

HILLINGDON LOCAL SAFEGUARDING CHILDREN BOARD (LSCB): ANNUAL REPORT 2018/2019

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Papers with report	LSCB Annual Report 2018-2019

1. HEADLINES

Summary	It is a statutory requirement to publish the Local Safeguarding Children Board's (LSCB) Annual Report. The report reflect the work of the Local Authority and partner organisations 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)	All

2. RECOMMENDATION

That the Health and Wellbeing Board notes the content of the annual report and work of the Local Safeguarding Children Board during 2018/19.

Reasons for recommendation

The Annual Report is a statutory requirement that requires publication on the Local Safeguarding Children Board's (LSCB) website and consideration by the Council.

Alternative options considered / risk management

None.

Policy Overview Committee comments

The annual report was considered by the Social Care, Housing and Public Health Policy Overview Committee (POC) on 3 July 2019 and the content was noted.

3. SUPPORTING INFORMATION

LSCB Activity

The annual report details 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.

In Hillingdon, the last LSCB meeting under the old arrangements took place on 1 May 2019 and the new arrangements will be implemented in September 2019. In the meantime the LSCB has continued to function and discharge statutory duties. During the year, there have been two learning reviews undertaken, and one serious case review is due to be finalised in September 2019. Single and multi-agency audits of safeguarding practice have been completed with strengths identified, and reinforced. The identified areas of learning have been addressed via training programmes, specialist learning events and further service development.

Future safeguarding arrangements

The Children and Social Work Act 2017 replaces Safeguarding Children Boards (LSCBs) with new Local Safeguarding Arrangements led by three safeguarding partners (Local Authorities, Police and Clinical Commissioning Groups). The Act also places a duty on Child Death Review partners, Local Authorities and Clinical Commissioning Groups to review the deaths of children ordinarily resident in the local area.

Hillingdon's Safeguarding Partnership Arrangements were published in June 2019 for implementation in September 2019. The Safeguarding Partnership will continue to focus on local priority areas, including neglect and young people affected by contextual risk factors. Hillingdon, alongside seven other West London Local Authorities, has formed a new partnership with the North West London Project in order to fulfil the new Child Death Review (CDR) legal requirements.

Financial Implications

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

4. 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 promote a joint multi-agency approach to safeguarding and protecting our most vulnerable residents.

Consultation carried out or required

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

5. 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.

6. BACKGROUND PAPERS

NIL.