

Central Bedfordshire Health and Wellbeing Board

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Title of Report Central Bedfordshire Safeguarding Children Board Annual Report (31 March 2014- 31 March 2015)

Meeting Date: October 2015

Responsible Officer Karen Oellermann

Presented by: Alan Caton (OBE), Independent Chair of the Central Bedfordshire Safeguarding Children Board

Recommendations

1. That Health and Wellbeing Board members note and comment on the Central Bedfordshire Safeguarding Children Board Annual Report.
2. That Health and Wellbeing Board members agree to consider the key messages for stakeholders and communicate relevant messages back to their organisations and staff.

Purpose of Report

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| 1. | To provide the Health and Wellbeing Board with an opportunity to review the work of the Central Bedfordshire Safeguarding Children Board. |
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Background

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| 2. | Working Together to Safeguard Children (2015) is the statutory guidance that sets out the legislative requirements and expectations on individual services to safeguard and promote the welfare of children and it provides a framework for Local Safeguarding Children Boards (LSCBs) to monitor the effectiveness of local services. |
| 3. | Working Together to Safeguard Children 2015 states that the Chair of the Local Safeguarding Children Board must publish an annual report on the effectiveness of child safeguarding and the promotion of the welfare of children in the local area and that this should be submitted to the Chief Executive, Leader of the Council, the local Police and Crime Commissioner and the Chair of the Health and Wellbeing Board. |

Reasons for the Action Proposed	
4.	Presenting the Annual Report to the Health and Wellbeing Board provides partners with an opportunity to review the work of the Local Safeguarding Children Board.
5.	The statutory guidance states that the Annual 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.
6.	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 and Serious Case Reviews. All LSCB member organisations have an obligation to provide LSCBs with reliable resources (including finance) that enable the LSCB to be strong and effective. The guidance states that 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.
7.	This report shows how LSCB partners have worked together and individually to keep children safe, deliver agreed Board priorities and meet statutory objectives to: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • coordinate what is done by each person or body represented on the Board for the purposes of safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children in the area; and • ensure the effectiveness of what is done by each such person or body for those purposes.

Issues	
Governance & Delivery	
8.	The Central Bedfordshire Safeguarding Children Board is responsible for monitoring the effectiveness of this work.
Financial	
9.	This is not a proposal with financial implications; however the Board's Annual Report does set out the costs in relation to the Central Bedfordshire Safeguarding Children Board and partners' contributions to this.

Public Sector Equality Duty (PSED)	
10.	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

Source Documents	Location (including url where possible)

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