

HAMPSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL

Report

Committee:	Hampshire Health and Wellbeing Board
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Title:	Hampshire Safeguarding Children Board (HSCB) Annual Report 2018/19
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1. Purpose of this Report

The attached annual report from the Hampshire Safeguarding Children Board (HSCB) provides an independent analysis of the safeguarding services provided to children and young people in Hampshire over 2018/19. It contains a summary of the work undertaken to deliver the HSCB's Business Plan and outlines the priorities over the next year.

2. Recommendations

That the Hampshire Health and Wellbeing Board:

Note that the child protection partnership is working effectively across Hampshire but there are pressure points in relation to the increased activity in the system and improvement programmes within agencies where relevant.

Note that the Hampshire Safeguarding Children Partnership is the new statutory vehicle (under Working Together to Safeguard Children 2018) to coordinate the work of the multi-agency child protection partnership, commission learning reviews, and hold agencies to account for their work individually and together.

Agree the updated Protocol between the HSCP, Health and Wellbeing Board, and the Hampshire Safeguarding Adults Board.

3. Executive Summary

- 3.1 The HSCB was constituted of membership of a range of partner agencies including Children Social Care, Health (Clinical Commissioning Group/ Provider / Public Health), the Police, Probation, Youth Offending Team, Education, Diocese and the voluntary sector. The annual business plan and work programme is developed in partnership with all agencies.
- 3.2 The HSCB had four strategic priorities during 2018/19. Information on key highlights delivered under each priority is contained in the Annual Report:
1. Adopting a Family Approach
 2. Strengthening our Assurance Programmes
 3. Engagement
 4. Leadership and Transformation
- 3.3 In addition to the above, as part of its scrutiny and assurance role, the Board has maintained a close focus on any change programmes ongoing in partner agencies, that may have an impact on the broader system. Board partners are invited to provide briefings on a quarterly basis on any transformation or change programmes so that the partnership has early sight on any changes in service delivery or practice that may impact on single agencies or broader partnership working.

4. Conclusions

- 4.1. The Health and Wellbeing Board should be aware that the Department for Education released updated Working Together to Safeguard Children statutory guidance in June 2018. This guidance abolished Local Safeguarding Children Boards (LSCBs) in their previous statutory format and made provision for new local safeguarding partnerships. The effectiveness of the new partnerships is the joint responsibility of the new Local Safeguarding Partners, the Local Authority (Children's Services), Police Service for an area, and the Clinical Commissioning Group for an area. The Hampshire Safeguarding Children Partnership's new arrangements were published in June 2019 and can be found [here](#).
- 4.2. As such this is the last annual report published under the old LSCB arrangements. All future reporting will take place under the banner of the Hampshire Safeguarding Children Partnership (HSCP). In addition, the previously agreed Protocol between the Health and Wellbeing Board, the HSCB and the Hampshire Safeguarding Adults Board has been updated to reflect these new arrangements.

REQUIRED CORPORATE AND LEGAL INFORMATION:

Links to the Strategic Plan

Hampshire maintains strong and sustainable economic growth and prosperity:	no
People in Hampshire live safe, healthy and independent lives:	yes
People in Hampshire enjoy a rich and diverse environment:	no
People in Hampshire enjoy being part of strong, inclusive communities:	yes

Section 100 D - Local Government Act 1972 - background documents

The following documents discuss facts or matters on which this report, or an important part of it, is based and have been relied upon to a material extent in the preparation of this report. (NB: the list excludes published works and any documents which disclose exempt or confidential information as defined in the Act.)

Document

Location

None

EQUALITIES IMPACT ASSESSMENT:

1. Equality Duty

The County Council has a duty under Section 149 of the Equality Act 2010 ('the Act') to have due regard in the exercise of its functions to the need to:

- Eliminate discrimination, harassment and victimisation and any other conduct prohibited by or under the Act with regard to the protected characteristics as set out in section 4 of the Act (age, disability, gender reassignment, marriage and civil partnership, pregnancy and maternity, race, religion or belief, sex and sexual orientation);
- Advance equality of opportunity between persons who share a relevant protected characteristic within section 149(7) of the Act (age, disability, gender reassignment, pregnancy and maternity, race, religion or belief, sex and sexual orientation) and those who do not share it;
- Foster good relations between persons who share a relevant protected characteristic within section 149(7) of the Act (see above) and persons who do not share it.

Due regard in this context involves having due regard in particular to:

- The need to remove or minimise disadvantages suffered by persons sharing a relevant protected characteristic that are connected to that characteristic;
- Take steps to meet the needs of persons sharing a relevant protected characteristic that are different from the needs of persons who do not share it;
- Encourage persons sharing a relevant protected characteristic to participate in public life or in any other activity in which participation by such persons is disproportionately low.

2. Equalities Impact Assessment:

Race and equality impact assessment has been considered in the development of this report and no adverse impact has been identified.