

CENTRAL BEDFORDSHIRE HEALTH AND WELLBEING BOARD

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Local Safeguarding Children Board (LSCB) Annual Report - 2016/2017

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Purpose of this report

1. This report provides the Health and Wellbeing Board with a copy of the 2016/17 Annual Report from the Central Bedfordshire Safeguarding Children Board (LSCB). The Annual Report provides the Health and Wellbeing Board 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 Health and Wellbeing Board is asked to:

1. Note the information contained within the 2016/17 Annual Report.

Issues

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 2016/17 is contained within Appendix A

Financial and Risk Implications

4. There are no financial implications in relation to producing the LSCB Annual Report.
5. 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.

6. The LSCB is funded by multi-agency partners on an annual basis and the contributions and LSCB spend for 2016/17 are contained within the Annual Report.

Governance and Delivery Implications

7. There are no governance and delivery implications

Equalities Implications

8. There are no equalities implications

Implications for Work Programme

9. There are no implications for the work programme.

Conclusion and next Steps

10. The LSCB Annual Report for 2016/17 was agreed by the LSCB Strategic Board at its meeting on the 18th September 2017 and is due to be presented to the Council's Children's Services Overview and

Scrutiny Committee later in 2018. A copy has also been provided to the Chief Executive, Leader of the Council and the local Police and Crime Commissioner. A copy of the report is also available on the Central Bedfordshire LSCB website.

11. The Health and Wellbeing Board are asked to note the Central Bedfordshire LSCB Annual Report for 2016/17.

Appendices

Appendix A: Central Bedfordshire LSCB Annual Report for 2016/17

Background Papers

12. None