

DECISION-MAKER:	CHILDREN AND FAMILIES SCRUTINY PANEL
SUBJECT:	SOUTHAMPTON SAFEGUARDING CHILDREN PARTNERSHIP (FORMERLY KNOWN AS SOUTHAMPTON LOCAL SAFEGUARDING CHILDREN BOARD) ANNUAL REPORT 2018-19
DATE OF DECISION:	23 JANUARY 2020
REPORT OF:	DEREK BENSON, INDEPENDENT CHAIR OF SOUTHAMPTON SAFEGUARDING CHILDREN PARTNERSHIP

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STATEMENT OF CONFIDENTIALITY

None

BRIEF SUMMARY

This report presents the Local Safeguarding Children Board Annual Report 2018-19.

In July 2018 the government refreshed statutory guidance *Working Together to Safeguard Children* and introduced some changes to the former LSCBs. The main changes were that LSCBs were required to become Safeguarding Children Partnerships, with the three key Safeguarding Partners (Local Authority Children's Services, the Clinical Commissioning Group, and Hampshire Constabulary) taking equal responsibility for strategic oversight of safeguarding work involving children. A National Panel has been introduced to conduct reviews on cases of national interest, and local Safeguarding Partnerships have been given more autonomy over Serious Case Reviews which are now known as Local Child Safeguarding Practice Reviews. It was recognised that Serious Case Reviews could often take long periods (sometimes years) to complete, and often picked up on recurring themes. The new arrangements emphasise that learning and improvements should be shared as quickly as possible. By giving the local Safeguarding Partnerships more autonomy, the intention is a more dynamic approach delivering better results, quicker.

The LSCB has now transitioned to the new arrangements and the Annual Report shows the activity in the final year of the LSCB.

This Annual Report was approved by partners at the Safeguarding Children Partnership Business Group meeting of 12 November 2019 and is published on line at <http://southamptonlscb.co.uk/>

The Panel is asked to consider the contents of the Annual Report and present any questions on content.

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 learning is embedded in scrutiny functions and future work.
ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS CONSIDERED AND REJECTED	
2.	None.
DETAIL (Including consultation carried out)	
3.	The 2018-19 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	
<u>Capital/Revenue</u>	
5.	None.
<u>Property/Other</u>	
6.	None.
LEGAL IMPLICATIONS	
<u>Statutory power to undertake proposals in the report:</u>	
7.	The duty to undertake overview and scrutiny is set out in Part 1A Section 9 of the Local Government Act 2000.
<u>Other Legal Implications:</u>	
8.	None
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 • 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 2018-19	
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	