

Report for: **Children & Young People Scrutiny Panel – Monday 1st February 2016**

Item number: **7**

Title: **Haringey Safeguarding Children Board Annual Report 2014/15**

Report authorised by : Chair of LSCB

Lead Officer: **Haringey Safeguarding Children Board**
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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 2014 to 31st March 2015 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 October 2015 and has been submitted to the Chief Executive, Leader of the Council, the local police and crime commissioner (in 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 2014-2015; 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, especially the last paragraph;
 - Section 6 on Board effectiveness;
 - the summary in Section 8.
- 1.4 The *LSCB Business Plan 2014 – 2016 (Appendix B)* 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 current Business Plan also takes 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 in last year's annual report we outlined priorities within a two year business plan to the end of March 2016. Progress was achieved against each of these priorities:
 - Gangs (and CSE) (para 3)

- Early Help (para 3.4)
 - Neglect (para 3.5)
 - Promoting good practice (para 3.6)
 - Engaging the voices of children and young people (para 3.7)
 - Working closer with schools (para 3.8)
- 1.5 Safeguarding arrangements within Haringey are broadly robust and effective, and the partnership has demonstrated its willingness to confront and respond to issues which arise.
- 1.6 Resources available to all agencies are under severe pressure, and the years ahead require continued commitment from all agencies to maintain and further develop the safeguarding and other partnerships.
- 1.7 Board effectiveness and challenge has improved with a new appraisal system introduced and members reporting positively on the impact of the Board on their policies and practice (section 6).
- 1.8 Overall, the Board considers itself to be broadly effective, providing challenge and scrutiny across partners, and actively encouraging partnership working.
- 1.9 The Board has more to do to engage the voices of children and young people effectively within its work. It has more to do to improve the collation and analysis of performance data across partners.

2. Cabinet Member Introduction

N/A

3. Recommendations

- 3.1 Note the LSCB annual report, noting in particular the judgement of the Board that safeguarding in Haringey is broadly robust and effective.
- 3.2 Propose that the secretariats of the Panel and the Board meet in order further to align the work programmes of the Board and the Panel.

4. Background information

- 4.1 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.
- 4.2 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.
- 4.3 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.

5. Contribution to strategic outcomes

Priority 1 - Outstanding for all: Enable every child and young person to have the best start in life, with high quality education. Which strategic priority outcomes does this proposal support/link to?