

Somerset Joint Targeted Area Inspection

**Scrutiny Committee – Children and
Families – 18 September 2024**



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Joint Targeted Area Inspection (JTAI)

Serious Youth Violence

- Headline findings shared at Scrutiny in August 2024
- Since then, Multi-Agency Action Plan in development and due to be submitted to Inspectors by 25th October.
- Plan has actions against each area for improvement identified in the JTAI letter.

Responsibility and governance

Somerset Safeguarding Children Partnership Executive (SSCP) maintain overall oversight of the JTAI action plan, including:

- Single agency actions to progress specific feedback
- Multi-agency actions to develop the safeguarding system.

SSCP will track progress and quality assure changes made in individual organisations and across the system, to ensure that children are appropriately safeguarded.

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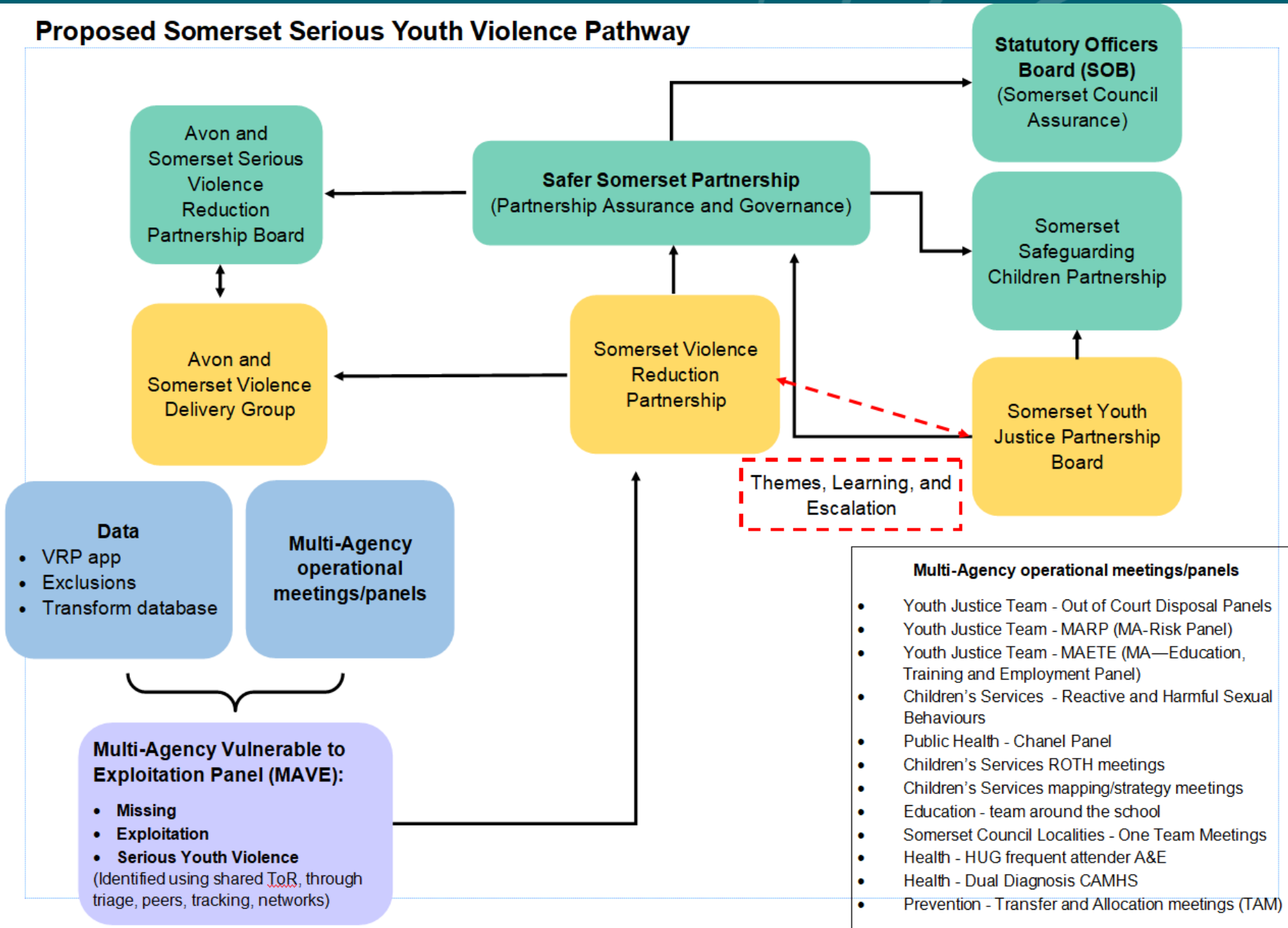
- Safer Somerset Partnership(SSP) (including Violence Reduction Partnership and linked Youth Justice Partnership Board) will implement and oversee some areas of the plan. Joint workshop between SSCP and SSP planned for 30th September 2024 to ensure clear links and accountabilities, as this was an area of weakness identified by Inspectors.
- Work across the Avon & Somerset police area to develop and support Police safeguarding practice – linking with the Safeguarding Partnerships for the other 4 LAs in the Avon and Somerset police area. Workshop planned for October 2024

JTAI Action Plan: key developments

Understanding the extent of Serious Youth Violence

- Development of governance and pathway processes in Somerset to provide a greater understanding of what is happening to individual children (by March 2025)

Proposed Somerset Serious Youth Violence Pathway



JTAI Action Plan: key developments

Sharing information and intelligence

- Police Intelligence provision and robotics review to ensure information is shared for all vulnerable children (suspects and victims)
- Police review of risk assessment tool used by officers (by January 2025)
- Somerset NHS Foundation Trust Serious Youth Violence develop a process to support identification of vulnerability and referrals (April 2025)
- Somerset NHS Foundation Trust recording system work: alignment of alerts across the Trust and longer term a single system (2027)
- MAVE meetings implemented to coordinate intelligence (Autumn 2024)

JTAI Action Plan: key developments

Multi-agency training and tools

- Multi-agency training package launching in September 2024, including basic e-learning for all staff and face to face training for specialist/identified roles by March 2025
- This will also include improving practitioner knowledge on Trauma Informed approaches to families
- The SSCP will conduct a review of the Child Exploitation screening tool to ensure it can be used at the earliest stage in a child's journey to identify vulnerability (November 2024)

JTAI Action Plan: key developments

Processes for working with children

- Work to ensure all relevant partner agencies are invited to the Child in Need Risks Outside the Home meetings, so that decisions and plans can be informed by all relevant information/agencies (in place)



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