

## VCS Representation on Croydon's Strategic Partnerships, 2018 - 2020

Croydon Voluntary Action is the supporting agency for many networks involved in influencing decision-making in Croydon. Through strategic partnerships, representatives from different agencies come together with the aim of providing the best services and support possible. Some partnerships have firmly established structures for working together, others have looser relationships.

There are four main partnership boards seeking VCS representation either on their boards or sub-groups:

1. **Children and Families Partnership Board**
2. **Croydon Safeguarding Children Board**
3. **Health and Wellbeing Board**
4. **Safer Croydon Partnership**

Some of these partnerships have sub-groups and working groups. ***Voluntary and community networks are able feed into these groups at all levels.***

Croydon Voluntary Sector Alliance (CVSA) is the overarching voluntary and community sector (VCS) network in Croydon enabling a collective voice on key strategic issues. Through CVSA voluntary sector representatives are elected, every 2 years, onto Croydon's strategic partnerships to promote the value and perspective of the VCS.

### **1. CHILDREN AND FAMILIES PARTNERSHIP BOARD**

This partnership brings together all those working in organisations responsible for services for children, young people, and families. The Croydon Children and Families Board and its Executive include representatives and senior officers from those organisations to provide high level governance arrangements for our Partnership.

The Board and its Executive, supported by sub group(s), are responsible for the delivery of actions and improved outcomes against our priorities. <https://www.croydon.gov.uk/healthsocial/families/ccfppartnership/ccfp-board>

Frequency of Meetings	Lead Coordinator	Email	CVSA Reps
Twice a year	Maria Nawrocka	<a href="mailto:Maria.nawrocka@croydon.gov.uk">Maria.nawrocka@croydon.gov.uk</a> <a href="mailto:cfp@croydon.gov.uk">cfp@croydon.gov.uk</a>	3 (1 for young people; 1 for children and young people with special needs; 1 for families with young children)
The structure of the Board's sub groups is currently under review, and consequently there is only one sub-group in operation.			
Sub Group, Contact, & Description		Frequency of Meetings	CVSA Reps
<b>Child Poverty Group:</b> The aim of this sub-group is to reduce child poverty and mitigate impact of poverty.  <b>Chair:</b> Amanda Tuke <b>Contact:</b> Maria Nawrocka <a href="mailto:Maria.nawrocka@croydon.gov.uk">Maria.nawrocka@croydon.gov.uk</a>		Under review	2

## 2. CROYDON SAFEGUARDING CHILDREN BOARD

A statutory multi-agency organisation that brings together local agencies that work to safeguard and promote the welfare of children and young people up to the age of 18 in Croydon.  
<http://croydonlcsb.org.uk/about-us/>

Frequency of Meetings	Lead Coordinator	Email	CVSA Reps
Bi-monthly	Nia Lewis	<a href="mailto:Nia.lewis@croydon.gov.uk">Nia.lewis@croydon.gov.uk</a>	2

The partnership has the following Sub Groups		
Name of Sub Group, Contact and Description	Frequency of Meetings	CVSA Reps
<b>Quality Assurance &amp; Performance:</b> Monitors performance of all agencies safeguarding children. Identifies safeguarding aps, recommends actions and plans to address gaps to CSCB. <b>Chair: Philip Segurola (Interim Director Early Help &amp; Children's Social Care)</b> <b>Contact: Nia Lewis</b>	Every 2 months	2
<b>Children &amp; Young People at Risk of Missing and Exploitation:</b> A strategic sub group that aims to provide clarity on how safeguarding is addressed within the specific priority areas of child sexual exploitation (CSE) and missing children. <b>Chair: Lewis Collins, DCI Met Police</b> <b>Contact: Lauren East</b>	Every 2 months	2
<b>Education:</b> Ensures schools implement good and effective safeguarding procedures and practices so that all Croydon children in Croydon schools are as safe as we can make them. <b>Chair: Shelley Davies (Head of Standards, Safeguarding &amp; Youth Engagement)</b> <b>Contact: Lauren East</b>	Quarterly	2
<b>Health:</b> Coordinates safeguarding practice across the sector and feeds into the main board. <b>Chair: Sally Innis (Designated Nurse Safeguarding, Croydon Clinical Commissioning Group CCG)</b>	Quarterly	2

<b>Learning and Development:</b> Plans, delivers and monitors the effectiveness of the annual multi agency safeguarding training programme. <b>Chair: Shade Alu (Deputy Medical Director –Safeguarding, CHS &amp; CCG)</b> <b>Contact: Vicky Hersey</b>	Every 2 months	2
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### 3. HEALTH AND WELLBEING BOARD

This strategic partnership works to reduce health inequalities, assess needs, promote integration and choose priorities. Health and Wellbeing Boards are under a duty to prepare a JSNA (Joint Strategic Needs Assessment)  
<https://www.croydon.gov.uk/democracy/dande/hwbb>

The Board has agreed to have representation from CVA, and to open its subgroups to the election process.

