

# Leeds Health & Wellbeing Board

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**Report of:** Jane Held, Independent Chair Leeds Safeguarding Children Board

**Report to:** Leeds Health and Wellbeing Board

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**Subject:** LSCB Annual Report on the Effectiveness of Safeguarding Arrangements for Children and Young people in Leeds (July 2013)

Are there implications for equality and diversity and cohesion and integration?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No
Is the decision eligible for Call-In?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No
Does the report contain confidential or exempt information? If relevant, Access to Information Procedure Rule number: Appendix number:	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No

## Summary of main issues

1. This cover report introduces the attached Local Safeguarding Children Board Annual Report prior to its consideration by the LSCB on 19 July 2013. The final version is being presented to the Council's Chief Executive, the Leader of the Council, the Police & Crime Commissioner and the Health and Wellbeing Board. It will be published on the LSCB website at the end of August.
2. The Executive Summary of the Annual Report is appended. The full report will be available to access online at <http://leedslscb.org.uk/professionals/annual-report.shtml> from Monday 1<sup>st</sup> October.

## Recommendations

The Health and Wellbeing Board is asked:

1. To note and comment on the content of the LSCB Annual Report and agree those issues that most need HWB leadership.
2. To note the challenges for 2013/14, including those accepted by the Children's Trust Board.

## **1. Purpose of this report**

- 1.1 To update HWB on the progress being made by and through the Leeds Safeguarding Children Board to improve safeguarding children practice in Leeds.

## **2 Background information**

- 2.1 It is a statutory requirement under the Apprenticeships, Skills, Children and Learning Act 2009 for the LSCB to publish an annual report evaluating the effectiveness of safeguarding arrangements for children and young people in the local area.
- 2.2 The CTB must take account of the report in preparing and refreshing the Children & Young people's Plan. The HWB is expected to take account of the report in preparing and refreshing the JSNA.

## **3 Corporate Considerations**

### **3.1 Consultation and Engagement**

- 3.1.1 Active interest from CLT and Corporate Leaders in the work of the LSCB has made a significant contribution to the improvement journey. There is a shared expectation within the Council that a Child Friendly City also has to be a Safe City. This enables the LSCB to take some assurance about the direction of travel.

### **3.2 Equality and Diversity / Cohesion and Integration**

- 3.2.1 The work of the Board contributes to improved community cohesion. Over the next year part of the public engagement work the Board plans will be to use the new LSCB website to increase community engagement with the work of the Board.

### **3.3 Resources and Value for Money**

- 3.3.1 A Funding and Value for Money Review identified the need to maintain the current level of Base Budget expenditure for the LSCB and requested partners to increase their contributions to ensure 'in year' financial viability and maintain an appropriate level of strategic reserve. A revised funding formula was agreed amongst existing contributing partners to ensure that the agreed expenditure for the Base Budget of £521,000 was fully funded for 2013/14 and that a small commissioning budget would be available to be used to address emerging themes and challenges.
- 3.3.2 Out-turn figures at the end of March 2013 indicated that an in year shortfall in funding of £21,000 was mitigated by an underspend of £32,000. This enabled a strategic reserve of £50,000 to be carried forward into 2013/14 and a commissioning budget to be established of £35,000.

### **3.4 Legal Implications, Access to Information and Call In**

- 3.4.1 No specific implications

### **3.5 Risk Management**

3.5.1 The Board is currently completing its Annual Review focusing on how well we work together to improve outcomes for vulnerable C&YP. The 'Effective Governance' scorecard in the Performance Management System indicates that progress continues to be made to tighten governance and system wide processes.

## **4 Conclusions**

4.1 The Annual Report of the LSCB concludes that considerable progress is being made to make the necessary changes to improve multi-agency working, services and outcomes for children and young people. It identifies where more progress needs to be made and where we need to better understand problems and issues faced by children and young people in Leeds.

Challenges are set for the LSCB and the Children's Trust Board to address in 2013/14 which promote a direction of travel which encompasses an increasing focus on:

- The quality of services rather than on the timeliness of processes
- The LSCB operating more like an 'Improvement Board'
- The frontline and community engagement
- The voice of children and young people
- The use of research and evidence based practice.

## **5 Recommendations**

5.1 The Health and Wellbeing Board is asked:

1) To note and comment on the content of the LSCB Annual Report and identify issues that most need HWT leadership.

2) To note the challenges for 2013/14, including those accepted by the Children's Trust Board.