

HAMPSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL

Report

Committee/Panel:	Children and Families Advisory Panel
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Title:	Hampshire Safeguarding Children Board Annual Report 2016/17
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1. Recommendations

1.1. The Children and Families Advisory Panel is asked to:

- Note that the child protection partnership is working effectively across Hampshire but there are pressure points in relation to the volume of activity in the system.
- Ensure that learning from SCRs is embedded in respective agencies and leads to effective information sharing between organisations.

2. Executive Summary

2.1. This 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 2016/17. It contains a summary of the work undertaken to deliver the HSCBs Business Plan, and outlines the priorities over the next year.

2.2. The HSCB is constituted of membership from a range of partner agencies including Children Social Care, Health (CCG / Provider / Public Health), the Police, Probation, Youth Offending Team, Education and the voluntary sector. The annual business plan and work programme is developed in partnership with all agencies.

3. Background

3.1. The HSCB had five strategic priorities during 2016/17. Highlights of achievements include:

a) Neglect:

- Publication of the joint HSCB / IOWSCB Neglect Strategy.

- Publication of the joint Neglect Thresholds Chart and Key Indicators Chart for 4 types of Neglect
- Launch of the HCC CSD online Interactive Thresholds Chart.

b) Trigger Trio

- Establishment of the HCC CSD Family Intervention Teams (FIT)
- Completing the Joint Targeted Area Inspection (JTAI) on Domestic Abuse – a multi – inspectorate inspection of partner agencies. Feedback from the inspection commented that:

‘The HSCB is dynamic and forward thinking. During inspection, it was evident that individual leaders take responsibility for their organisation’s role within the board and that this has led to tangible improvements in multi-agency arrangements’.

- Continued development of the multi-agency action plan through the JTAI Implementation Group.

c) Key Safeguarding Issues

- Missing Exploited and Trafficked Children;
 - CSE Risk Questionnaire (mini SERAF) for Acute Health Settings.
 - Establishment of the multi-agency Willow Team.
- Publication of the HSCB and HSAB Hampshire Female Genital Mutilation Strategy and Pathway, in response to the new national Duty Guidance.
- Publication of the HSCB Self Harm Pathway for multi-agency professionals.
- Publication of guidance on New Psychoactive Substances in response to the new legislation surrounding these substances.

d) Quality Assurance

- Implementation of a new multi-agency Data Set aligned to HSCB Board Priorities
- Held 10 Learning Lessons Events plus a separate event for professionals in Independent Schools to disseminate learning from Serious Case Reviews and other local learning reviews.
- Undertaken two multi-agency audits of the MASH
- Completed the first annual MET Local Effectiveness Assessment across all HSCB partner agencies.
- Revised our approach to the annual Section 11 audit and for the first year GPs across Hampshire participated.

- Completed the annual Safeguarding in Education Audit across all schools.

e) Stakeholder Engagement

- Re-launch of HSCB Website informed by Parent / Carer and Children's feedback
- Winchester Diocese have become a HSCB Board Member
- Run a multi-agency conference on Adolescents at Risk Conference which included participation of children from the Police and Crime Commissioner Youth Panel and pupils from local colleges.
- Published new quarterly Newsletters outlining new products and initiatives from the board.
- Held 47 Learning Events that are free for professionals from all HSCB members and the voluntary sector.
- Launched the Virtual College e-learning suite providing free access to a large range of eLearning courses on safeguarding to all professionals in Hampshire.

2.2 HSCB's priorities for the current year (2017/18) are:

- Neglect (Training, Evaluation Framework and online Toolkit).
- Children and Young People Affected by the 'Trigger Trio' (joint working with the Safeguarding Adults Board).
- Key Safeguarding Issues;
 - Missing, Exploited and Trafficked Children.
 - Suicide and Self Harm.
 - Electively Home Educated Children.
 - Unaccompanied Asylum Seeking Children.

2.3 A full overview of the work of the HSCB during this period, as well as an independent analysis of the safeguarding services provided to Hampshire's children can be provided to the Panel in Autumn 2018.

2.4 In addition to this summary the Panel should note that during 2016/17 the HSCB appointed a new Independent Chair. The previous Independent Chair, Maggie Blyth, stood down in October 2016 and the incoming Independent Chair, Derek Benson, joined in December 2016. Derek is also Independent Chair of the Isle of Wight Local Safeguarding Children Board and holds Independent roles elsewhere. Derek recently retired as the Deputy Chief Constable for Essex Police.

CORPORATE OR 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:	No
People in Hampshire enjoy a rich and diverse environment:	No
People in Hampshire enjoy being part of strong, inclusive communities:	Yes
OR	
This proposal does not link to the Strategic Plan but, nevertheless, requires a decision because:	

Other Significant Links

Links to previous Member decisions:	
<u>Title</u>	<u>Date</u>
Direct links to specific legislation or Government Directives	
<u>Title</u>	<u>Date</u>

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.)

DocumentLocation

None

IMPACT ASSESSMENTS:

1. Equality Duty

1.1. 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 under the Act;
- Advance equality of opportunity between persons who share a relevant protected characteristic (age, disability, gender reassignment, pregnancy and maternity, race, religion or belief, gender and sexual orientation) and those who do not share it;
- Foster good relations between persons who share a relevant protected characteristic and persons who do not share it.

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

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

1.2. Equalities Impact Assessment:

The paper does not include any proposals or service changes therefore there is no impact on any groups with protected characteristics.

2. Impact on Crime and Disorder:

The contents of this report have no impact on Crime or Disorder.

3. Climate Change:

- a) How does what is being proposed impact on our carbon footprint / energy consumption?

No proposals are being made in this report and therefore there is no impact on Hampshire's carbon footprint or energy consumption..

- b) How does what is being proposed consider the need to adapt to climate change, and be resilient to its longer term impacts?

No proposals are being made in this report therefore there is no impact on climate change.