Lead Co-ordinator: Michelle Gerning  
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<b>Carers Partnership:</b> To consider the work of the carers partnership group in delivering board priorities <b>Chair: Pratima Solanki</b>	Meets quarterly	2
<b>Learning Disability Partnership Board:</b>	Meets 5 times a year	2

<p>The Partnership Board is chaired by a person with a learning disability and a person from the council. The Board works towards ensuring that the views and wishes of people with learning disabilities and their families are heard and used to make things happen and that their needs are included in the JSNA (Joint Strategic Needs Assessment)</p> <p><b>Co-Chairs: Geraldine O'Shea, Croydon People First, Caroline Baxter, Croydon Council</b></p>		
<p><b>Croydon Maternity Voices Partnership</b></p> <p>To establish a Partnership with service users and providers to improve existing healthcare standards and experiences for all women and their families, who live or have their baby(ies) in Croydon, during pregnancy, childbirth and in the first few weeks following the birth of their baby. To ensure that the views, needs and wishes of women and their partners using the service are taken into account and that feedback is provided to these parties as to how their views have been used to improve health care.</p> <p><b>Chair: TBC</b></p>	<p>Meets every 2 months, on the 1<sup>st</sup> Wednesday of the month, various venues</p>	<p>2</p>
<p><b>Emotional Health and Wellbeing Strategy Group:</b> Improve the emotional wellbeing and mental health of children and young people: The Emotional Wellbeing and Mental Health Partnership Plan was agreed and launched in April 2014; an Emotional Wellbeing &amp; Mental Health Partnership Board was established and launched in July terms of reference agreed. A workstream reviewing support to children with autism and the diagnostic pathway has been initiated through the review of community paediatricians. Aligned commissioning of the Adult MH SLAM contract has been established through joint contract monitoring and the annual contract negotiation by the Integrated Commissioning Unit on behalf of the CCG (Clinical Commissioning Group.) Work is ongoing to improve performance reporting across the whole system of emotional wellbeing support.</p> <p><b>Chair: Ian Lewis &amp; GP lead</b></p>	<p>Meets 4-7 times a year</p>	<p>2</p>

<b>Contact: Michael Hughes/Sam Taylor</b> <a href="mailto:Michael.hughes@croydon.gov.uk">Michael.hughes@croydon.gov.uk</a> <a href="mailto:Sam.taylor@croydon.gov.uk">Sam.taylor@croydon.gov.uk</a>		
<b>Healthy Weight Steering Group (aka Weight Management Steering Group)</b> Reduce childhood obesity in Croydon via the Food Flagship, amplifying the work of the Healthy Schools through implementing a stronger focus on food in schools. Co-Chair: Denise Dixon, Deborah Causer <a href="mailto:denise.dixon2@croydon.gov.uk">denise.dixon2@croydon.gov.uk</a>	Leads happy to work with voluntary sector reps to ensure that they have the opportunity to contribute and challenge.	2
<b>Joint Programme Board (Mental Health Programme Board):</b> Oversees the development of a Mental Health Programme to support the transformation of mental health services in Croydon, including oversight of investments, monitoring and ensuring effective implementation of initiatives and fit with the overall Mental Health Strategy. <b>Contact: Tom Cox</b> <a href="mailto:tom.cox@swlondon.nhs.uk">tom.cox@swlondon.nhs.uk</a>	Monthly	1
<b>Mental Health Partnership Board:</b> The mental health partnership group (MHPG) in Croydon works together to aim to create good quality mental health services for adults (18-64) in Croydon. It has membership from many parts of the mental health world in Croydon, including people who use mental health services, carers, people who provide adult mental health services in health and social care, and people who work in voluntary and community organisations. Each member has an important part to play in the partnership group and is expected to get involved and take agreed action to further the aims of the partnership. <b>Chair: Steven Warren</b> <b>Contact: Tom Cox</b> <a href="mailto:Tom.cox@swlondon.nhs.uk">Tom.cox@swlondon.nhs.uk</a>	Quarterly	2

