

## HAMPSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL

### Report

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| <b>Committee/Panel:</b> | Children & Families Advisory Panel                    |
| <b>Date:</b>            | 18 October 2016                                       |
| <b>Title:</b>           | Hampshire Safeguarding Children Board - Annual Report |
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| <b>Report From:</b>     | Director of Children's Services                       |

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#### 1. Introduction

- 1.1 Hampshire Safeguarding Children Board (HSCB) is required to produce and publish an annual report on the effectiveness of child safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children in their local area.
- 1.2 The attached 2015/16 annual report for HSCB assesses the performance and effectiveness of local services and identifies the priorities that the board will be focusing on in 2016/17. Appended is a glossary of terms used throughout the document.

#### 2. Background, context and key facts

- 2.1 The 2015/16 annual report was agreed at the 27 September 2016 meeting of the HSCB. It outlines progress made during 2015/16 and summarises the key challenges ahead for all agencies to ensure children across Hampshire are safe from harm, abuse or neglect.
- 2.2 Many groups of children in Hampshire are vulnerable and at increased risk of being abused and / or neglected. These groups are not exhaustive and many factors, such as going missing from home, living in households where there is domestic abuse, substance misuse and / or parents with mental health difficulties can place children at increased risk of harm. The needs of these children, and other vulnerable groups, are detailed in the annual report attached to provide an understanding of the local context.

#### 3. Legislative Framework

- 3.1 Section 13 of the Children Act 2004 requires each local authority to establish a Local Safeguarding Children Board (LSCB) and specifies the organisations and individuals that should be represented on the LSCB. The LSCB has a range of roles and statutory functions including developing local safeguarding policy and procedures and scrutinising local arrangements.

- 3.2 HSCB is the key statutory body overseeing multi-agency child safeguarding arrangements across Hampshire. The work of the Board is governed by statutory guidance Working Together to Safeguard Children 2015.
  - 3.3 Section 14 of the Children Act 2004 sets out the statutory objectives of Local Safeguarding Children Boards, which are:
    - a) To co-ordinate what is done by each person or body represented on the Board for the purposes of safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children in their area; and
    - b) To ensure the effectiveness of what is done by each such person or body for those purposes.
  - 3.4 Section 14A of the Children Act 2004 requires that the Chair of the LSCB must publish an annual report on the effectiveness of child safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children in the local area. The annual report should fit with local agencies' planning, commissioning and budget cycles. Further the report should be submitted to the Chief Executive and the Leader of the Council, the local police and crime commissioner and the Chair of the health and well-being board.
- 4. Recommendation**
- 4.1 That the Children and Families Advisory Panel note the work of the Hampshire Safeguarding Children Board.

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

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| <b>Hampshire safer and more secure for all:</b>          | Yes |
| Corporate Improvement plan link number (if appropriate): |     |
| <b>Maximising well-being:</b>                            | Yes |
| Corporate Improvement plan link number (if appropriate): |     |
| <b>Enhancing our quality of place:</b>                   | Yes |
| Corporate Improvement plan link number (if appropriate): |     |

**Section 100 D - Local Government Act 1972 - background documents**

The following documents discuss facts or matters on which this report, or an important part of it, is based and have been relied upon to a material extent in the preparation of this report. (NB: the list excludes published works and any documents which disclose exempt or confidential information as defined in the Act.)

Document

Location

None

## **IMPACT ASSESSMENTS:**

### **1.1. Equalities Impact Assessment:**

- 1.2. Equality and diversity objectives are not considered to be adversely affected by the contents of this report.

### **2. Impact on Crime and Disorder:**

- 2.1. Crime and disorder are not considered to be adversely affected by the contents of this report.

### **3. Climate Change:**

- a) How does what is being proposed impact on our carbon footprint / energy consumption?
- b) How does what is being proposed consider the need to adapt to climate change, and be resilient to its longer term impacts?

No adverse impact on climate change identified

## Glossary of terms used in the annual report

|                |                                                     |
|----------------|-----------------------------------------------------|
| <b>C&amp;F</b> | Children and families                               |
| <b>CAFCASS</b> | Child and Family Court Advisory and Support Service |
| <b>CAMHS</b>   | Child and Adolescent Mental Health Team             |
| <b>CCG</b>     | Clinical Commissioning Group                        |
| <b>CDOP</b>    | Child Death Overview Panel                          |
| <b>CIN</b>     | Children in Need                                    |
| <b>CLA</b>     | Children Looked After                               |
| <b>CMHT</b>    | Community Mental Health Team                        |
| <b>CPP</b>     | Child Protection Plan                               |
| <b>CRT</b>     | Children's Reception Team                           |
| <b>CSD</b>     | Children's Services Department                      |
| <b>CSE</b>     | Child Sexual Exploitation                           |
| <b>CYPR</b>    | Children and Young People Referrals                 |
| <b>DCT</b>     | Disabled Children Team                              |
| <b>DfE</b>     | Department for Education                            |
| <b>EHA</b>     | Early Help Assessment                               |
| <b>EHH</b>     | Early Help Hubs                                     |
| <b>EMTAS</b>   | Ethnic Minority and Traveller Achievement Service   |
| <b>FGM</b>     | Female Genital Mutilation                           |
| <b>FIT</b>     | Family Intervention Team                            |
| <b>HSCB</b>    | Hampshire Safeguarding Children Board               |
| <b>IRO</b>     | Independent Reviewing Officer                       |
| <b>LADO</b>    | Local Authority Designated Officer                  |
| <b>LiPP</b>    | Learning into Practice Project                      |

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|---------------|--------------------------------------------------------|
| <b>LSCB</b>   | Local Safeguarding Children Board                      |
| <b>MAPPA</b>  | Multi-Agency Public Protection Arrangements            |
| <b>MAR</b>    | Multi Agency Review                                    |
| <b>MASF</b>   | Multi-Agency Safeguarding Forum                        |
| <b>MASH</b>   | Multi Agency Safeguarding Hub                          |
| <b>MET</b>    | Missing, exploited and trafficked                      |
| <b>MHA</b>    | Mental Health Act                                      |
| <b>NEET</b>   | Not in Education, Employment or Training               |
| <b>NHS</b>    | National Health Service                                |
| <b>NSPCC</b>  | National Society for Prevention of Cruelty to Children |
| <b>OFSTED</b> | Office for Standards in Education                      |
| <b>OOHS</b>   | Out of Hours Service                                   |
| <b>OLA</b>    | Other Local Authority                                  |
| <b>SCIE</b>   | Social Care Institute for Excellence                   |
| <b>SCR</b>    | Serious Case Review                                    |
| <b>SEN</b>    | Special Educational Needs                              |
| <b>SIDS</b>   | Sudden Infant Death Syndrome                           |
| <b>SERAF</b>  | Sexual Exploitation Risk Assessment Framework          |
| <b>STFP</b>   | Supporting Troubled Families Programme                 |
| <b>UASC</b>   | Unaccompanied Asylum Seeking Child(ren)                |
| <b>YOT</b>    | Youth Offending Team                                   |