

# North West Regional Innovation & Improvement Alliance Overview

September 2023

# Introduction to North West ADCS

## North West Regional Innovation & Improvement Alliance Memorandum of Understanding

Sets out shared aims of the Regional Innovation & Improvement Alliance to work together in:

- Ensuring innovation and improvement promotes the best possible outcomes for children and young people
- Building on existing capability in Children's Services, corporately and with partners, to identify good practice, diagnose improvement challenges and identify risks to performance.
- Systematically sharing knowledge about what works across the sector and ensuring that there is effective brokerage of innovation and improvement support.

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## Regional Innovation & Improvement Alliance Pledge

This Memorandum outlines commitments of Directors of Children's Services to:

- Respond promptly and fully to requests to share data including agreed quarterly and annual standardised datasets across Children's Services
- Complete an annual self-assessment approved by Chief Executive and Lead Member
- Participate in at least 2 days of Peer Challenge Forum activity annually
- Ensure Regional Innovation & Improvement Alliance activities inform local development plans
- Engage regularly with regional NWADCS meetings, including by ensuring appropriate representation at NWADCS and its sub-groups
- Share good practice through the NWADCS Directory of Support and Better for Children seminars

# Regional Innovation & Improvement Alliance

## North West Sector Led Improvement Board

Chair Kath O'Dwyer, Chief Executive, St Helens

### NWADCS

Chair: Amanda Perraton, DCS, Warrington  
Vice Chair: Chris McLoughlin, DCS, Stockport  
Vice Chair: Colette Dutton, DCS, Wigan

### Local Government Association

Linda Clegg, Children's Services Improvement Adviser

### Innovation & Improvement Alliance Chairs

Bernie Brown, DCS, Bolton  
Chris McLoughlin, DCS, Stockport  
Paul Marshall, DCS, Manchester  
Jacqui Old, DCS, Lancashire (tbc)

### Portfolio Holders for Children's Services

Cllr Julie Gunn, Blackburn with Darwen  
Cllr Mhairi Doyle, Sefton

**Innovation & Improvement Alliance**  
(Chair, Bernie Brown, DCS, Bolton)

- Bolton
- Bury
- Cheshire East
- Cumberland
- Knowsley
- Trafford

**Innovation & Improvement Alliance**  
(Chair, Chris McLoughlin, Stockport)

- Stockport
- Cheshire West and Chester
- Rochdale
- St Helens
- Tameside
- Westmorland and Furness

