



Report of the Head of Scrutiny and Member Development

Report to Scrutiny Board (Children and Families)

Date: 11 October 2012

Subject: Leeds Safeguarding Childrens Board 2012

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1.0 Purpose of this report

1.1 Leeds Safeguarding Children Board (LSCB) is a statutory body established under the Children Act 2004 and 'Working Together to Safeguard Children (2010)'. It is independently chaired and consists of senior representatives of all the principle stakeholders working together to safeguard children and young people in the City.

Its statutory objectives are to:

- Co-ordinate local work to safeguard and promote the welfare of children
- To ensure the effectiveness of that work

1.2 Attached is the annual report of Leeds Safeguarding Children Board 2012 for consideration by the Scrutiny Board (Children and Families). It describes covering a year that has been characterised by the consolidation of significant changes and development in the governance, structure, membership, and operation of the Board that took place during the previous year. At the same time the national Safeguarding agenda, through a series of proposed reforms and developments, is driving significant change and this is reflected in the further changes that have been initiated during this year in how local child protection services are organised and provided.

2.0 Recommendations

2.1 The Scrutiny Board (Children and Families) is recommended to:

- Consider and note the information contained within the LCSB Annual Report report and make recommendations as deemed appropriate.

3.0 Background documents¹

None

¹ The background documents listed in this section are available to download from the Council's website, unless they contain confidential or exempt information. The list of background documents does not include published works.