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Report summary table	
Report title	Local Safeguarding Children Board Annual Report 2015-16 and Business Plan 2015-18
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List of attachments	<p>Attachment 1: LSCB Annual Report 2015-16</p> <p>Attachment 2: LSCB Annual Report 2015-16 Executive Summary</p> <p>Attachment 3: Business Plan 2015-18</p>
Background papers	<p>No specific background papers however below is a link to the LSCB web page which has all relevant local and national documents.</p> <p>http://www.bathnes.gov.uk/services/children-young-people-and-families/child-protection/local-safeguarding-children-board</p>
Summary	<p>The Local Safeguarding Children Board's Annual Report 2015-16 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 and progress against these as at 31st March 2016. The Business Plan is routinely monitored and reviewed with new actions included as required. This year we have also written an Executive Summary and are in the process of creating a child friendly version with the support of the Youth Forum and Senior In Care Council.</p>
Recommendations	<p>The Board is asked to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Note the Annual Report, Executive Summary 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	<p>The LSCB is a Statutory Board and has a clear remit as set out in the Children Act 2004, Regulation 5 of the LSCB Regulations 2006 and the LSCB Terms of Reference (June 2015). The work of the</p>

	<p>Board clearly contributes to the outcomes of the Health and Wellbeing Strategy 2015-19, examples of the contribution are included in the following themes and priorities:</p> <p>Theme 1: Preventing ill health by helping people to stay healthy Priority 2: Improved support to families with complex needs</p> <p>Theme 2: Improving the quality of people’s lives Priority 6: Promoting mental wellbeing and supporting recovery</p> <p>Theme 3: Tackling health inequalities by creating fairer life chances Priority 10: Reduce the health and wellbeing consequences of domestic abuse</p> <p>The Board welcome the clear statement on page 19 of the Strategy which references Keeping people safe and states the commitment to:</p> <p>Delivering good quality care and keeping people safe is the business of the Health and Wellbeing Board. Protecting people’s health, wellbeing and human rights and enabling them to live free from harm, abuse and neglect is vital.</p> <p>“We will make sure that vulnerable children, young people and adults at risk of harm are protected and kept safe.”</p>
<p>Resource implications</p>	<p>The LSCB is funded through multi-agency partners; the budget is set out in Appendix 3 of the report. Whilst the 2015-16 multi-agency budget is in credit the Board needs to be aware that this is non-recurring credit and that it will be significantly reduced in 2016-17 due to funding a Serious Case Review and reduced contributions by some partners. The LSCB Chair in his Foreword and in the Executive Summary has acknowledged this by stating:</p> <p>‘Public finances continue to be pressured across every agency associated with the LSCB. I am mindful of the substantial pressure to reduce contributions both financial and in terms of people, to the LSCB by member agencies. I wish to record my appreciation of those agencies that have resisted the temptation to withdraw resources.’ (p4 and p8)</p>
<p>Statutory considerations and basis for proposal</p>	<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 and because it meets the outcomes the Health and Wellbeing Board set out to achieve 2. The LSCB has set out in its Terms of Reference (June 2015) the requirement for the LSCB Annual Report to be

	<p>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</p> <p>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 has been further scrutinised by the 360 Appraisal of the Independent Chair and a new arrangement that came into effect in 2015 with the formulation of a separate Scrutiny Panel (Terms of Reference section 6.5) and in the coming year this will be widened to include the work of the LSAB.</p> <p>The Board is advised to also note that the Government has published its response to the recommendations of a national review of the work of LSCBs and the arrangements for Serious Case Reviews, conducted by Alan Wood, a former Director of Children’s Services. Their response is likely to prompt significant changes in the way that LSCBs function and how SCRs are conducted. These changes will be subject to future legislation and new statutory guidance. (page 3 Annual Report).</p>
Consultation	<p>The LSCB has consulted all partners on the content of the Annual Report 2015 – 16 and Business Plan 2015-18 at its meeting in June 2016. The partners have included their activity in Appendix 5 of the Report.</p>
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 has developed its own Risk Register in 2016-18 which is 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 2015-16; the Executive Summary and the Business Plan.

1.2 The report follows a similar format to last year and benefits from a separate Executive Summary which is being reproduced in a child friendly version; the Executive Summary highlights the key areas the LSCB want to promote.

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 most significant of which for 2015-16 include a focus on Female Genital Mutilation, Modern Slavery and radicalisation (Prevent duty guidance). There has also been a new Joint Targeted Area Inspection Framework introduced by Ofsted which the LSCB has considered and undertaken a preparation workshop on July 2016.
- 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 available
- delivery of the 2015-16 work programme and priorities for 2015 – 18
- partner reports on individual agencies safeguarding practice
- Finally the joint working and streamlining of LSCB and Local Safeguarding Adults Board work – this has been a focus during the year.

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