



Strategic Partnership Boards
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Bitesize video guide: Waltham Forest Strategic Partnership Boards

Hello, my name is Suzanne Elwick and I am the head of strategic partnerships at Waltham Forest Council.

My team support the four strategic boards – Waltham Forest Safeguarding Children Board, Waltham Forest Safeguarding Adults Board, the community safety partnership which we call SafetyNet and the Health and Wellbeing Board.

We know that as practitioners you are given lots of information about different organisations and ways to improve practice and we wanted to give you some information in a way that would be quick, to the point and hopefully interesting.

So, we have developed this film so you can learn about the strategic boards from the comfort of your desk and then hopefully the next time you see an email with our e-bulletin or an invitation to an event you might be more likely to open and read it.

In setting up the strategic boards' team in Waltham Forest we wanted to do things differently: to supporting all the boards together, rather than separately as they do in other boroughs. This helps us deliver a Think Family approach – which means thinking about all the people in a family and not just children or adults separately. Another reason for working together is that issues such as violence against women and girls are of interest to all the boards - we call these cross-cutting priorities and we have developed 6 cross cutting priorities across the four boards.

There are lots of different partners involved with the boards. Working in partnership is a strength here in Waltham Forest. The boards do not have the all the same members, but some common ones are Police, Barts Health, NELFT, Children Social Care, Adult Social Care, Waltham Forest Clinical Commissioning group, Housing, Early Help, Public Health, Probation, Community Rehabilitation Company, and Voluntary, Community and Faith Sector organisations.

On the Children and Adults Safeguarding Board we are lucky to also have several lay members who bring a valuable residents' point of view.

So what does my team do?

We support the boards to deliver their priorities, we coordinate statutory reviews – Safeguarding Adult Reviews, Serious Case Reviews and Domestic Homicide Reviews and share the learning from these; we organise multi-agency audits, produce short videos about areas of practice improvement called ‘bitesize guides’, arrange multi-agency training and events and a quarterly information e-bulletin.

We have a website that has lots of useful information and all our bitesize guides on it, which are relevant to practitioners working in all areas.

I would like to now introduce you to the chairs of the four boards.

Hello, my name is Helen Taylor and I am the chair of the Waltham Forest Safeguarding Adults Board, working around 2 to 3 days a month.

The Waltham Forest Safeguarding Adult Board is a statutory board under the Care Act 2014. The overarching purpose of this Board to help and safeguard adults who have care and support needs. The board has to assure itself that all local agencies that work with adults have effective safeguarding arrangements in place. As a Board, we aim to support agencies, prevent abuse where possible and hold partner agencies to account. We do this the quarterly board meeting and through the subgroups which are delivery the priorities.

There are 6 priorities for 2018/19 for the Safeguarding Adults Board

1. Making Safeguarding Personal – this is about making sure that when an adult is part of a safeguarding process, we actively seek their views and wishes about what they want the outcome to be. Too many adults who have gone through the safeguarding process have told us that they didn't not know what was happening or why and we need to change this.
2. Quality and Standards group is working to improve the care provided by care homes and domiciliary care providers, through providing advice and support and a joined up monitoring process between the Council and health commissioners.
3. Pressure Care – is about promoting good practice to prevent pressure ulcers at home and in hospital
4. A new priority for 2018/19 is being developed looking at self-neglect which is when an adult's ability to maintain their physical and mental health and physical environment can be affected by complex issues related to their life experience, physical or mental health. For example, self –neglecting due to alcohol and/or

drugs misuse, refusing medical treatment or care, hoarding, or living in very poor unsanitary conditions etc.

5. A cross cutting priority is Modern Slavery and Human Trafficking. This is a relatively new issue that all boroughs are getting to grips with. We need to raise awareness and ensure that people affected get the help and support they need.
6. A new cross cutting priority that was agreed in March 2018 is cuckooing which refers to the process by which a person exploits a resident's vulnerability and / or threatens violence, in order to use their premises for criminal acts.