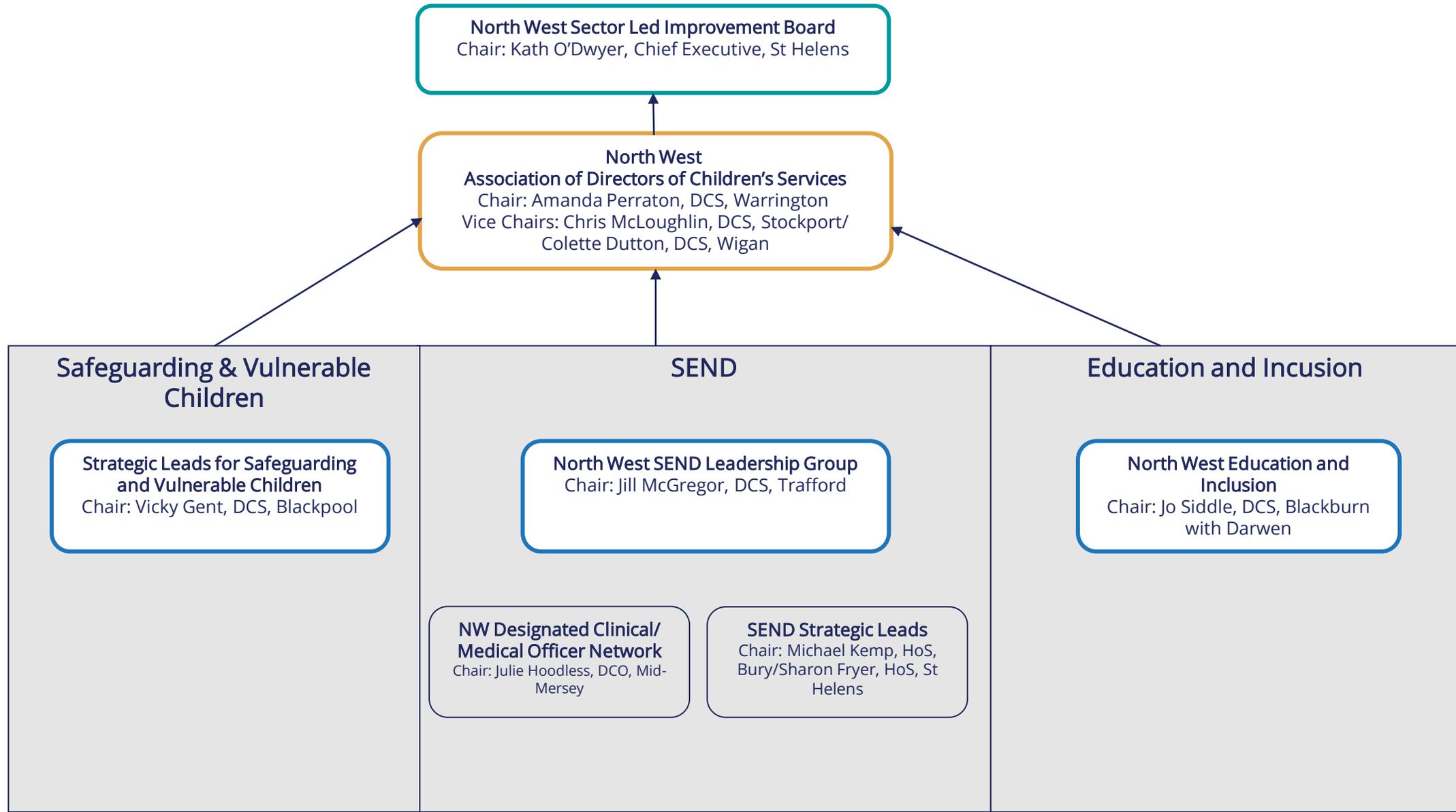
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- Liverpool
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- Sefton
- Wirral

