

Report for: Children and Young People’s Scrutiny Panel: 9 November 2020

Title: Haringey Local Safeguarding Children’s Board Annual Report (April 2018 to Sep 2019)

Report

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1. Describe the issue under consideration

1.1 In finalising its work, the outgoing Haringey LSCB produced its final annual report as part of the Board’s statutory duty under the Children’s Act 2004. The report covers the period 1st April 2018 to 28th September 2019 which informed the work of the new Safeguarding Partnership. The LSCB ceased to exist as a statutory body on 29th September 2019 with the implementation of the Children and Social Work Act 2017, and the creation of the Haringey Multi Agency Safeguarding Arrangements, which operates as “Haringey Safeguarding Children’s Partnership”. A report will be published in due course by the Independent Chair/Scrutineer detailing the work conducted by partners in the new safeguarding arrangements, commenting on the standards achieved and where improvements may be required.

2. Recommendations

2.1 This report provides the committee with an overview of the new arrangements for noting.

3. Background Information

3.1 The main functions of the LSCB (as per Working Together to Safeguard Children 2015) were to:

- Develop policies and procedures for safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children in the local area
- Communicate the need to safeguard and promote the welfare of children, raising awareness of how this can be best done and encouraging all to do so
- Monitoring and evaluating the effectiveness of what is done by the local authorities and their Board Partners individually and collectively to safeguard and promote the welfare of children
- Participating in the planning of services for children in the local area
- Undertaking reviews of serious cases and sharing the lessons learnt.

- 3.2 Following the Wood Review, the Children and Social Care Act 2017, and publication of Working Together to Safeguarding Children 2018 there was a requirement to replace LSCBs with new local multi-agency safeguarding arrangements to be determined by the local authority, CCG and the Police. The Council and its Statutory Safeguarding Partners have developed new local safeguarding arrangements for children in Haringey, as set out in the Multi-Agency Safeguarding Arrangements paper which was published on 29th September 2019.
- 3.3 This report reflects work undertaken in 2018/19 and provides both quantitative and qualitative information about safeguarding activity in Haringey including key partnership achievements. It identifies and summarises key issues for consideration and evaluates the partnership's ability to continue to drive change and improvement. The report also sets out the arrangements to safeguard and promote the welfare of children in Haringey and provides an assessment of those arrangements. The Haringey Safeguarding Children's Partnership completed its transition from the LSCB in September 2019, in line with Working Together 2018: Transitional Guidance. The shared and equal duty of the three safeguarding partners – Police, Clinical Commissioning Group, and Local Authority – is to make arrangements to work together to safeguard and promote the welfare of all children in Haringey. This included agreeing on ways to co-ordinate safeguarding services, acting as a strategic leadership group to engage and support others, and implementing learning from local and national serious child safeguarding incidents.

4. Contribution to strategic outcomes

- 4.1 The work of LSCB and the new Multi-agency Safeguarding Partnership are a statutory requirement of which Haringey is a Statutory Safeguarding Partner. The work of the LSCB helped to deliver a priority from the Borough Plan Vision (2019-2030) ambitions namely: Priority two(People) – 'our vision is a Haringey where strong families, strong networks and strong communities nurture all residents to live well and achieve their potential'.

5. Statutory Officer Comments (Legal and Finance)

5.1 Legal:

There are no legal implications arising from the recommendations in this report.

5.2 Finance:

This is an update report for noting and as such there are no recommendations for action that have a direct financial implication.

6. Environmental Implications

- 6.1 There are no environmental impact arising from this report.

7. Resident and Equalities Implications

The Council has a Public Sector Equality Duty under the Equality Act (2010) to have due regard of the need to:

- Eliminate discrimination, harassment and victimisation and any other conduct prohibited under the Act
- Advance equality of opportunity between people who share those protected characteristics and people who do not
- Foster good relations between people who share those characteristics and people who do not.

The three parts of the duty applies to the following protected characteristics: age, disability, gender reassignment, pregnancy/maternity, race, religion/faith, sex and sexual orientation. Marriage and civil partnership status applies to the first part of the duty.

8. Local Government (Access to Information) Act 1985

Children Act 2004

<https://www.legislation.gov.uk/ukpga/2004/31/contents>

Children and Social Work Act 2017

<https://www.legislation.gov.uk/ukpga/2017/16/contents/enacted>

Working Together to Safeguard Children 2015

https://assets.publishing.service.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/592101/Working_Together_to_Safeguard_Children_20170213.pdf

Working together to Safeguard Children 2018

https://assets.publishing.service.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/779401/Working_Together_to_Safeguard_Children.pdf

9. Background Papers

9.1 Haringey Local Safeguarding Children's Board Annual Report