Hello, my name is Dave Peplow and I am the independent chair of the Waltham Forest Safeguarding Children Board, working around 2 to 3 days a month.

In line with Working Together 2015 which is legal government guidance, each local authority must have a local safeguarding children board or LSCB. The main purpose of the Waltham Forest Safeguarding Children Board is to ensure that all local agencies within Waltham Forest work effectively together for the safety and well-being of children and young people. As a board we aim to support agencies to do this, but we also hold them to account. We do this in the quarterly board meetings and through the subgroups which are delivery the priorities

The priorities for 2018 to 2019 are

1. Neglect – this is about improving everyone's awareness and understanding of neglect in children of all ages. We want signs of neglect to be picked up early on so that families can be effectively supported to remain independent and resilient.
2. Safeguarding in Settings - is about ensuring that children are safe in whatever they do, whether that is during school or at their place of worship or to take part in their hobbies. We especially want to support organisations in the community, voluntary and faith sector to be confident and effective in their safeguarding practice.
3. Adolescents Safeguarding - is our cross-cutting priority. It is about making sure that all children or young people who experience risk such as child sexual exploitation or going missing are treated as children and that we look at the whole picture that surrounds the risks they face. We refer to this as contextual safeguarding and taking a trauma informed approach. We know that young people are often both victim and abuser.

Hello, my name is Richard Tucker and I am the chair of SafetyNet, our community safety forum and my day job is Borough Commander for Waltham Forest and Newham.

SafetyNet is a statutory partnership under the Crime and Disorder Act 1998. SafetyNet's purpose is to respond as a partnership to crime, disorder and drugs reduction for people who live and work in Waltham Forest. As a board we aim to support agencies to do this, but we also hold them to account. We do this in the quarterly board meetings and through the subgroups which are delivery the priorities

We have 4 priorities for 18/19

1. Prevent – for SafetyNet we see Prevent as a safeguarding issue and are working to embed prevent and safeguarding in universal services such as schools' programmes to safeguarding vulnerable children and adults who are at risk of radicalisation or extremism.
2. Anti-social behaviour - the core anti-social behaviour issues in Waltham Forest include, rough sleepers, street drinkers, noise nuisance, drug activity and prostitution which agencies in the borough are working together to address.
3. Gangs and youth violence - Waltham Forest leads on an innovative approach aimed at supporting individuals and families to move away from gang related crime known as the Gang Prevention Programme (GPP) which also targets enforcement on those who do engage in exiting gangs.
4. Our cross-cutting priority is violence against women and girls which is a wide area of work including domestic abuse, harmful practices, sexual offences and street based sexual harassment and prevention work with girls and boys in schools.

Hello, my name is Cllr Clare Coghill and I am the chair of the Health and Wellbeing Board and my day job is being the Leader of the Council.

The Health and Wellbeing Board works to understand health needs and agree priorities around improving the health of our residents. As a board we aim to support local organisations to do this via partnership working and shared approaches, but we also hold them to account. We do this at the quarterly board meetings, and through the subgroups which are delivering the priorities.

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1. Children's Healthy Weight: driven by the *Waltham Forest Healthy Weight Strategy (2015-2020)* we are prioritising initiatives to reduce food poverty, support breast- and infant-feeding as well as seeking to increase the number of children eating healthily and doing enough exercise.
2. End of Life Care: bringing together different NHS bodies and the council, this group is focused on changing systems to make sure that Waltham Forest residents can die where they choose to – usually at home, or in a hospice, rather than in hospital.
3. Alcohol & Drugs is a first cross cutting priority: a detailed needs assessment and new Alcohol & Drug strategy are driving actions such as rolling out training and online advice across all Waltham Forest agencies and work with communities who are more at risk of alcohol and drug misuse to deliver tailored, individual support.
4. Mental Wellbeing is our second and most recent cross-cutting priority: its focus is to identify and tackle ongoing issues that affect our residents' mental wellbeing, particularly looking at prevention issues such as social isolation, by working closely together in partnership.