

## Central Bedfordshire Council

### CHILDREN'S SERVICES OVERVIEW & SCRUTINY COMMITTEE

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## Local Safeguarding Children Board (LSCB) Annual Report - 2015/2016

Report of the Independent Chair of the LSCB

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### Purpose of this report

1. This report provides the Children's Services Overview and Scrutiny Committee with a copy of the 2015/16 Annual Report from the Central Bedfordshire Safeguarding Children Board (LSCB). The Annual Report provides the committee with a detailed account of the work undertaken by the LSCB throughout the year, progress made against the priorities contained within the LSCB Business Plan and the outcomes achieved.

### RECOMMENDATIONS

The Committee is asked to:

1. Note the information contained within the 2015/16 Annual Report.

### Background

2. The Statutory Guidance Working Together to Safeguard Children 2015 (Chapter 3 Point 16 and 17) States:

*The Chair must publish an annual report on the effectiveness of child safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children in the local area. The annual report should be published in relation to the preceding financial year and should fit with local agencies' planning, commissioning and budget cycles. The report should be submitted to the Chief Executive, Leader of the Council, the local Police and Crime Commissioner and the Chair of the health and well-being board.*

*The report should provide a rigorous and transparent assessment of the performance and effectiveness of local services. It should identify areas of weakness, the causes of those weaknesses and the action being taken to address them as well as other proposals for action. The*

*report should include lessons from reviews undertaken within the reporting period*

3. The Annual Report for 2015/16 is contained within Appendix A

### **Council Priorities**

4. The delivery of the LSCB Business Plan supports the following Council priority:
  - Protecting the vulnerable; improving wellbeing

### **Corporate Implications**

#### **Legal Implications**

5. The LSCB has a duty to publish an annual report of its activity as outlined in Working Together to Safeguard Children 2015.

#### **Financial and Risk Implications**

6. There are no financial implications in relation to producing the LSCB Annual Report.
7. Working Together to Safeguard Children 2015 (Chapter 3 Point 19) States:

*The report should also list the contributions made to the LSCB by partner agencies and details of what the LSCB has spent, including on Child Death Reviews, Serious Case Reviews and other specific expenditure such as learning events or training. All LSCB member organisations have an obligation to provide LSCBs with reliable resources (including finance) that enable the LSCB to be strong and effective. Members should share the financial responsibility for the LSCB in such a way that a disproportionate burden does not fall on a small number of partner agencies.*

8. The LSCB is funded by multi-agency partners on an annual basis and the contributions and LSCB spend for 2015/16 are contained within the Annual Report.

#### **Equalities Implications**

9. There are no equalities implications.

#### **Implications for Work Programming**

10. There are no work planning implications.

## **Conclusion and next Steps**

11. The LSCB Annual Report for 2015/16 was agreed by the LSCB Strategic Board at its meeting on the 27<sup>th</sup> September 2016 and will now be presented to the Health and Wellbeing Board on the 25<sup>th</sup> January 2017. A copy will also be provided to the Chief Executive, Leader of the Council, the local Police and Crime Commissioner.
12. The Committee are asked to note the Annual Report 2015/16

## **Appendices**

### **Appendix A: Central Bedfordshire LSCB Annual Report for 2015/16**