

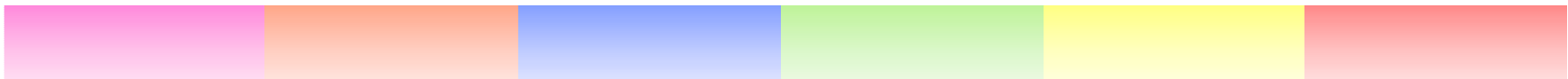
# New safeguarding arrangements 2019



# Statutory framework

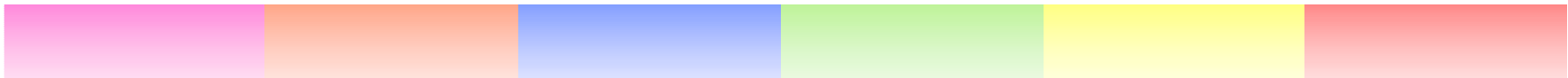
The Children and Social Work Act 2017 apportions equal responsibility for arrangements with three 'safeguarding partners' (Local Authority, CCG and Police) - shared and equal duty to make arrangements to work together to safeguard and promote the welfare of all children in a local area.

Supported by 'Working Together to Safeguard Children 2018' and 'Keeping Children Safe in Education'



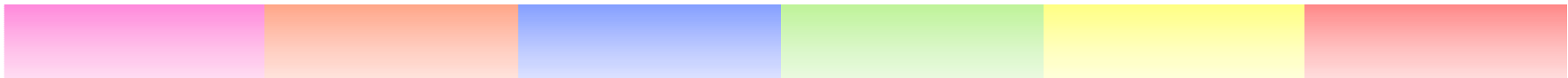
# Key changes

- Safeguarding Children Boards no longer mandatory, most areas moving to Safeguarding Partnerships
- Serious Case Reviews to be replaced by national and local systems for Child Safeguarding Practice Reviews
- Transfer of responsibility for Child Death Reviews to Child Death Review Partners (DfE to DoH)
- Requirement for independent scrutiny arrangements beyond independent chairing



# Wood Report (2016)

- Concerns about leadership with the Board multi-agency arrangements
- Too many meetings, not related to front-line practice
- Lack of impact and evidence of outcomes to children's lives
- Poor co-ordination through system, down to individual young people
- Duty to co-operate does not guarantee accountability across services; not a full systems approach

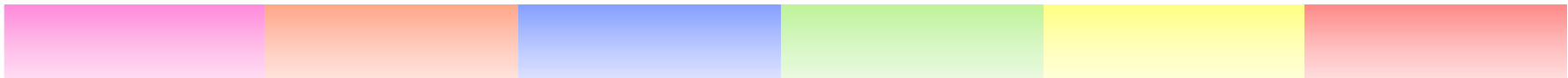


# What could be the benefits locally?

- Lean Board structure – more attention to priority issues
- Focus on *leadership, commitment and accountability* across ‘safeguarding partners’ and ‘relevant agencies’
- Greater emphasis on hearing from children and young people
- Child Safeguarding Practice Reviews – less emphasis on the report, more on learning and impact
- Opportunities to integrate with other partnerships – **SCC**

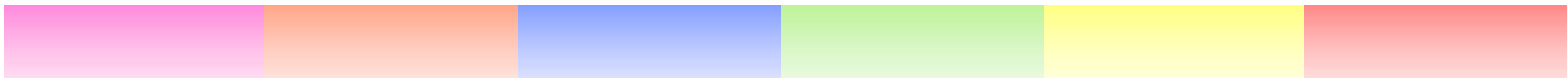
## **Cabinet have agreed that:**

- **the Safeguarding Partnership arrangements can be integrated with the Children’s Trust arrangements.**
- **that sub-regional opportunities for sharing tasks and capacity can be explored**
- **Subject to the view of ‘safeguarding partners’ and ‘relevant agencies’**



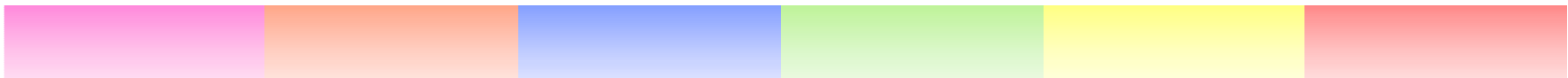
## Tier 1: Safeguarding Partners Executive

