

Re-establishment of the Safeguarding Ministerial Group

Introduction

Request to the Chief Minister to reestablish the Safeguarding Ministerial Group (“the Group”).

Detail

The Safeguarding Ministerial Group was previously established to receive updates from the [Safeguarding Partnership Board](#), Safeguarding Accountable Officers, and the Independent Safeguarding Chair, and promote shared ministerial understanding and learning, political coordination, and cross government discussion and oversight.

The previous terms of reference is [available here](#). It should be noted that the new terms of reference removes duplication and guidance provided by other documents and so is more concise.

Recommendation

The Chief Minister is recommended to reestablish the Group and approve the attached terms of reference.

Resource Implications

There are no new resources implications arising from this decision.

Terms of Reference: Safeguarding Ministerial Group

Introduction

The Safeguarding Ministerial Group (“the Group”) was previously established to receive updates from the Safeguarding Partnership Board, Independent Chair and officers.

Purpose

The Safeguarding Ministerial Group (“the Group”) shall:

- 1) receive updates from the Safeguarding Partnership Board, Safeguarding Accountable Officers, and the Independent Safeguarding Chair;
- 2) promote shared ministerial understanding and learning, political coordination, and cross government discussion and oversight; and
- 3) discuss other matters as deemed required by the membership and as relates to safeguarding.
- 4) Facilitate the publishing of the annual report on the performance of safeguarding arrangements.

Membership

The Membership of the Group shall be the:

- Minister for Justice and Home Affairs, Chair;
- Chief Minister, Member;
- Minister for Children and Families, Member;
- Minister for Education and Lifelong Learning, Member;
- Minister for Health and Social Services, Member;
- Minister for Housing, Member;
- Minister for Social Security, Member; and
- Independent Chair of the Safeguarding Partnership Board.

Officers of the Government of Jersey shall also attend as required.

Quorum shall be when four Executive Members, with at least one of these being the Chair, are present.

Meeting Frequency

Typically, the Group shall quarterly, and the Chair, if they deemed it required, may call extraordinary meetings.

Record Keeping and Administrative Support

The Ministerial Office shall provide administrative support to the Group and the States Greffe shall prepare and maintain minutes.