

HAMPSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL**REPORT**

Committee/Panel:	Health and Wellbeing Board
Date:	1 May 2014
Title:	Protocol between Hampshire Health and Wellbeing Board and Hampshire Safeguarding Children's Board
Reference:	5812
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1. Summary

- 1.1. Keeping children safe is everyone's business. Both Protocol between Hampshire Health and Wellbeing Board (HWB) and Hampshire Safeguarding Children's Board (HSCB) have distinct and complementary roles to play.
- 1.2. HWB and HSCB have parity of esteem and neither board is subordinate to the other.
- 1.3. The 2012/13 Annual report of HSCB was presented to the HWB at the February 2014 meeting. It was agreed that a draft protocol be presented to the May meeting for agreement by the HWB.
- 1.4. A draft protocol has been devised to support the two Boards to operate effectively in relation to one another in terms of safeguarding and the means which they will secure effective co-ordination and coherence.

2. Rationale

- 2.1. There are clear expectations within the current safeguarding inspection framework that governance arrangements enable Local Safeguarding Children's Board partners (including the Health and Well-Being Board and the Children's Trust) to be effective in safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children.
- 2.2. Current statutory guidance captured in Working Together to Safeguard Children (2013) sets out the requirement introduced through The Apprenticeship, Skills, Children and Learning Act 2009 for Local Safeguarding Children Boards to produce and publish an annual report. This report is intended to provide a rigorous and transparent assessment of the effectiveness of local child protection arrangements. The report should be submitted to the Health and Wellbeing Board.
- 2.3. It is anticipated that the Independent Chair of HSCB will present its Annual Report to the HWB annually and require the HWB to report back to the HSCB

on any action it has taken during the year in relation to improving the multi agency child protection system in Hampshire.

3. Conclusion

- 3.1. Appendix 1 of this report contains the draft protocol which was approved by Hampshire safeguarding Children Board on 28 April 2014.
- 3.2. The protocol is of value in terms of formalising the working arrangements between the two Boards. It supports each Board's governance and accountability arrangements that enable partners to assess whether they are fulfilling their statutory responsibilities to help (including early help), protect and care for children and young people. It will outline the inter-relationship that should exist between the two Boards, their distinct functions, responsibilities, accountability and channels of communication.

4. Recommendations

- 4.1. The Board is requested to:
 - Consider and approve the draft protocol contained in Appendix 1 and the arrangements contained within it.

CORPORATE OR LEGAL INFORMATION:**Links to the Corporate Strategy**

Hampshire safer and more secure for all:	yes
Corporate Improvement plan link number (if appropriate): Safeguarding children	
Maximising well-being:	yes
Corporate Improvement plan link number (if appropriate): Improving mental wellbeing will have positive impacts on the populations overall wellbeing	
Enhancing our quality of place:	yes
Corporate Improvement plan link number (if appropriate):	

Other Significant Links

Links to previous Member decisions:		
<u>Title</u>	<u>Reference</u>	<u>Date</u>
Direct links to specific legislation or Government Directives		
<u>Title</u>	<u>Date</u>	
The Apprenticeship, Skills, Children and Learning Act 2009	2009	

IMPACT ASSESSMENTS:

1. Equalities Impact Assessment:

None has been carried out on this briefing as it details information provided by central government

5. Impact on Crime and Disorder:

5.1. None has been carried out on this briefing as it details information provided by central government

6. Climate Change:

How does what is being proposed impact on our carbon footprint / energy consumption?

None has been carried out on this briefing as it details information provided by central government

**PROTOCOL ON THE WORKING ARRANGEMENTS BETWEEN THE
HAMPSHIRE HEALTH AND WELLBEING BOARD**

AND

THE HAMPSHIRE SAFEGUARDING CHILDRENS BOARD

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1. PURPOSE OF PROTOCOL

- 1.1. Both Hampshire Health and Wellbeing Board and Hampshire Safeguarding Childrens Boards have distinctive roles in keeping our children and young people safe. The responsibilities of the Local Safeguarding Childrens Board will complement those of the Health and Wellbeing Board, but not be subordinate to it. This protocol aims to support the two Boards to operate effectively in relation to one another in terms of safeguarding and the means which we will secure effective co-ordination and coherence.
- 1.2. Therefore this protocol sets out the working arrangement between Hampshire Health and Well-Being Board (HWB) and the Hampshire Safeguarding Children Board (HSCB). It outlines the inter-relationship that should exist between the two Boards, their distinct functions, responsibilities, accountability and channels of communication.

