

LOCAL SAFEGUARDING CHILDREN ANNUAL REPORT

Relevant Board Member(s)	Councillor David Simmonds CBE
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Papers with report	LSCB Annual Report

1. HEADLINE INFORMATION

Summary	The Hillingdon Local Safeguarding Children Board (HLSCB) has a statutory duty to publish an annual report on the effectiveness of child safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children in the Borough. Once agreed by the HLSCB, the report is submitted each year to the Chief Executive, the Leader of the Council and the Chairman of the Health and wellbeing Board.
Contribution to plans and strategies	No
Financial Cost	There are no direct financial implications arising from this report.
Ward(s) affected	All

2. RECOMMENDATION

That the Health and Wellbeing Board note the report.

3. INFORMATION

The annual report lays out the work undertaken by the Board this year, and includes specific reports from each of the agencies that make up the Board. The purpose of the annual report is to provide evidence about the standard to which the agencies responsible for safeguarding children in the London Borough of Hillingdon have performed.

There will be significant changes to local safeguarding children boards over the next year, brought about by the Children and Social Work Act 2017. As a result Hillingdon will have new safeguarding arrangements overseen by the safeguarding partners who consist of the local Borough Police Commander, Chief Operating Officer of the Clinical Commissioning Group and the Chief Executive of the local authority.

An OFSTED inspection took place in Hillingdon in April 2018. This report has been slightly delayed to allow time for results of that OFSTED inspection to become public. The OFSTED inspection process provides the best evidence of the state of safeguarding in the Borough.

Whilst OFSTED only inspect children's social care, the work of partners supports their work and so the OFSTED inspection is a reflection of the state of play of safeguarding here in Hillingdon. The fantastic news is that OFSTED decided that Hillingdon is graded as 'good' with outstanding features in terms of Leadership.

Financial Implications

There are no direct financial implications arising from this report

4. CORPORATE IMPLICATIONS

Hillingdon Council Legal comments

The Borough Solicitor confirms that there are no specific legal implications arising from this report.

5. BACKGROUND PAPERS

NIL.