



### **Knowsley Safeguarding Children Partnership – Core Functions**

In light of the current threat from the Coronavirus pandemic, an agreement was reached between the three safeguarding partners to temporarily step down Knowsley Safeguarding Partnership.

In accordance with the guidance set out in 'Working Together 2018' the three safeguarding partners are required to work together to safeguard and promote the welfare of all children in a local area. These responsibilities remain unchanged.

This document sets out the core functions that the KSCP Business Unit will continue to deliver that are intended to support the partners during these exceptional times.

1. All training events will be suspended until further notice. However, on line training is still available.
2. All meetings coordinated by Knowsley Safeguarding Children Partnership) will be cancelled **until at least the 30<sup>th</sup> April 2020**. This will be subject to review on 1<sup>st</sup> May 2020.
3. The governance around the actions generated from previous meetings will be coordinated through the KSCP Business Unit. An action tracker will assist in monitoring the completion of these actions.

4. The Business Unit will continue to be resourced but this involves staff now working from home. Contact will be available through email and telephone contact.
5. The Business Unit will continue to act as a conduit for support with any specific communications that need relaying in respect of safeguarding children.
6. Notification of an incident that fits the criteria for a serious child safeguarding review, will be coordinated by the KSCP Business Unit. They will facilitate a triage process in consultation with the Chair of the Rapid Review Group and a nominated professional. It will be in the form of a telephone or video conference.
7. If a rapid review meeting is arranged the chair will submit their recommendations for consideration by the Chair of the three safeguarding partners.
8. Any meetings will be conducted 'remotely', utilising telephone, or video conferencing facilities.
9. The Business Unit will cascade across the partnership, key learning that is identified from existing reviews or any other emerging issues.