



Derby Safeguarding Children Board

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Health and Wellbeing Board

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Effectiveness of safeguarding arrangements

Report provides LSCB evidence:

- Agencies own assessments (section 11)
- Single agency audit
- Multi-agency audit
- Learning reviews
- Serious case reviews

Effectiveness of the DSCB

- Derby Safeguarding Children Board was reviewed by Ofsted in March 2017 alongside the inspection of Derby City's children's social care services.
- The judgement for the Derby Safeguarding Children Board was that it is "outstanding" and reference was made to the strategic influence of the LSCB..

Updated Priority Areas

- **Neglect and Early Help**

This priority has been extended to include

- Improving Pre Birth Interventions
- Assessment of Neglect
- Effectiveness of Thresholds, and
- Impact of the Toxic Trio (Parental Mental Health, Parental Substance Misuse and Domestic Violence) on children and young people and early responses to concerns.

Domestic Violence and Abuse

- This will remain a priority with particular focus on seeking to drive forward support through resources for schools along with assessment of the impact of MASH arrangements and agency responses to DV

Vulnerable Young People

- The closer integration of the Vulnerable Young People sub group to include oversight of
 - Child sexual exploitation
 - Mental health of young people
 - Complex enquiries linked to child sexual abuse
 - Online Safety
 - Peer Abuse
 - Young people in Custody and Modern Slavery

New and Emerging Communities

- Information from partner agencies has been considered along with evidence of serious harm being considered as part of a Serious Case Review. We are focussing on ensuring:
 - Effective Early Help arrangements specifically for these communities are in place (including the Roma Communities)
 - All staff are able to identify and respond to safeguarding concerns where they arise

Key Learning informing commissioning

- SCR completed
 - Early support and services for New and Emerging Communities in Derby, including Roma Communities
- 2 SCR ongoing at present
 - Both considering child sexual abuse within large families over a period of years
- Improving the “front door” to accessing services

Key themes to improve practice

- Referral processes and adherence to existing procedures;
- Feeding back to referrers;
- Use of escalation processes (as required);
- Involvement of agencies in strategy meetings; and
- The quality of assessment (including multi-agency involvement) to inform decision making

What should the Health and Wellbeing Board do?

- Ensure centrality of safeguarding children in strategic decisions
- Ensure that commissioning decisions support the LSCB priorities
- Safeguarding Impact Assessments on budget and organisational change
- Report back to the LSCB on action that has been taken