

MEETING	B&NES HEALTH AND WELLBEING BOARD
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Report summary table	
Report title	Local Safeguarding Childrens Board Annual Report 2014-15 and Business Plan 2015-18
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List of attachments	Attachment 1: LSCB Annual Report 2014-15 and Business Plan 2015-18
Background papers	None
Summary	The Local Safeguarding Childrens Boards Annual Report 2014-15 highlights the work of the Board during the period and the safeguarding case activity and outcomes information. The Business Plan sets out the outcome priority areas for 2015 - 18. The Business Plan is routinely monitored and reviewed with new actions included as required. The final detail of the Business Plan is being agreed at the September LSCB meeting and can be shared with the Health and Wellbeing Board if requested.
Recommendations	The Board is asked to: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Note the Annual Report and Business Plan • Raise any queries or concerns on safeguarding activity • Recommend areas you would like the LSCB to give consideration to.
Rationale for recommendations	The LSCB is a Statutory Board and has a clear remit as set out in the Childrens Act 2004, Regulation 5 of the LSCB Regulations 2006 and the LSCB Terms of Reference (June 2015). The work of the Board clearly contributes to the Joint Health and Wellbeing Strategy in the following ways and would welcome a stronger emphasis on the welfare of children when the strategy is reviewed: <p>Theme one: Helping People Stay Healthy Particularly around the area of improved support for families with complex needs.</p> <p>Theme three: Creating Fair Life Chances Particularly in relation to improving skills, education and employment and reducing the health and wellbeing consequences of domestic abuse</p>

Resource implications	The LSCB is funded through multi-agency partners; the budget is set out in Appendix 5 of the report. There are no additional resource implications for the Health and Wellbeing Board to consider at this time.
Statutory considerations and basis for proposal	<p>Three reasons can be considered in terms of the statutory basis for this report being shared for information with the Health and Wellbeing Board.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Safeguarding the welfare of children is everyone’s business and the LSCB would like the Health and Wellbeing Board to consider the information in the report on this basis 2. The LSCB has set out in its Terms of Reference (June 2015) the requirement for the LSCB Annual Report to be presented to the Health and Wellbeing Board (see section 6.4 and 7.7). By delivering this presentation the LSCB is meeting its responsibilities and raising awareness of safeguarding concerns 3. Although the Council is responsible for establishing the LSCB, the Board is not accountable to the Health and Wellbeing Board – it is independent. Therefore the relationship between the Boards is one of mutual challenge and scrutiny. It is also on this basis the LSCB would like to present its work. The work of the LSCB will be further scrutinised by a new arrangement coming in this year with the formulation of a separate Scrutiny Panel (Terms of Reference section 6.5).
Consultation	The LSCB has consulted all partners on the content of the Annual Report 2014 – 15 and Business Plan 2015-18 at its meeting in June 2015. The partners have included their activity in Appendix 7 of the Report.
Risk management	<p>A risk assessment related to the issue and recommendations has been undertaken, in compliance with the Council's decision making risk management guidance.</p> <p>The LSCB will be developing its own Risk Register in 2015-16 which will be available to share with the Health and Wellbeing Board if requested.</p>

THE REPORT

- 1.1 The Health and Wellbeing Board are asked to consider the information provided in the LSCB Annual Report 2014-15.
- 1.2 The Report is written in a new format and the LSCB has tried to consider the difference its work has made during the period and has asked itself the question 'so what?' throughout.
- 1.3 The Report looks at the following areas;
 - the current context for B&NES and how safe children and young people are
 - an update on changes to national and local policy frameworks
 - the Boards governance arrangements and relationships with other Boards and Committees
 - the work of the sub-groups and the achievements during the year
 - the support and case activity that has taken place during the year and compares this with national data where this is available
 - delivery of the 2014-15 work programme (Appendix 9) and priorities for 2015 – 18.
- 1.4 The Report also contains an Executive Summary (pages 5 to 6) written by the Board Chair Reg Pengelly.

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