

# Local Safeguarding Children Board Business Plan 2016/19

Health and Wellbeing Board

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Locality Affected:	All
Parishes Affected:	All

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## 1. Purpose and Reasons

- 1.1 The report presents the Business Plan 2016-19 for Swindon Local Safeguarding Children Board (LSCB) to the Health and Wellbeing Board for consideration as per the agreed protocol. The Business Plan has been agreed by the LSCB.
- 1.2 Working Together to Safeguard Children 2015 requires close working between the LSCB and the Health and Wellbeing Board. The Business Plan seeks to inform the Board of the LSCBs priorities for the period of the plan and invites members to consider the priorities and opportunities to enhance partnership working between the Boards.
- 1.3 The LSCB Business Plan 2016/19 is attached at Appendix 1 and sets out the seven functions which form the core of the LSCBs ongoing work programme and the four strategic priorities that the LSCB has identified for the first year of the plan 2016/17.
- 1.4 This report will also provide the Health and Wellbeing Board with a brief overview of the recent Wood Report: A review of the role and functions of Local Safeguarding Children Boards, attached at Appendix 2 to the report.

## 2. Recommendations

The Board is recommended to:

- 2.1 Note and comment on the Local Safeguarding Children Board Business Plan 2016/19 and the Priorities for 2016/17 attached at Appendix 1 to the report.
- 2.2 Consider areas where the Plan links to and enhances the work of the Health and Wellbeing Board.

## 3. Detail

- 3.1 The Local Safeguarding Children Board Business Plan 2016/19 was developed through a Business Planning Workshop in April 2016. The Business Plan informs the work of the Board and its Sub Groups. It sets out the Board's safeguarding priorities and actions that the Board will undertake to respond to the priorities.

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3.2 The LSCB considered emerging national and local priorities when developing the Business Plan, including issues arising from multi agency performance data and audit.

3.3 The LSCB has seven core functions and four priority areas. The core functions are:

3.3.1 Policies and Procedures:

Developing policies and procedures for safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children and young people in Swindon, including the publication of thresholds for intervention where a child's safety or welfare is compromised.

3.3.2 Communication and Safeguarding Awareness

Communicate the need to safeguard and promote the welfare of children among both the professional and lay community, raising awareness of how this can be done and encouraging them to do so.

3.3.3 Performance Management

Monitoring and evaluating the effectiveness of safeguarding and preventive strategies and the actions of partner agencies to the Board (individually and collectively) and setting standards for continuous improvement.

3.3.4 Serious Case Reviews

Undertaking and commissioning reviews where abuse or neglect of a child is known or suspected and the child has died or has been seriously harmed and there is a cause for concern as to the way in which partners have worked together to safeguard the child. Consider and undertake local case reviews when the threshold for Serious Case Reviews is not met.

3.3.5 Quality Assurance Audits and Scrutiny (including Section 11 audits)

Evaluating the effectiveness and efficiency of local actions to safeguard and promote the welfare of children, evidencing outcomes and challenging improvement.

3.3.6 Training and Staff Development

To devise and deliver high quality innovative training programmes and initiatives that meets the training requirements of the local workforce and the priority safeguarding issues being progressed.

3.3.7 Child Death Overview

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To collect and analyse information on child deaths to identify opportunities to share learning, improve services and prevent further avoidable deaths.

### **3.4 The Priority areas for development during 2016/17 are:**

#### **3.4.1 Early Help**

Evaluate the effectiveness of the Thresholds document to ensure that it is fit for purpose, well understood and used appropriately by professionals in partner agencies and identify any barriers to delivery of early help

#### **3.4.2 Child Exploitation**

To undertake a partnership profile in order to better understand the nature and extent of CSE and related issues across Swindon and to evaluate the effectiveness of the multi-agency response to CSE and other forms of child exploitation.

#### **3.4.3 Strengthening the Voice of the Child and their families and practitioners**

To develop the ways in which the LSCB can 'hear' the voice of the child when and their families and front line professionals when evaluating the effectiveness of services that support them and their families.

#### **3.4.4 Supporting the effectiveness of adults and children's services to work together to safeguard children**

To identify and promote better outcomes for children through closer working between services that support children and the adults that care for them.

## **4. Alternative Options**

- 4.1 None. It is important that the Health and Wellbeing Board considers the LSCB's Business Plan and has the opportunity to reflect on opportunities to facilitate more effective joint working.

## **5. Implications, Diversity Impact Assessment and Risk Management**

### Financial and Procurement Implications

- 5.1 There are no direct financial or procurement implications arising from this report.

### Legal and Human Rights Implications

- 5.2 There are no direct legal or human rights implications arising from this report

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## All Other Implications (including Staff, Sustainability, Health, Rural, Crime and Disorder)

- 5.3 No other direct implications arising from this report.

## Diversity Impact Assessment

- 5.4 No DIA completed specifically for the LSCB Business Plan, but DIAs have been completed for strategies directly relating to Children and Adult Services.

## Risk Management

- 5.5 No specific risks have been identified at this stage for this report.

## **6. Consultees**

- 6.1 The Chair of the Local Safeguarding Children Board prepared this report following the involvement of all LSCB board members and LSCB sub-group chairs in the development of the Business Plan.
- 6.2 The Board Director, Resources (Section 151 Officer) and Director of Law and Democratic Services (Monitoring Officer) are consulted in respect of all reports.

## **7. Background Papers**

- 7.1 None.

## **8. Appendices**

- 8.1 Appendix 1 - Local Safeguarding Children Board Business Plan 2016/19.
- 8.2 Appendix 2 - Overview of the Wood Report: A review of the role and functions of Local Safeguarding Children Boards.