

Central Bedfordshire Shadow Health and Wellbeing Board

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Title of Report 2011-2012 Annual Report of the Central Bedfordshire Safeguarding Children Board

Meeting Date: 6 September 2012

Responsible Officer(s) Edwina Grant, Deputy Chief Executive/Director of Children's Services

Presented by: Phil Picton, Independent Chair of the Central Bedfordshire Safeguarding Children Board

Action Required: The Board is asked to:

1. consider the Annual Report and note the priorities for safeguarding in the 2012-13 year and the proposed areas of focus for the Safeguarding Board contained in Section 7 of the Report (page 29); and
 2. consider how it will contribute to the priorities for 2012-13.
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Executive Summary

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| 1. | <i>The Apprenticeships, Skills, Children and Learning Act 2009</i> introduced a requirement for Local Safeguarding Children Boards to produce and publish annual reports on the effectiveness of safeguarding in the local area. The 2011-2012 Annual Report for Central Bedfordshire is presented to the Shadow Health and Wellbeing Board to seek the Board's support on addressing the issues raised. |
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Background

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| 2. | On 5 July 2012 the Board received a report concerning the statutory responsibilities of all agencies for the protection of children. The report set out the safeguarding principles contained within <i>The Children Act 2004</i> and the responsibilities of all agencies working with children set out in "Working Together to Safeguard Children" (2010). |
| 3. | The Central Bedfordshire Safeguarding Children Board (CBSCB) coordinates and monitors the effectiveness of arrangements to safeguard and promote the welfare of children and young people in the area. The CBSCB has an independent chair. |

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| Detailed Recommendation | |
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| 4. | The Annual Report highlights the significant amount of work carried out during the year by partner agencies to safeguard children in Central Bedfordshire. In addition to describing that work and the successes and challenges of carrying it out, the report also looks to the future and identifies in Section 7 (page 29) the CBSCB priorities for safeguarding and the proposed areas of focus for the 2012-13 year. The CBSCB Business Plan for 2012-13 contains these priorities. |
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| Conclusion and next steps | |
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| 5. | Members of the Health and Wellbeing Board are asked to consider their role in contributing to achieving the identified priorities. |
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| Issues | |
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| Strategy Implications | |
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| 6. | This report relates to the draft priorities in the draft Health and Wellbeing Strategy for ensuring the health and wellbeing of children and young people and for early intervention and prevention. |
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| 7. | This proposal is closely aligned with Priority 2 of the Children and Young People's Plan 2011-2014: Protecting children and keep them safe. |
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| 8. | The Shadow Health and Wellbeing Board will lead strategies for the health of children, and it will be a challenge for members of the Board to maintain a balance between the needs of the young and the pressures of the more expensive provision of services to a growing elderly population. The relationships between CBSCB and the Central Bedfordshire Shadow Health and Wellbeing Board have yet to be agreed. Clear processes which allow the CBSCB to effectively contribute to and challenge the new strategies and their outcomes are a critical requirement and the two Boards will need to work together well in the long term without the burden of excessive bureaucracy. |
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| Management Responsibility | |
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| 9. | Responsibility for ensuring that procedures are in place to ensure the protection of children rests with each individual agency. |
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Risk Analysis

| Identified Risk | Likelihood | Impact | Actions to Manage Risk |
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| Significant harm to children or young people | Possible | Major | Procedures in place within all agencies working with children and young people to ensure compliance with the requirements of "Working Together to Safeguard Children" (2010). |
| Reputational damage to partner organisations if they fail to safeguard children | Possible | Significant | Procedures in place within all agencies working with children and young people to ensure compliance with the requirements of "Working Together to Safeguard Children" (2010). |

| Source Documents | Location (including url where possible) |
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| "Working Together to Safeguard Children" (2010) | http://publications.dcsf.gov.uk |

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