

**Report for:** **Children & Young People Scrutiny Panel – Monday 23<sup>rd</sup>**  
**January 2017**

**Item number:**

**Title:** **Haringey Safeguarding Children Board Annual Report**  
**2015/16**

**Report**  
**authorised by :**

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**Ward(s) affected:** All

**Report for Key/  
Non Key Decision:**

**1. Describe the issue under consideration**

- 1.1 The annual report is for the period 1st April 2015 to 31st March 2016 and is produced as part of the Board's statutory duties under Section 14A of the Children Act 2004 and Chapter 3 of Working Together to Safeguard Children 2015.
- 1.2 The report was ratified by the Board at its meeting in September 2016 and has been submitted to the Chief Executive, Leader of the Council, the London the Mayor's Office for Policing & Crime, and the Health and Wellbeing Board.
- 1.3 The report provides an overview of Board activities and achievements during 2015-2016; it summarises the effectiveness of safeguarding activity in Haringey; provides an overview of how well children in Haringey are protected, and fulfils the Board's statutory duties. The meeting's attention is explicitly drawn to:
  - the Chair's Foreword
  - Section 6 on Board effectiveness;
  - the summary in Section 8.

- 1.4 The *LSCB Business Plan 2014 – 2016 (Appendix C)* provides the framework of priorities for our work whilst allowing us to be responsive to emerging themes and challenges: it enables us to monitor and track progress on identified actions. The 2014-16 Business Plan took into account areas of improvement as identified in the May 2014 Ofsted review of the LSCB, which have all been completed.
- We review our priorities annually, and the report also includes a new five year strategy for the Board (*Appendix D*) with a clear vision and mission statement and a number of priorities:
- Priority One: Overhaul the ways in which agencies tackle chronic neglect
  - Priority Two: Improve outcomes for children with particular vulnerabilities and those subject to particular risks
  - Priority Three: Strengthen cross-borough partnership
  - Priority Four: Develop high quality partnership working at all levels between our agencies
  - Enabling Priority One: Meaningfully engage children and young people in our work
  - Enabling Priority Two: Promote and develop the children's workforce to better safeguard children and promote their welfare
- 1.5 Safeguarding arrangements within Haringey remain broadly robust and effective, and the partnership continues to demonstrate its willingness to confront and respond to issues which arise.
- 1.6 2015-16 brought many changes in safeguarding in Haringey; changes to the Early Help offer, establishing new Thresholds, relaunching the front door and MASH, introducing, 'Signs of Safety'. 2016-17 brings the possibility of fundamental review of the organisation of multi-agency safeguarding arrangements, and the creation of new partnerships with neighbouring boroughs within the health service, council and police.
- 1.7 The year ahead looks ever more challenging in relation to resources, and we need to be ready to consider radical different ways of undertaking our key roles. Haringey is a complex urban authority, facing reductions in budgets in all its public services, and enduring much higher than average effects of the cuts in welfare benefits. The population within Haringey is under severe pressure.
- 1.8 We still need to improve our sharing and analysis of data, so that we can become better at identifying any changes and emerging threats to the safety of children within Haringey. We still need to improve our engagement of children and young people in our work. But as a partnership we are ready for the next set of challenges.

## **2. Cabinet Member Introduction**

N/A

### **3. Recommendations**

3.1 For information

### **4. Reasons for decision**

N/A

### **5. Alternative options considered**

N/A

### **6. Background information**

6.1 The LSCB is the statutory body for agreeing how the relevant organisations will co-operate to safeguard and promote the welfare of children in the London Borough of Haringey.

6.2 The objectives of the Board are:

- 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 the area;
- to ensure the effectiveness of what is done by each such person or body for that purpose.

6.3 The scope of the LSCB role falls into three categories:

1. to engage in activities that safeguard all children, aim to identify and prevent abuse, and ensure that children grow up in circumstances consistent with safe care;
2. to lead and co-ordinate pro-active work that aims to target particular groups;
3. to lead and co-ordinate responsive work to protect children who are suffering or likely to suffer significant harm.

### **7. Contribution to strategic outcomes**

Strategic Priority One

### **8. Statutory Officers comments (Chief Finance Officer (including procurement), Assistant Director of Corporate Governance, Equalities)**

N/A