

Key achievements



ADOLESCENTS SAFEGUARDING

- Maximised reachable moments via new Urgent Response Protocol / outreach youth work / safeguarding pathways from ED
- Engaged 48 young people / young adults via New Reality Program
- Appointed new specialist Victims and Restorative Justice Officer
- 3500 primary school children given tools to build knowledge, attitudes & critical thinking skills via LifeSkills Resilience Programme
- 73 local residents who are trained as community mentors continued to work with those at risk of exclusion or gang activity
- 47 local residents recruited as 'Ask Us' ambassadors to address concerns around gangs, with coverage across the borough
- Launched The Outset Centre, a community led youth hub
- 193 young people engaged via new structure for Youth & Family Resilience Service
- Established mobile youth engagement unit – 4646 face to face visits undertaken as part of orders and / or due to safety concerns
- Addressed racial disparity and sought ways to tackle this
- Worked more effectively as a multi-agency partnership
- Launched fortnightly all age Exploitation and Risk Panel
- Commissioned range of specialist support for young people at risk of exclusion and exploitation, including Parent Champions programme
- Engaged with 150 parents via online workshops
- Strengthened the Practitioner Network
- Reviewed & refreshed [Safeguarding Adolescents Practice Guide](#) - disseminated widely with a new suite of interactive resources

VIOLENCE AGAINST WOMEN & GIRLS

- Launched new drop in service for face to face support
- Strengthened Safe & Together: 183% rise in identification of DA in family assessments
- Implemented additional layer of support for survivors from police call outs
- Increased comms for promoting services
- Commenced Domestic Abuse Housing Accreditation process

SAFEGUARDING IN SETTINGS

- Launched new therapeutic alternative provision & established robust quality assurance framework
- Developed a collaborative action plan for inclusive schools and alternative provision that includes tackling disproportionality
- Identified and responded to children's social and emotional wellbeing needs, with a focus on children at risk of school exclusion
- Appointed Safeguarding Lead for Inclusion and Alternative Provision
- Identified issues of disproportionality within schools' systems, including behaviour management and inclusion
- Delivered inclusive schools programme in 13 schools.
- Implemented additional resources to meet demand for increased number of Care Education & Treatment Reviews
- 64% reduction in youth robberies between Oct - Dec 2020 via Operation Chunal and significant reduction in violent assaults to children aged 10 -17 years olds
- Safer Schools Officers and schools worked to keep children safe whilst travelling between offsite testing centres and school
- Improved joint working across agencies to address the needs of vulnerable children
- Every Year 6 child in the borough received dedicated guidance during the transition from primary to secondary school
- Over 700 Operation Encompass notifications to schools about domestic incidences
- Created and shared widely a [bitesize video guide for volunteers](#)
- Implemented new protocols for children, whose parents wished to home educate
- Supported parents with effective digital safeguarding and vaccine

BETTER MENTAL HEALTH FOR ALL

- Volunteers recruited to conduct check-in calls for residents shielding / self-isolating
- Delivered 'Developing a Mentally Healthy School' sessions to teacher.
- Utilised Public Health England's Psychological First Aid Training
- Implemented the DfE Wellbeing for Education Return programme
- Launched new service Mental Health in Schools Teams
- 40 schools signed up to the Young People's Mental Health Charter – co-produced with young people
- Expanded promotion of virtual mental services including Good Thinking and Kooth through volunteers and hampers going out to vulnerable residents
- Trialled 'Mind Moose' platform in some Waltham Forest primary schools.
- Adapted meetings / support groups to accommodate virtual provision

What difference has the work of the WFSCB made to our children/young people?



- ❖ Broken the cycle
- ❖ Earlier intervention that builds resilience and prevents exploitation
- ❖ Improved collective support from front-line practitioners who understand risks
- ❖ Clarity for parents who feel empowered to support
- ❖ Kept safe and supported when experiencing domestic abuse
- ❖ Those persistently absent and subject to exclusions are better supported
- ❖ Closer to achieving equity for those from minoritised backgrounds
- ❖ Children feel safe and are safe in and around school
- ❖ Reduced feelings of loneliness
- ❖ Helped earlier with mental health needs associated with the pandemic
- ❖ More options for support to prevent mental health deteriorating
- ❖ Safer support and help from the community

What's next for 2021/22?



George Floyd's murder in 2020 triggered a worldwide outcry, resulting in more focus on structural racism. All the strategic boards' work underwent review with a racial disparity lens to identify the areas that required action to narrow the gap between outcomes for different groups of residents. This shaped the renewed priorities for 2021 - 2023 that will steer the partnership to taking action to enact meaningful change.

As a result and alongside acknowledgement of the past year, priorities will be underpinned by three core themes: **Equality / Equity - Life Course Approach - COVID Recovery**

This series of short films brings some of the amazing work of the Strategic Partnership to life:



OVERARCHING PRIORITY:

- **Violence and Exploitation:**
 - **Adolescents Safeguarding** (WFSCB led)
 - **Modern Slavery** (SAB led)
 - **VAWG** (SafetyNet led)
- **Better Mental Health for All** (HWB led)

WFSCB SPECIFIC PRIORITY:

- **Safeguarding in Settings**

