

Response to the Derby Safeguarding Children Board's Annual Report 2015 - 2016

SUMMARY

- 1.1 The Health and Wellbeing Board (HWB) received the Derby Safeguarding Children Board (DSCB) Annual Report 2015-16. The report provides an assessment of the performance and effectiveness of local services and includes lessons from reviews published during the year. The report demonstrates how effectively the DSCB has carried out the functions of an LSCB as set out in Working Together 2015.
- 1.2 The DSCB Annual Report is a public report that is formally presented to the City Leadership Board and to the Children, Families and Learners Board, the Chief Executive, Leader of the Council, the local police and crime commissioner and the Chair of the Health and Wellbeing Board.
- 1.3 The HWB received the report noting the priorities for the coming year: early help arrangements, domestic violence and abuse, child sexual exploitation and neglect.
- 1.4 The HWB was asked to:
 - Ensure centrality of safeguarding children in strategic decisions.
 - Ensure that commissioning decisions support the DSCB priorities.
 - Safeguarding Impact Assessments on budget and organisational change.
 - Report back to the DSCB on action that has been taken.
- 1.5 During the previous year, the HWB has remained committed to the safeguarding of children and vulnerable adults and has received a number of reports relating to the DCSB priorities, and safeguarding more broadly. Examples include: New Psychoactive Substances Partnership Strategy 2015 – 2018 – the Safeguarding Board was a key partner in its development; updates on the local response to the special educational needs and disability (SEND) reform programme – including needs assessment; evaluation of the Derby Smile 4 Life oral health promotion pilot; childhood immunisation uptake; sexual violence needs assessment; and an update on the Mental Health Crisis Care Concordat.
- 1.6 The HWB will continue to ensure that the priorities highlighted within the DCSB Annual Report are also a focus of the HWB during 2016-17.

RECOMMENDATION

- 2.1 To reaffirm the HWBs continued support of the DSCB and the four key priorities identified in its Annual Report.
- 2.2 To approve the addition of a 'safeguarding' section to the implications section of the HWB report template to ensure the centrality of safeguarding children in the strategic decisions of the HWB.
- 2.3 That those members of the HWB with commissioning responsibilities ensure that any relevant commissioning decisions support the DSCB priorities.
- 2.4 To recommend that HWB partner organisations carry out Safeguarding Impact Assessments on any budget and organisational changes.
- 2.5 That a copy of this report and associated minutes are provided to the Chair of the DSCB to report the actions undertaken by the HWB in response to the DSCB Annual Report 2015-16.

REASONS FOR RECOMMENDATION

- 3.1 The DCSB and HWB have distinctive and complementary roles in keeping children and young people safe. In line with national guidance the HWB should receive the Local Safeguarding Children Board (LSCB) Annual Report and respond to the key messages / challenges which may need to be addressed in strengthening services to ensure the safeguarding of children and young people. In addition, the HWB should permit a right of audience to the Independent Chair of the LSCB in the event that an urgent or significant safeguarding issue needs to be referred for their consideration.

SUPPORTING INFORMATION

- 4.1 The DSCB Annual Report can be found on the DSCB [website](#) or with the papers from the [January 2017 meeting of the HWB](#).

OTHER OPTIONS CONSIDERED

- 5.1 Not applicable.

This report has been approved by the following officers:

Legal officer Financial officer Human Resources officer Estates/Property officer Service Director(s) Other(s)	
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IMPLICATIONS

Financial and Value for Money

1.1 N/A

Legal

2.1 N/A

Personnel

3.1 N/A

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4.1 N/A

Equalities Impact

5.1 N/A

Health and Safety

6.1 N/A

Environmental Sustainability

7.1 N/A

Property and Asset Management

8.1 N/A

Risk Management

9.1 N/A

Corporate objectives and priorities for change

10. N/A