## **SAFER CROYDON PARTNERSHIP**

The Partnership works to reduce crime and anti-social behaviour and acts as the statutory Community Safety Partnership for Croydon, as stipulated by the Crime and Disorder Act 1998. The SCP is responsible for co-ordinating the development and implementation of Croydon's Community Safety Strategy. The partnership comprises police, council, fire, probation and health agencies, as well as businesses, community and voluntary sector organisations. <https://www.croydon.gov.uk/community/safercroydon/safer-croydon>

The Partnership Board has agreed to have representation from CVA and the BME Forum, and to open its subgroup Programme Boards to the election process.

**Lead Co-ordinator: Cheryll Wright**

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### **This Partnership has the following sub groups / programme boards**

<b>Sub Group Name, Contact, &amp; Description</b>	<b>Frequency of Meetings</b>	<b>CVSA Reps</b>
<b>Domestic and Sexual Violence</b> Responsible for leading on the coordination of partnership activity to focus delivery of the Partnership's strategic outcomes linked to the 2015-18 Domestic Abuse and Sexual Prevention strategy, encompassing prevention; protection and reducing the risk; provision of support to reduce violence against women and girls, and working in partnership to obtain the best outcome for victims and their families.	Every 2 months (TBC)	1

<p>The Board is also expected to have an evidence-based action plan and to monitor progress against actions identified, as well as a scrutinising and monitoring role.</p> <p><b>Chair: TBC</b></p>		
<p><b>Anti-social Behaviour (ASB) &amp; Environmental Crime:</b></p> <p>To prevent and reduce ASB and Environmental Crime within the borough, in accordance with the 2017 – 2020 Safer Croydon Strategy, including responsibility for drug and alcohol related antisocial behaviour and crime, rowdy and inconsiderate behaviour, street drinking and begging, vehicle nuisance, fly tipping and arson.</p> <p>The Board is also expected to have an evidence-based action plan and to monitor progress against actions identified, as well as a scrutinising and monitoring role.</p> <p><b>Chair: TBC</b></p>	Every 2 months (TBC)	1
<p><b>Youth Crime and Safety:</b></p> <p>Two distinct identities within one board, which is reflected in the meeting agenda.</p> <p>1) The Youth Crime Prevention Board's purpose is to coordinate action to improve the safety of children and young people within the borough. Responsibilities will include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• monitoring the delivery of the serious youth violence action plan</li> <li>• coordinating the activity of the multi-agency Gangs programme</li> <li>• responsibility of for the delivery of any other youth crime priorities identified within the Safer Croydon Strategy.</li> </ul> <p>The Board is also expected to have an evidence-based action plan and to monitor progress against actions identified, as well as a scrutinising and monitoring role.</p>	Every 2 months (TBC)	1



<p>2) The YOPS Board will monitor and report on key performance indicators and targets contained in the strategy, and lead on the development of the Youth Justice Plan. There is also a role in supporting the co-ordination and reviewing the delivery of YOT services.</p> <p><b>Chair: Andy Opie (YOS)</b></p>		
<p><b>Confidence &amp; Community Engagement:</b> The focus of this programme board is on building public confidence in local partners to prevent and reduce crime and disorder and identifying the priorities and concerns of local communities. Improving hate crime reporting and building resilience to extremism.</p> <p>The Board is also expected to have an evidence-based action plan and to monitor progress against actions identified, as well as a scrutinising and monitoring role.</p> <p><b>Chair: TBC</b></p>	Every 2 months (TBC)	1
<p><b>Offender Management Programme Board:</b> A multi-agency response to reduce re-offending, targeting a small number of offenders who pose the highest risk of re-offending through the IOM programme.</p> <p>The Board is also expected to have an evidence-based action plan and to monitor progress against actions identified, as well as a scrutinising and monitoring role.</p> <p><b>Chair: TBC</b></p>	Every 2 months (TBC)	1

## Other representative opportunities:

<b>Together for Health</b> The CCG's implementation of the Prevention, Self-Care, Self-Management and Shared Decision Making (PSSS) Strategy which underpins the CCG's transformational change programme.			
<b>Frequency of Meetings</b>	<b>Lead Coordinator</b>	<b>Email</b>	<b>CVSA Reps</b>
Bi-Monthly	Tom Cox	Kevin.driscoll@swlondon.nhs.uk	1