2. THE ROLE OF HAMPSHIRE HEALTH AND WELLBEING BOARD

- 2.1. Hampshire Health and Well-Being Boards was established in April 2013 to fulfil statutory obligation of the Health and Social Care Act 2012. It brings together partners with a role in improving outcomes for people of all ages to agree a common strategy on how they will co-ordinate to improve health and wellbeing. It provides the strategic framework within which partners may commission services in a co-ordinated way.
- 2.2. HHWB is a statutory committee of Hampshire County Council. Members include County Council and District Council Councillors and officers, the chairs of each of the five Clinical Commissioning Groups and Director of NHS England (Wessex), Hampshire Healthwatch, Crime and Police Commissioner and voluntary sector representatives.
- 2.3. The role of the HHWB is as follows:
 - To oversee and assure the translation of the Joint Strategic Needs Assessment (JSNA) into a Joint Health and Wellbeing Strategy (JHWS) to address the identified health and social care needs
 - To join up commissioning through a robust knowledge of need by ensuring the delivery of a comprehensive JHWS
 - To provide an opinion to CCG's and the Local Authority on whether commissioning plans have taken proper account of the JHWS and to refer plans to NHS Commissioning Board where there are concerns.
 - To ensure that the CCGs, Hampshire County Council and NHS Commissioning Board Wessex LAT execute their commissioning activities in accordance with the JHWS.

- To encourage integrated working between health and social care commissioners and health related services in order to ensure appropriate use of resources across all partners' budgets in order to achieve the best outcomes for local residents.

3. THE ROLE OF HAMPSHIRE SAFEGUARDING CHILDRENS BOARD

3.1. Hampshire Safeguarding Children Board (HSCB)

3.2. The key objectives of the HSCB as set out in 'Working Together to Safeguard Children 2013' are:

- To co-ordinate local work to safeguard and promote the well-being of children;
- To ensure the effectiveness of that work

3.3. Safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children is defined as:

- Protecting children from maltreatment
- Preventing impairment of children's health or development
- Ensuring that children are growing up in circumstances consistent with the provision of safe and effective care
- Taking action to enable all children to have the best outcomes

3.4. A key objective in undertaking these roles is to enable children to have optimum life chances and enter adulthood successfully.

3.5. The role of an Local Safeguarding Childrens Board (LSCB) is to scrutinise and challenge the work of agencies both individually and collectively. The LSCB is not operationally responsible for managers and staff in constituent agencies.

4. THE RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN THE TWO BOARDS AND SAFEGUARDING CHILDREN

4.1. In line with national guidance the HWB should receive the HSCB Annual Report and respond to the key messages and challenges that it highlights that need to be addressed in order to strengthening service responses that will safeguard children and young people. It will be necessary to put in place an appropriate timetable to enable this to happen. (refer to 5.6)

4.2. In the event of an urgent or significant safeguarding issue the Independent Chair of the safeguarding Board should have a ready mechanisms to engage directly with the HWB. Such processes will need to be clear and put into place to enable this to happen. (refer to 5.3)

4.3. Joint plans developed to support delivery of the Joint Health and Wellbeing Strategy should include safeguarding as a cross-cutting theme to ensure that existing strategies and service delivery as well as emerging plans for change and improvement include effective safeguarding arrangements that ensure that all people of Hampshire are safe and their well-being is protected. The

two safeguarding boards have a responsibility to scrutinise and challenge these arrangements.

4.4. The Joint Health and Well-Being Strategy is a key commissioning strategy for the delivery of services to children and adults across Hampshire and so it is critical that in drawing up, delivering and evaluating the strategy there is effective interchange between the Hampshire Health and Well-Being Board and the Hampshire Safeguarding Children Board through the following:

- The needs analyses that drive the formulation of the Joint Health and Well-Being Strategy and the LSCB Business Plans. This needs to be reciprocal in nature ensuring both that safeguarding boards' needs analyses are fed into the JSNA and that the outcomes of the JSNA are fed back into safeguarding boards' planning;
- Ensuring each Board is regularly updated on progress made in the implementation of the Joint Health and Well Being Strategy and the individual Board Business Plans in a context of mutual scrutiny and challenge;
- Annually reporting evaluations of performance on Plans again to provide the opportunity for reciprocal scrutiny and challenge and to enable Boards to feed any improvement and development needs into the planning process for future years' strategies and plans.