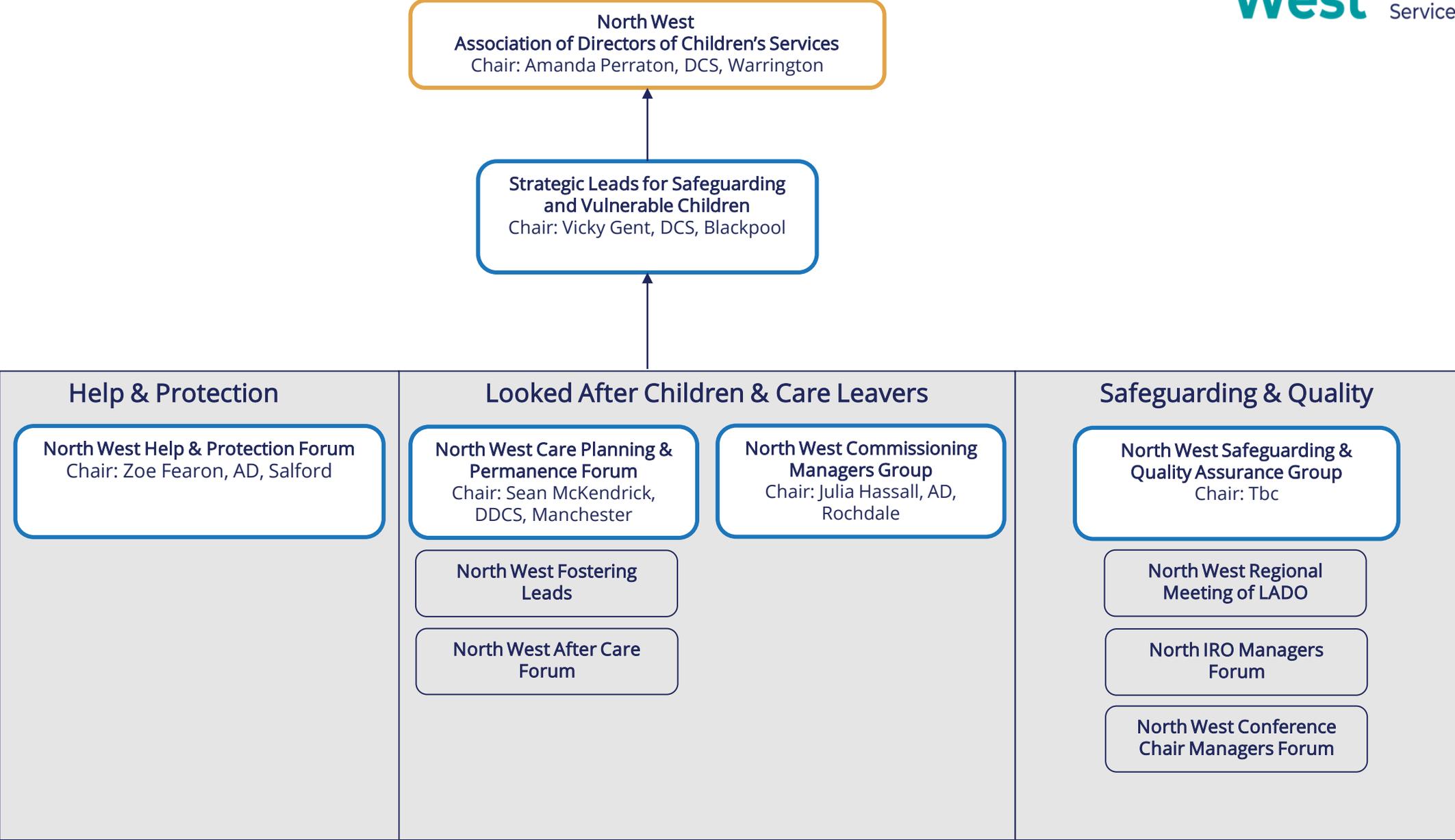
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# Regional Innovation & Improvement Alliance