- LA, CCG and A&S Constabulary, with co-opted members as required
- Requirement to:
  - *‘act as a strategic group in supporting and engaging others’* [in a multi-agency safeguarding context]
  - *‘have equal and joint responsibility for local safeguarding arrangements’*



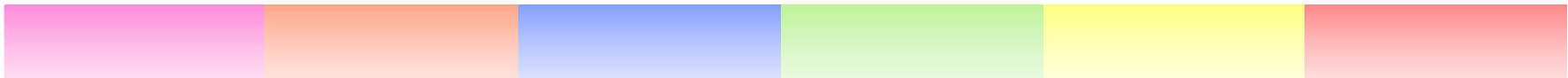
# Safeguarding Partners Executive (Tier 1)

- Function of Executive is to provide accountability across the partnership
- Continue to need wider partnership engagement at Tier 2 and 3 for new multi-agency safeguarding arrangements to be effective and to deliver on safeguarding priorities
- Agreement to merge with the Executive of Children's Trust as of October 2019, accountable to the three lead agencies and to the Health & Wellbeing Board.



# The Children's Trust

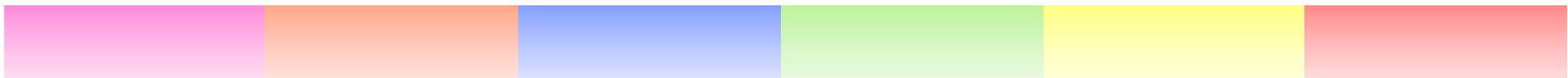
- Deliver the Children and Young People's Plan, 2019-2022.
- Children tell us that their priorities are:
  - A happy family life, including support for parents
  - Health – physical and emotional
  - Education – building skills for life
  - Positive activities
- Support partners to achieve added value to improve outcomes for children and young people.





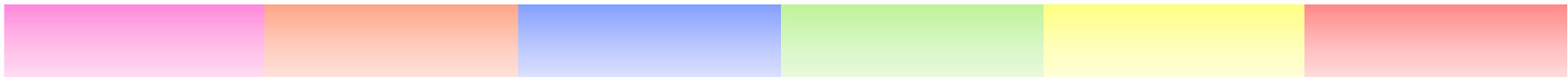
## ‘Safeguarding partners’ and ‘relevant agencies’ (Tier 2)

- Partners to be consulted on:
  - How ‘relevant agencies’ should be involved in the new partnership arrangements.
    - Themed conference style events three times per year?
    - Wide partnership engagement, to include representatives from ‘Safeguarding Partnerships’ – eg Team Around the School, One Teams, MASH etc?
  - How these arrangements will dovetail with Children’s Trust responsibilities.



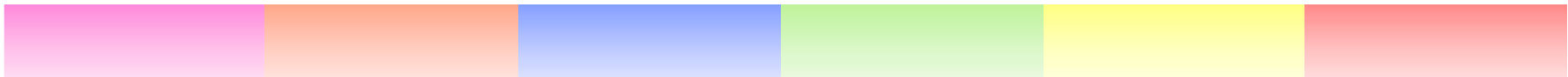
# Delivery Functions (Tier 3)

- Creation of a cost-effective structure/efficiencies
- Local arrangements still required for:
  - Learning and improvement function
    - Child safeguarding practice reviews
    - Embedding learning/training
  - Quality assurance and performance function
  - Child exploitation function
  - Capturing and acting on the voice of the children
- Partners to be consulted on any other functions needed, and any natural alignments with other groups under other strategic partnerships.



# Scrutiny arrangements

- Using a range of measures and mechanisms – not just SCRs and data:
- Section 11 audit
- Multi-agency audits
- Case reviews and good practice/safeguarding conversations
- Consolidate existing feedback from children, families and practitioners
- Voice of the child
- Annual reports
- Independent scrutineers/peer review with other areas in region
- Role for some existing scrutiny arrangements



# Timeline

- Format of local Executive agreed – March 2019
- Agree local arrangements (quality/CSR/T&D) – April/May 2019
- Agree participation in Consortium arrangements regionally – April/May 2019 (subject to regional partners)
- March/April 2019 – governance agreed by key safeguarding partners
- 22 June 2019 – arrangements complete
- 29 June 2019 - arrangements with Secretary of State
- 1 October 2019 – new arrangements take effect

