

Central Bedfordshire Health and Wellbeing Board

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Title of Report Joint Protocol between the Local Safeguarding Children Board and:

- Central Bedfordshire Health and Wellbeing Board
- Central Bedfordshire Children's Trust
- Bedford Borough and Central Bedfordshire Adult Safeguarding Board
- Central Bedfordshire Community Safety Partnership

Meeting Date: 2 October 2014

Responsible Officer Karen Oellermann, Assistant Director, Commissioning and Partnerships, Children's Services, Central Bedfordshire

Presented by: To be confirmed.

Action Required:

1. For the Health and Wellbeing Board to agree and adopt the Joint Protocol.
 2. For the Chairman of the Health and Wellbeing Board to sign the Joint Protocol on behalf of the Board.
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Executive Summary

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| 1. | This document sets out the expectations of the relationship and working arrangements between the above listed Boards. It covers their respective roles and functions, membership, arrangements for challenge, oversight scrutiny and performance management. It will be reviewed yearly from the date of signing or with any changes in legislation. |
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Background

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| 2. | Ofsted inspection reports have been critical of Local Safeguarding Children Boards (LSBCs) as they have not been clear about their working arrangements with strategic partnerships operating in their area. In Central Bedfordshire the LSCB has good working relationships with both the Health and Wellbeing Board and the Children's Trust and challenge and reports have in the past been shared where there are common priorities. |
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| 3. | At the 3 April 2014 Health and Wellbeing Board meeting, in discussing a report from the local Safeguarding Children Board, partners concurred with the suggestion that reports that had been presented to the Board revealed the need for protocols to be agreed between the Health and Wellbeing Board and the Local Safeguarding Children Board. |
| 4. | It was resolved by this Board that the protocols setting out the relationship between the Local Safeguarding Children's Board and this Board be developed to clarify respective roles. |
| 5. | The above listed Boards cover a wide range of issues. However there are a number of shared priorities where Boards will need to ensure that leadership and accountability for issues is clear and that information is effectively shared. These shared priorities relate to protecting vulnerable adults and children from harm and include: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • domestic abuse • mental health • substance misuse • other safeguarding issues such as antisocial behaviour, hate crime and human trafficking, and • workforce sufficiency. |
| 6. | This Joint Protocol sets out the expectations of the relationship and working arrangements between the above listed Boards. It covers their respective roles and functions, membership, arrangements for challenge, oversight scrutiny, risk and performance management. |
| 7. | Members of the Health and Wellbeing Board are asked to comment and agree on the draft Joint Protocol. |

| Detailed Recommendation | |
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| 8. | For the Health and Wellbeing Board to agree and adopt the Joint Protocol. |
| 9. | For the Chairman of the Health and Wellbeing Board to sign the Joint Protocol on behalf of the Board. |

| Issues | |
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| Strategy Implications | |
| 10. | <p>This protocol is aligned to the Central Bedfordshire Health and Wellbeing Strategy 2012-2016, (January 2013), which outlines the vision for improving health and wellbeing and reducing health inequalities in Central Bedfordshire. It's core priorities are:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Improving the health of looked after children • Safeguarding and quality of care • Reducing childhood obesity • Reducing teenage pregnancy • Improving outcomes for frail older people • Promoting independence and choice • Helping people make healthy lifestyle choices • Improving mental health for children and their parents • Improving mental health and wellbeing of adults. <p>A significant number of the core priorities overlap with those of the LSCB and therefore a protocol will support a more integrated approach to the work that the LSCB and H&WB are responsible for.</p> |
| Governance & Delivery | |
| 11. | <p>This protocol is a multi-board protocol and has been endorsed by the LSCB for consultation with other Boards and therefore is endorsed by those agencies represented on the LSCB and listed in Joint Protocol under 'statutory partners'.</p> |
| Management Responsibility | |
| 12. | <p>The Boards through their chairs or at their direction will provide constructive challenge to each other across issues identified above. This is to ensure that core priorities and business aims are met, and the commissioning of services is in line with safeguarding practices. The relevant Board will need to be alerted to any issues identified either through the chairs or via a report that is referred if the issue is complex and detailed.</p> |
| 13. | <p>Members who sit on more than one Board are expected to attend meetings regularly. They have a key role in ensuring they represent their organisations and share information on the issues and concerns being discussed at both Boards. They are a key mechanism for linking and sharing information at this strategic level.</p> |
| 14. | <p>Board managers, their equivalent or administrators will act as single points of contact to support flows of information as required or requested.</p> |

| Public Sector Equality Duty (PSED) | | |
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| 15. | The PSED requires public bodies to consider all individuals when carrying out their day to day work – in shaping policy, in delivering services and in relation to their own employees. It requires public bodies to have due regard to the need to eliminate discrimination, harassment and victimisation, advance equality of opportunity, and foster good relations between in respect of nine protected characteristics; age disability, gender reassignment, marriage and civil partnership, pregnancy and maternity, race, religion or belief, sex and sexual orientation. | |
| | Are there any risks issues relating Public Sector Equality Duty No | |
| | No | <i>Please describe in risk analysis</i> |

| Risk Analysis |
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| Briefly analyse the major risks associated with the proposal and explain how these risks will be managed. This information may be presented in the following table. |

| Identified Risk | Likelihood | Impact | Actions to Manage Risk |
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| The listed Boards do not adopt and implement the Joint Protocol effectively and partners are not clear about leadership, accountability and risks in relation to key priorities and outcomes for children. | Low | High | Listed Boards to adopt the attached protocol. |

| Source Documents | Location (including url where possible) |
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| LSCB Business Unit | Will be published online at http://www.centralbedfordshirelscb.org/lscb-website/home-page when approved by all Boards. |