

HILLINGDON LOCAL SAFEGUARDING CHILDREN BOARD: ANNUAL REPORT 2017-2018

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Papers with report	Annual Report 2017/18

HEADLINES

Summary	It is a statutory requirement to publish the Annual Report. The report is a partnership document and describes the work of the Local Authority and partners engaged in children's safeguarding in the Borough.
Putting our Residents First	This report supports the following Council objective of: <i>Our People</i> .
Financial Cost	There are no direct costs applicable with the publication of this Annual Report.
Relevant Policy Overview Committee	Social Care, Housing and Public Health
Relevant Ward(s)	The work of the Board covers the entire Borough.

RECOMMENDATIONS

That the Cabinet note the content of the Annual Report and work of the Local Safeguarding Children Board during 2017/18

Reasons for recommendation

The Annual Report is a statutory requirement that requires publication on the LSCB website and consideration by the Council.

Alternative options considered / risk management

None.

Policy Overview Committee comments

The Social Care, Housing and Public Health Policy Overview Committee considered the Local Safeguarding Children Board's Annual report at its meeting on 26 September, presented by the Independent Chairman. The Committee noted that the LSCB was determined to listen to the views of children and young people to ensure that their interests were safeguarded appropriately. With this in mind, it was reported to the Committee that there would be significant changes to the structure of the LSCB over the next year and new safeguarding arrangements would be developed. Notwithstanding this, the Committee welcomed the positive results seen in Children's Services which saw OFSTED grading Hillingdon with a good result, with outstanding features in terms of leadership. The Committee congratulated all bodies involved for their hard work and commitment. Overall, the Committee was pleased with the LSCB's performance.

SUPPORTING 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 welcome news is that OFSTED determined that Hillingdon be graded as 'good' with outstanding features in terms of leadership.

Financial Implications

There are no financial implications arising relating to the publishing of this report.

RESIDENT BENEFIT & CONSULTATION

The benefit or impact upon Hillingdon residents, service users and communities?

The publication of this report will not directly affect service users, though the work of the Board seeks to safeguard and protect our most vulnerable residents.

Consultation carried out or required

The report contains information from each of the agencies that form the partnership.

CORPORATE CONSIDERATIONS

Corporate Finance

Corporate Finance has reviewed this report, confirming that there are no direct financial implications associated with the recommendation that Cabinet note the content of the annual report.

Legal

There are no legal implications arising from this report.

BACKGROUND PAPERS

NIL