**VCSFE**

**Representation Pro-Forma**

This form is to be used if you wish to have VCFSE (voluntary, community, faith and social enterprise) sector representation on your partnership group. Blackburn with Darwen Community Network will run a selection process to find representatives on your behalf. We recommend that you request two places so that the representatives can support each other but also so that you get better representation and there is the ability to cover for each other with meeting clashes, holidays, sickness, etc.

Please complete the form and send it back to Donna and Garth. if you have any difficulties - please ask.

**Name of:**

**Meeting/Group/Platform/Work Stream.**

**Blackburn with Darwen Safeguarding Children Partnership Board Meeting**

**Chair:**

**Joanne Siddle (Director of Children’s Services – Blackburn with Darwen Council)**

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| **Overall aim:**  As per Working Together 2023, there is an expectation that local organisations provide joint up support for children and their families at all levels , and co-operate to ensure children are safe from harm. The way these partners work together is known as the Multi-Agency Safeguarding Arrangements (MASA) and strong collaborative leaderships and decision making is key to the effectiveness of these arrangements. Therefore it is essential that the strategic level meeting, known as the Partnership Board, led by the Delegated Safeguarding Partners from the 3 Statutory Partners (Local Authority, Health and Police) and representatives of relevant agencies at a similar strategic level, meet to discuss and seek assurance of safeguarding practice. This meeting is known as the Partnership Board, and relevant partners include a variety of agencies across BwD who work with and support children and their families. |
| **Reporting to: BwD Accountability Forum (Twice Annually) and Pan Lancashire Safeguarding Alliance (Twice Annually)**  **Frequency of meetings & commitment of time: BwD SCP Board meets quarterly for 2 hours currently.** |
| **Terms of reference:** |
| **Person specification/Skills/Knowledge Required:**  A strategic lead capable of representing organisations at Board level e.g. Director of Service or Head of Safeguarding.  An established knowledge of partnership working.  The ability and position to impact decision making and action on behalf of their organisation/group |
| **Please return to:**  **Garth Hodgkinson: Secretary BwD Community Network**  [**Garth.hodgkinson@communitycvs.org.uk**](mailto:Garth.hodgkinson@communitycvs.org.uk)  **Donna Talbot Secretary BwD Community Network**  [**Donna.talbot@communitycvs.org.uk**](mailto:Donna.talbot@communitycvs.org.uk) |