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| Report for: | Health and Wellbeing Board 8 April 2014 | Item Number: | |
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| Title: | Haringey LSCB Annual Report |
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| Report Authorised by: | Lisa Redfern Interim Director of Children's Services |
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| Lead Officer: | Myra O'Farrell, Assistant Director (Interim) Quality Assurance CYPs |
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| Ward(s) affected: All | Report for Non Key Decisions: |
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1. Describe the issue under consideration

Under the Children Act 2004, at least once in every 12 month period, a Local Safeguarding Children Board must prepare and publish a report about safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children in its local area. The Local Safeguarding Children Board is required to submit the annual report to the Health and Wellbeing Board. This is important in strengthening the links between the Local Safeguarding Children Board and the Health and Wellbeing Board in co-ordinating the arrangements for safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children in Haringey.

2. Recommendations

That the Health and Wellbeing Board note the content of Haringey's LSCB Annual Report 2012-13 and Business Plan 2013-14.



3. Alternative options considered

Statutory guidance provides for the Annual Report to be reported up to the Board, and therefore no alternative options have been considered.

4. Background information

Haringey Safeguarding Children Board is a multi-agency strategic partnership that exists to promote the safety and welfare of all children in their home, in school and in the community. It is an independent body with a statutory requirement under the Children Act 2004 to oversee the work of Haringey's Children's Service and partner agencies in Haringey to ensure safeguarding practice is effective on the ground to keep children safe from harm.

The Annual report provides detail about the work of the LSCB and offers comment and assurance on the effectiveness of the arrangements for early intervention and safeguarding of children and young people in Haringey, as well as documenting the achievements of the LSCB and partners over the last 12 months, LSCB membership, what has worked well and what the focus will be over the year ahead.

5. Comments of the Chief Finance Officer and financial implications

The expenditure of the LSCB for the year covered by the annual report was £195k. Most of this cost was covered by Haringey Children's services budget with £9,550 total contributions from partner organisations (Police, Probation, Cafcass and Tottenham Hotspur.)

The estimated expenditure in 2013/14 is £282k – this includes around £62k additional one off funding. The planned expenditure budget for 14/15 is £229k.

6. Comments of the Assistant Director of Corporate Governance and legal implications

The Assistant Director of Corporate Governance has been consulted about the content of this Report.

Section 14A of the Children Act 2014 requires the Local Safeguarding Children Board to prepare and publish an annual report about safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children in its local area. The Working Together to Safeguard Children (2013) statutory guidance requires the annual report to be submitted to the Chair of the Health and Wellbeing Board.

The guidance further provides that the report should provide a rigorous and transparent assessment of the performance and effectiveness of local services. It should identify areas of weakness, the causes of those weaknesses and the action



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being taken to address them as well as other proposals for action. The report should include lessons from reviews undertaken within the reporting period.

The report should also list the contributions made to the LSCB by partner agencies and details of what the LSCB has spent, including on Child Death Reviews, Serious Case Reviews and other specific expenditure such as learning events or training.

7. Equalities and Community Cohesion Comments

N/A

8. Head of Procurement Comments

N/A

9. Policy Implication

N/A

10. Reasons for Decision

Report is for noting only

11. Use of Appendices

Appendix 1 – Haringey LSCB Annual Report on the Effectiveness of Safeguarding Children in Haringey 2012-13 and Business Plan 2013-14

12. Local Government (Access to Information) Act 1985

N/A