

# Local Safeguarding Children Board Business Plan 2016/19

Health and Wellbeing Board

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Wards: All

Parishes Affected: All

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## 1. Purpose and Reasons

- 1.1 The report presents the Local Safeguarding Children Board's (LSCB) Business Plan for the three years 2016-19 for consideration by the Health and Wellbeing Board (HWB) as per the agreed protocol. The Business Plan has been updated to reflect progress against the core functions and to set out the plan for 2017/18. The Plan has been agreed by the LSCB.
- 1.2 Working Together to Safeguard Children 2015 requires close working between the LSCB and the HWB. The Business Plan seeks to inform the HWB 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, attached at Appendix 1 to the report, sets out the nine functions which form the core of the LSCBs ongoing work programme and the four strategic priorities for improvement that the Board has identified for the second year of the plan 2017/18.

## 2. Recommendations

The Board is recommended to:

- 2.1 Review the Local Safeguarding Children Board Business Plan 2016-19 and the Board Priorities for 2017/18, and 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 January 2017. The Business Plan informs the work of the Board and its Sub Groups. It sets out the Board's strategic priorities and the actions that the Board will undertake to respond.
- 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 identified nine core functions and four strategic priorities for improvement. The core functions are:
  - 3.3.1 Policies and Procedures:

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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**

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

## **3.3.8 Online Safety**

To promote the development of effective policies, procedures and strategies relating to on-line safety; To co-ordinate awareness raising training for parents, their children and adults who work with them; and,

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address specific areas of concern, particularly where children and young people may be at risk of harm.

### 3.3.9 Child Exploitation & Missing Children

To ensure that there are effective multi-agency responses to all forms of child exploitation and that missing children are identified and supported at the earliest opportunity.

## 3.4 The Strategic Priorities for Improvement during 2017/18 are:

### 3.4.1 The Journey of the Child through Safeguarding Processes

For the LSCB to be assured that children have the appropriate levels of support at the earliest opportunity and that processes support an effective multi-agency response to children's needs.

### 3.4.2 Domestic Abuse

For the LSCB to be assured that multi-agency support for children experiencing domestic abuse is effective and to provide challenge and support to the Community Safety Partnership to ensure that service development is informed by robust performance information and proportionate scrutiny and challenge.

### 3.4.3 Disabled Children

For the LSCB to be assured of the effectiveness of safeguarding arrangements for disabled children.

### 3.4.4 Supporting Improved Effectiveness of Joint Safeguarding Work between Services for Children And Adults

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.

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## Legal and Human Rights Implications

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

## 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 or LSAB Business Plans, 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 Director of Finance (Section 151 Officer) and the 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.