4.5. The opportunities presented by a formal working relationship between the Hampshire HWB and the HSCB can, therefore be summarised as follows:

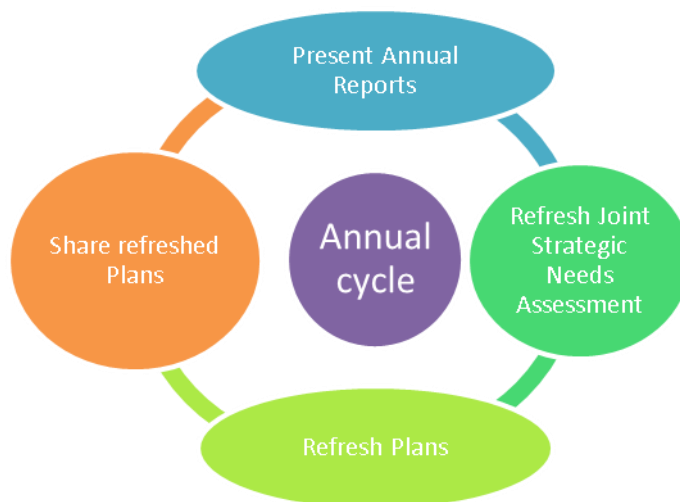
- Securing an integrated approach to the JSNA, ensuring comprehensive safeguarding data analysis in the JSNA, in line with Working Together guidance¹
- Aligning the work of the LSCB business plan with the JHWB Strategy and related priority setting.
- Ensuring safeguarding is "everyone's business", reflected in the public health agenda and related determinant of health policies and strategies.
- Evaluating the impact of the JHWB Strategy on safeguarding outcomes, and of safeguarding on wider determinants of health outcomes
- Identifying coordinated approach to performance management, transformational change and commissioning

¹ Statutory functions of the Local Safeguarding Boards (Working together to safeguard Children 2013)

- Cross Board scrutiny and challenge and “holding to account”: the HWB for embedding safeguarding, and the HSCB for overall performance and contribution to the JHWB Strategy.

5. WORKING TOGETHER

- 5.1. HHWB and HSCB have a shared membership in relation to the Director of Children’s Services (DCS) and Clinical Commissioning Groups. The DCS and lead Clinical Commissioning Group for Safeguarding Children will liaise closely with the independent chair of HSCB to support the on-going and direct relationship and support regular communication. They will support effective working between the two boards to prevent duplication of effort to:
 - understand and evaluate the effectiveness of service outcomes – including where services need to be improved, reshaped or developed;
 - ensure action taken complements each Board and does not duplicate
 - ensure alignment of strategy and associated work
- 5.2. The Independent Chair of HSCB will attend the HWB annually to present the HSCB Annual Report. It will contain a honest assessment of local safeguarding arrangements and recommend areas of safeguarding that need to be addressed within the refreshed Joint Health and Wellbeing Strategy and inform the Joint Strategic Needs Assessment refresh.
- 5.3. The Independent Chair of HSCB will have a right of audience to the HWB in the event of an urgent or significant safeguarding issue that needs to be referred to HWB for consideration.
- 5.4. The HWB will ensure that the advice and information from HSCB is disseminated within the HWB infrastructure, informs the Joint Strategic Needs Assessment and Joint Health and Wellbeing Strategy.
- 5.5. The HWB will seek assurance from the HSCB that it will work effectively through its membership to address local concerns and implement any changes required as a result from new statutory guidance or lessons learnt from serious case reviews.
- 5.6. In order to ensure opportunities are secured for joint working the following annual cycle of action has been devised:



6. EVALUATION AND REVIEW

- 6.1. If there are any areas of significant concern that cannot be resolved in accordance with this protocol then a strategy meeting will be held between the Independent chair of HSCB, the Director of Childrens Services and the chair of HWB and any other senior person that is regarded as being required.
- 6.2. The HWB and HSCB should undertake to review the implementation of this protocol annually.

7. REFERENCES

1. Hampshire Health and Wellbeing Board Terms of Reference
2. Statutory functions of the Local Safeguarding Boards (*Working together to safeguard Children 2013*)
3. Health and Social Care Act 2012
4. Protocol on the working arrangements between the Oxfordshire Safeguarding Adults Board and the Oxfordshire Health and Wellbeing Board October 2012
5. Children Act 1989 and 2004