

Monmouthshire County Council Whole Authority Safeguarding Coordinating Group (WASG)

Membership of the WASG:

The membership of the Whole Authority Safeguarding Coordinating Group will in the main constitute chief officers and heads of service as a leadership core. Lower organisational tier officers will also participate in the group as specifically designated.

Chief officers will be expected to designate nominees in their absence, but the nominees must be at a sufficiently strategic level to take decisions and take action in representation and will need to be agreed with the Chief Officer, Social Care and Health.

Officers designated to form the WASG:

Chief Officer for Social Care and Health
Chief Officer for Children and Young Peoples Services
Head of Operations
Head of Adults Services
Head of Children's Services
Head of Governance, Engagement & Improvement
Head of Community Led Delivery
Head of Tourism, Leisure and Culture
Safeguarding Unit Manager
Monmouthshire Housing manager
Monmouthshire Youth Service manager
Interim HR Manager
Programme lead on Volunteering

The purpose of the WASG:

- To steer the whole authority safeguarding strategy and support programme and keep under review
- To delegate responsibilities as a collective group to WASG representatives on accountabilities for safeguarding
- To monitor progress and performance against the whole authority safeguarding strategy support programme and measures scorecard, to hold others to account across directorates and intervene as necessary

- To report progress and performance against the whole authority safeguarding strategy support programme and measures scorecard to senior leaders and elected members and to respond to challenge
- To act as champions to embed safeguarding through service planning and in day to day operational delivery and ensure directorates mainstream safeguarding practices within directorate activities
- To ensure that designated WASG members represent the authority on the Regional Safeguarding Boards for Adults and for Children and Young People and that they contribute to develop the regional safeguarding action plans and the boards' work. Also, that information on work undertaken by the boards is shared with the WASG
- To ensure safeguarding representation on group working arrangements both within and outside the authority in relation to wellbeing and safeguarding support to adults and to children and young people
- To act as a conduit to ensure an information flow to the Senior Leadership Team and to Directorate Department Management Teams on safeguarding and ensure information is cascaded through service teams
- To share best practice on safeguarding and ensure good practice is shared among service teams
- To participate as nominated by the WASG in external regulation and inspection on safeguarding matters, which may be in addition to any other authority designated accountabilities

WASG meeting arrangements:

WASG will systematically meet on a 2 monthly cycle. Flexibility will be used to call meetings outside this cycle if necessary.

WASG reporting arrangements:

The WASG will systematically report to the Senior Leadership Team, directorate Department Management Teams, the Adults and Children and Young People Select Committees, the Audit Committee and the Cabinet. The chief officer for Social Care, Safeguarding and Health will keep the Cabinet member with portfolio up to date on key safeguarding matters.