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## **Derby Safeguarding Children Board Annual Report 2017 - 2018**

### **Purpose**

- 1.1 The Children Act 2004 (Section 14a) requires LSCBs to produce and publish an annual report on the effectiveness of safeguarding in the local area. The annual report is published in relation to the preceding financial year and within local agencies' planning, commissioning and budget cycles.
- 1.2 The Derby Safeguarding Children Board (DSCB) Annual Report 2017-2018 provides a rigorous and transparent assessment of the performance and effectiveness of local services and includes lessons from reviews published during the year. The report demonstrates how effectively the Derby Safeguarding Children Board has carried out the functions of an LSCB as set out in Working Together 2015.
- 1.3 This is a public report that is formally presented 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.

### **Recommendations**

- 2.1 To note the content of the DSCB Annual Report and take action to support the ongoing work of the Derby Safeguarding Children Board and the priorities for the coming year. These priority areas have been identified as a result of reviews, audits, and the LSCB's self-evaluation activity.

We will continue to have a focus on neglect and early help, domestic abuse and vulnerable young people and have added a priority on the safeguarding of children from the new and emerging communities in Derby.

In addition to the identified safeguarding priorities the Board will also be working on the transition to the new arrangements as required by the Children and Social Work Act 2017.

- 2.2 To report back to the DSCB in March 2019 on the actions taken by the HWBB in support of the above priorities.

### **Reasons**

- 3.1 The Annual Report provides an outline of the main activity and achievements of the Derby Safeguarding Children Board during 2016 – 2017. The report includes an assessment of the effectiveness of safeguarding activity in Derby and provides the

general public, practitioners and main stakeholders with an overview of how well children in Derby are protected.

- 3.2 The report identifies priorities for action 2017 – 2018 that will improve outcomes for children, young people and their families. These priorities are: neglect and early help, domestic abuse and vulnerable young people and have added a priority on the safeguarding of children from the new and emerging communities in Derby.

### **Supporting information**

- 4.1 The DSCB Annual Report will be presented at the Health and Wellbeing Board.

### **Public/stakeholder engagement**

- 5.1 There are three Lay Members who are involved in the work of the LSCB and their comments are included in the report. All partner agencies involved in the work of the LSCB have either directly contributed to the report or had the opportunity to comment on the draft report.

### **Other options**

- 6.1 Not Applicable

### **Financial and value for money issues**

- 7.1 Not Applicable

### **Legal implications**

- 8.1 Not Applicable

### **Other significant implications**

- 9.1 Not Applicable

**This report has been approved by the following people:**

<b>Role</b>	<b>Name</b>	<b>Date of sign-off</b>
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**Other(s)**

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