

Health & Wellbeing Board

Annual Report of the Local Safeguarding Children Board 2012/13

13th November 2013

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Wards:	All Wards
Locality Affected:	All Locality Areas
Parishes Affected:	All Parish Areas

1. Purpose and Reasons

- 1.1 To inform Health & Wellbeing Board of the Annual Report of the Local Safeguarding Children Board 2012/13 and to invite the Board to comment on the report.
- 1.2 To inform Health & Wellbeing Board of the Draft Annual Report of the Local Safeguarding Adult Board 2012/13 and to invite the Board to comment on the report.

2. Recommendations

The Board is recommended:

- 2.1 To note and comment on the Local Safeguarding Children Board Annual Report 2012/13.
- 2.2 To comment on the Draft Annual Report of the Local Safeguarding Adult Board 2012/13
- 2.3 To comment on the joint protocol between the health & Well-being Board and LSCB/LSAB.

3. Detail

- 3.1 The Swindon Local Safeguarding Children and Adult Boards (LSCB/LSAB) Annual Reports April 2012 to March 2013 explains the Board's purpose, structure and membership, lists some key performance data, highlights some of its achievements and summarises the activities contained in next year's business plan.

The full report is available at

<http://www.swindonlscb.org.uk/about/Pages/AnnualReports.aspx>

The LSAB draft Annual report is attached as Appendix 3

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- 3.2 LSCBs were established by the Government to ensure that organisations work together to protect children from harm and promote their welfare. Both Boards are not accountable for operational work but holds partner agencies to account on the effectiveness of their safeguarding services for Swindon's children and adults at risk
- 3.3 The report details how the LSCB has made a difference to safeguarding children in Swindon including their activity during 2012/13 around:
- Quality Assurance and performance
 - Case review on neglect using the SCIE methodology
 - Child Death Reviews
 - Training outcomes
 - Managing allegations against people who work with children
 - Advocacy
 - Sexual Exploitation and runaways
 - Service user consultation
 - Safeguarding disabled children and young people
 - Safeguarding children in a digital world
 - Engagement of children, young people and the community
 - See the adult, see the Child
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- 3.4 The report in Appendix 3 details the work of the LSAB on:
- Winterbourne View
 - Developing the Board and its sub groups
 - See the adult, See the Child
 - Improving the relationship between agencies delivering safeguarding services
 - Performance and activity

The report also includes a number of case studies illustrating safeguarding practice

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- 3.5 The Annual Report for the LSCB 2012/13 sets out the challenges for 2013/14.

The Chair of the Board states that 'the need to show the impact of our work is the Board's challenge for 2014. New government guidance on the work and role of the LSCB makes frequent references to being 'effective' which I take to mean 'doing the right thing'. We have to move to a child protection system where all individuals and organisations are continually learning and improving the way they work to protect children from harm. Swindon's LSCB focus for the next year will be on outcomes, quality of practice and the child's journey to a safer and happier life. These are fundamental yet demanding objectives but I believe that this summary report shows that the LSCB has made a good start towards achieving these goals.'

- 3.6 During 2013/14 the work of the LSAB will focus on developing the involvement of adult victims of alleged abuse. We will also be working towards determining their desired outcomes following safeguarding alerts and where possible meeting these desired outcomes

4. Alternative Options

- 4.1 No alternative options are proposed.

5. Implications, Diversity Impact Assessment and Risk Management

Financial and Procurement Implications

- 5.1 There are no financial or procurement implications arising from the recommendations of this report.

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, Safeguarding, Sustainability, Health, Rural, Crime and Disorder)

- 5.3 The LSCB coordinates the work of agencies to safeguard children and to promote the welfare of children in Swindon and to ensure the effectiveness of safeguarding children in Swindon. The LSCB has clear links to the Swindon Children's Trust Board.

Links to One Swindon, Strategic Objectives, Plans and Policies

- 5.4 One Swindon Priority – Living independently, protected from harm, leading healthy lives and making a positive contribution.

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Diversity Impact Assessment

- 5.5 A Diversity Impact Assessment has been completed for the One Swindon priority to which this report relates and can be made available to the Board if required.

Risk Management

- 5.6 A risk assessment has not been completed as this report is not recommending a specific amendment to a policy or strategy.

6. Consultees

- 6.1 The Board Director Finance, Revenues, Benefits and Property (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 - <http://www.swindonlscb.org.uk/about/Pages/AnnualReports.aspx>
- 8.2 Appendix 2 Relationship between Health & Well-Being Board and LSCB/LASB (Swindon Protocol)
- 8.3 Appendix 3 Draft Annual report of LSAB