

DECISION-MAKER:	CHILDREN AND FAMILIES SCRUTINY PANEL		
SUBJECT:	LOCAL SAFEGUARDING CHILDREN BOARD (LSCB) ANNUAL REPORT 2017-18		
DATE OF DECISION:	24 JANUARY 2019		
REPORT OF:	KEITH MAKIN, INDEPENDENT CHAIR OF LSCB		
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STATEMENT OF CONFIDENTIALITY			
None			
BRIEF SUMMARY			
<p>This report presents the Southampton Local Safeguarding Children Board (LSCB) Annual Report covering 2017-18.</p> <p>During the year covered by the annual report, the Board worked according to statutory guidance named "Working Together to Safeguard Children and Young People (2015)" this directed that the LSCB produces an annual report providing a "rigorous and transparent assessment of the performance and effectiveness of local [Safeguarding] services". The report attached aims to provide this assessment. The LSCB approved this report in September 2018, and it is published online at: www.southamptonlscb.co.uk</p> <p>The Panel is asked to particularly reflect on the key issues identified in the opening statement within the report which is made by the Independent Chair, Keith Makin and to utilise this information in the work of the panel. This statement is based on the findings within the report which include learning from case reviews, audits and data collection.</p> <p>Working Together to Safeguard Children and Young People guidance has recently been revised and published in 2018. Details can be found in Chapter 3 of the report available on: https://assets.publishing.service.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/729914/Working_Together_to_Safeguard_Children-2018.pdf</p> <p>This document changes to the way that partners organise their local multi agency partnership work. It alters the previous duty on local authorities to provide a LSCB and states that the "responsibility for this join-up locally rests with the three safeguarding partners who have a shared and equal duty to make arrangements to work together to safeguard and promote the welfare of all children in a local area" The three safeguarding partners are:</p> <p>(a) the local authority (b) a clinical commissioning group for an area any part of which falls within the local authority area (c) the chief officer of police for an area any part of which falls within the local authority area</p>			

The LSCB is currently working on proposals for these future arrangements which will be published by June 2019 and implemented by end of September 2019. A special LSCB meeting is to be held to consider proposals that will keep a city focused independent partnership arrangement with enhanced strategic arrangements to join up work across the wider regional area.

The LSCB operates using a Business Plan which is to be reviewed once proposals are agreed for the arrangements stated above. The current Business Plan is available on the LSCB website, its contents are reflected in the attached Annual Report.

RECOMMENDATIONS:

	(i)	That the Panel receive the LSCB Report and utilise the information contained to inform its work.
	(ii)	That the Panel note changes to statutory guidance relating to partnership arrangements for safeguarding children and young people.

REASONS FOR REPORT RECOMMENDATIONS

1.	To ensure the information contained in the report and the learning that is gained by the LSCB during the year is embedded in scrutiny functions and future work.
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ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS CONSIDERED AND REJECTED

2.	None.
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DETAIL (Including consultation carried out)

3.	The 2017-18 LSCB Annual Report is attached as Appendix 1.
4.	It is recommended that the Panel review the LSCB Report revised statutory guidance – Working Together 2018 and utilise the information contained to inform its work.

RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS

Capital/Revenue

5.	None.
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Property/Other

6.	None.
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LEGAL IMPLICATIONS

Statutory power to undertake proposals in the report:

7.	The duty to undertake overview and scrutiny is set out in Part 1A Section 9 of the Local Government Act 2000.
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Other Legal Implications:

8.	None
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POLICY FRAMEWORK IMPLICATIONS

9.	Improving the effectiveness of the political scrutiny of children’s safeguarding will help contribute to the following outcomes within the Council Strategy: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Children and young people in Southampton get a good start in life
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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • People in Southampton live safe, healthy, independent lives. 	
KEY DECISION	No	
WARDS/COMMUNITIES AFFECTED:	None directly as a result of this report	
<u>SUPPORTING DOCUMENTATION</u>		
Appendices		
1.	LSCB Annual Report 2017-18	
Documents In Members' Rooms		
1.	None	
Equality Impact Assessment		
Do the implications/subject of the report require an Equality and Safety Impact Assessments (ESIA) to be carried out?		No
Data Protection Impact Assessment		
Do the implications/subject of the report require a Data Protection Impact Assessment (DPIA) to be carried out?		No
Other Background Documents		
Equality Impact Assessment and Other Background documents available for inspection at:		
Title of Background Paper(s)		Relevant Paragraph of the Access to Information Procedure Rules / Schedule 12A allowing document to be Exempt/Confidential (if applicable)
1.	https://assets.publishing.service.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/729914/Working_Together_to_Safeguard_Children-2018.pdf	