

The Selsey PGC will meet on a bi-monthly basis

### **Objectives**

1. To share information regarding young people who may be causing anti-social behaviour, participating in drug or alcohol consumption and/or activity or be at risk of experiencing or perpetuating harm.
2. For partners to nominate concerns regarding locations and spaces coming to notice in which they are spending time, what they are doing in those spaces, and the risk posed to them (and the rest of the community).
3. To minimise the risk of harm and community impact
4. To tackle any unlawful/inappropriate activity using all tools and powers available
5. Ensure that agencies work together in reducing the risk and harm that our young people may be exposed to.

### **Membership**

Chichester District Council – to include ASB Caseworker and Community Warden

Sussex Police

The Academy Selsey

The Bridge

West Sussex Youth offending Service

West Sussex County Council

## **Administration**

The Selsey PGC will be administered by Chichester District Council and others where necessary.

## **Information Sharing**

The legal basis for sharing information during this meeting is under Section 115 of the Crime and Disorder Act 1998, 'where disclosure is necessary or expedient for the purposes of the Act (reduction and prevention of crime and disorder)' in an attempt to safeguard and prevent any further crime or ASB.

The legal frameworks allow for information sharing in relation to children, young people and adults:

- Children Act (1989)
- Working Together to Safeguard Children (2018)
- Care Act (2014)
- Human Rights Act (1998)
- General Data Protection Regulations (GDPR) (2018)

In addition to the above, all attendees at the Peer Group Conference are agreeing in this virtual meeting (to be reviewed after Covid-19 current working arrangements) to verbally adhere to the Confidentiality Agreement.

Information discussed by the agency representative within this meeting is strictly confidential and must not be disclosed to third parties who have not signed up to this protocol without the agreement of the partners of the meeting.

All agencies should ensure that the minutes are retained in a confidential and appropriately restricted manner. These minutes will aim to reflect that all individuals who are discussed at these meetings should be treated fairly, with respect, and without improper discrimination.