**Chris Robson – Independent Chair and Scrutineer**

Chris served for 30 years as a Metropolitan Police Officer. Much of his career was spent in specialist detective roles dealing with crimes committed against children and other safeguarding issues. He has significant experience in working with partners both in practitioner and strategic roles. He was asked to lead the Harringay Child Protection Team following the tragic death of Victoria Climbe. He led the police response to the independent enquiry into corruption in the Stephen Lawrence case and finished his service in command of the unit that was tasked with reviewing all unsolved homicides and responding to all statutory reviews, including Serious Case Reviews.

Following his retirement from the police in 2017 Chris has undertaken a number of strategic safeguarding roles. He currently works as the Chair and Independent Scrutineer for Norfolk, West Sussex and Brighton & Hove Safeguarding Children Partnerships. He conducts independent reviews, Chairs scrutiny groups for the Rugby Football Union and Church of England and is the Chair of Norfolk Youth Justice Boards. Chris has completed scrutiny papers and reviews across a number of safeguarding subjects including ‘the road to exclusion’.

Chris believes passionately that safeguarding is everybody’s responsibility and that we must do everything we can to support each other in our efforts to improve outcomes for children and families.