# Safeguarding and Vulnerable Children infrastructure

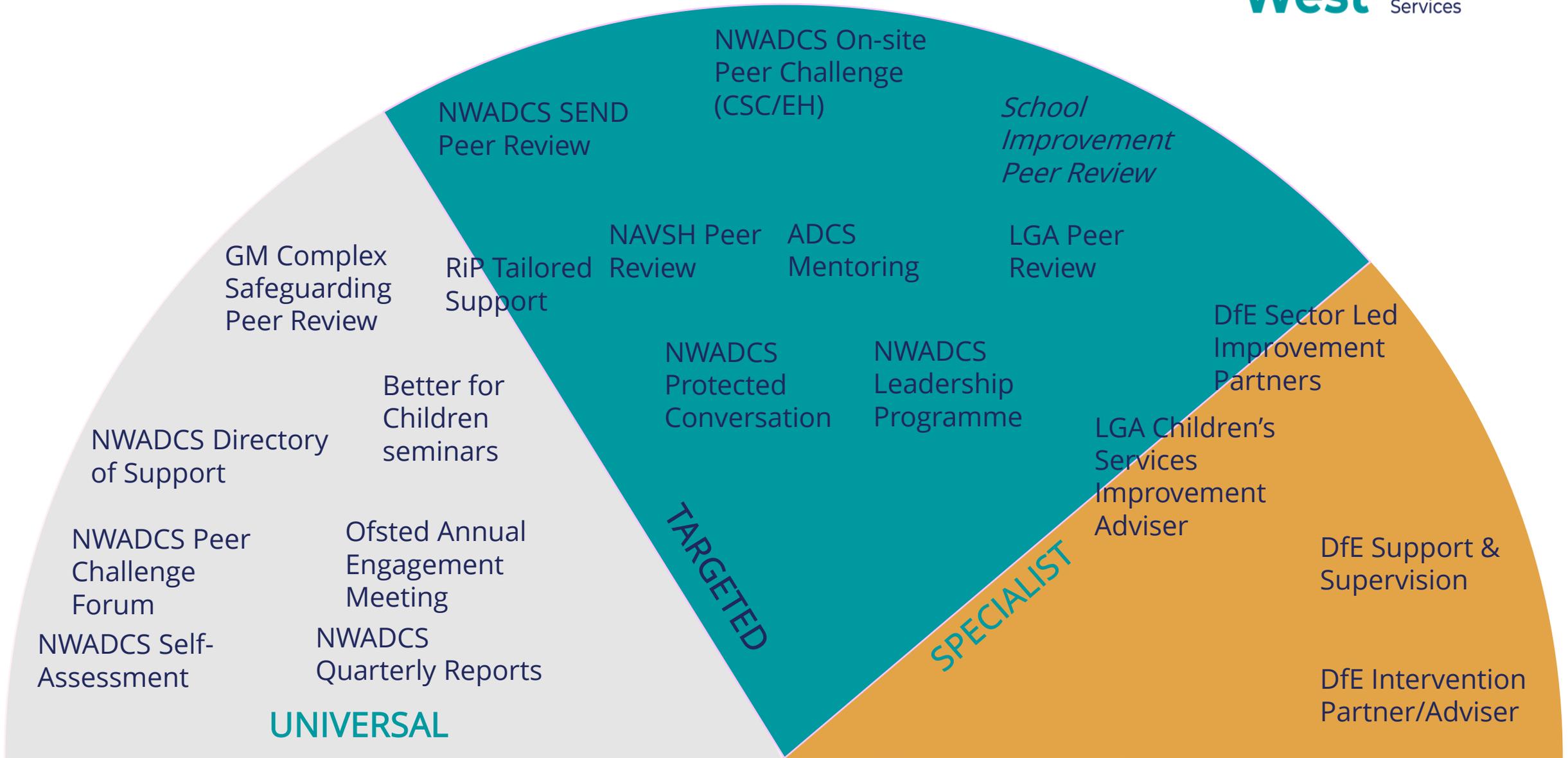


# Strategic priorities for 2022-25

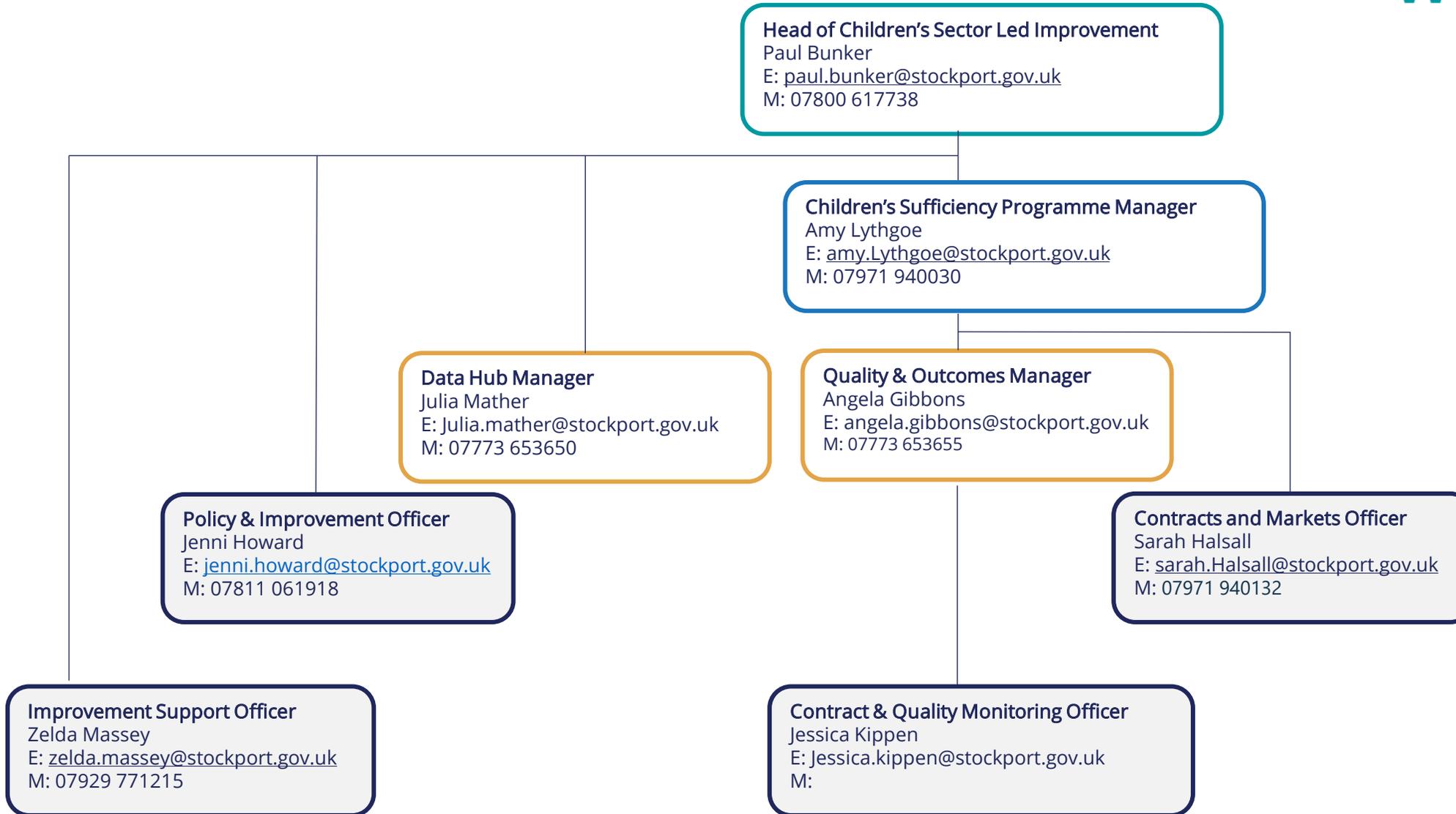
Our priorities and underlying **objectives reflect continuity of purpose to lead recovery** from the pandemic and respond to major policy initiatives to secure positive change; strengthening the **regional position and influence**.

- 1. Children's Social Care** – respond to the Stable Homes, Built on Love strategy to create the conditions for **purposeful practice which promotes stability and permanence** especially for Looked After Children
  - Ensure more children can live safely with their families
  - Ensure Looked After Children & Care Leavers benefit from relationships which support stability and better outcomes
- 2. Education & Early Years** – co-ordinate a regional response to the Schools White Paper which enables **an inclusive education system which supports all children and young people** to attend and achieve
  - Ensure early help and children's social care services improve educational experiences and outcomes
- 3. Special Educational Needs/Disability** – capitalise on opportunities created by the SEND and Alternative Provision roadmap to reset multi-agency support and **improve the experiences of children with SEND**
  - Ensure early help and children's social care services identify and respond to needs of children with SEND
- 4. Workforce** - support a **resilient Children's Services workforce** at all levels
  - Explore innovative approaches to securing a high quality children's workforce
  - Ensure the development of a sustainable pipeline of children's services leaders at all levels
  - Support existing leaders, through effective representation, advocacy and collective influence

# Continuum of Challenge and Support



# NWADCS Team infrastructure



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