

## Bath & North East Somerset Council

MEETING:	Early Years, Children and Youth Policy, Development and Scrutiny Panel
MEETING DATE:	28 <sup>th</sup> January 2013
TITLE:	Draft Annual Report from the Local Safeguarding Children Board
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1. Draft Annual Report of the Local Safeguarding Children Board 2012/2013	

### 1 THE ISSUE

- 1.1 This is a draft of the third Annual Report of the Local Safeguarding Children Board (LSCB) compiled in accordance with a national template. The Panel considered, and commented upon, the draft report of 2011/12 in November 2011 prior to its submission to the Children's Trust Board and reviewed the final report at its meeting in July 2012. The Panel requested the opportunity to contribute to the draft report for 2012/13 prior to its submission to the Local Safeguarding Children's Board on 5<sup>th</sup> March 2013 and the Children's Trust Board on 14<sup>th</sup> March 2013.
- 1.2 This report and the attached paper details the Draft Annual Report as at 4<sup>th</sup> January 2013.
- 1.3 The work programme for 2013/14 will be completed by the LSCB on 7<sup>th</sup> February 2013 and the final Report signed off by the LSCB at its meeting on 5<sup>th</sup> March 2013 for publication on 1<sup>st</sup> April 2013.

### 2 RECOMMENDATION

That the Panel:-

- 2.1 Considers and comments upon the Draft Annual Report and
- 2.2 Proposes any amendments or additions to be included in the Draft to be presented to the Local Safeguarding Children's Board.
- 2.3 Notes that the Annual Report 2012/2013 will be published on 1<sup>st</sup> April 2013.

### 3 FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

- 3.1 There are no direct financial implications arising from this report. The Council and partner agencies contribute to a pooled budget to fund the Local Safeguarding Children Board activities.

## 4 THE REPORT

- 4.1 The Draft Annual Report of the LSCB 2012/2013 represents the work completed thus far by the Board, its members and stakeholders who will further contribute to this work at the Annual Stakeholders' Event on 29<sup>th</sup> November 2012. It very much represents work in progress and elements of it will not be possible to complete until the end of 2012/13. This will be undertaken incrementally and will incorporate feedback from this Panel, the LSCB core and associate members, other Council Services and partner agencies, the Children's Trust Board, and service users. The final document will be published on 1<sup>st</sup> April 2013, and will be a public document.
- 4.2 The Annual Report has been compiled in accordance with a national template for these reports. As well as being a critical appraisal of safeguarding arrangements and practice in Bath and North East Somerset it sets out the key priorities for 2013/2014 and will include a detailed work programme for delivering those priorities. The Draft Annual Report has been presented to the Children's Trust Board to both present a robust challenge to the work of the CTB in driving improvements in the safeguarding of children and young people and in promoting their welfare, and to inform the annual review of the Children and Young People's Plan 2011 – 2014. The Report will also be presented to the Chair of the Health and Wellbeing Board and to the Police and Crime Commissioner to ensure that safeguarding children informs work in wider contexts.

## 5 CONSULTATION

- 5.1 Consultation has taken place thus far with all core and associate member agencies of the LSCB, the members of the Children's Trust Board, and staff across all statutory, voluntary and community sector organisations via the Stakeholders' Event. Plans are in place to consult wider with staff and service users.

## 6 RISK ASSESSMENT

- 6.1 A risk assessment will be completed in respect of the final Annual Report in compliance with the Council's decisions making risk management guidance.

## 7 EQUALITIES

- 7.1 An Equalities Impact Assessment will be completed in respect of the final Annual Report.

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