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<u>Report summary table</u>	
Report title	Annual Reports 2017-18, Executive Summaries and Strategic Plans 2018-21 for B&NES Local Safeguarding Childrens and Adults Safeguarding Boards (LSCB & LSAB)
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List of attachments	LSCB: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. LSCB Executive Summary LSAB: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 2. LSAB Executive Summary 3. LSAB Annual Report 2017-18
Background papers	<p>From the B&NES Safeguarding Website:</p> <p>LSCB Annual Report 2017-18</p> <p>LSCB Strategic Plan 2018-21 on a page</p> <p>LSCB Strategic Plan 2018-21</p> <p>LSAB Strategic Plan 2018-21 on a page</p> <p>LSAB Strategic Plan 2018-21</p>
Summary	<p>The Local Safeguarding Childrens and Local safeguarding Adults Boards' Annual Reports 2017-18 and Strategic Plans highlight the work of the Boards during the period and provide information and analysis of safeguarding case activity for the Health and Wellbeing Board to note.</p> <p>The Executive Summaries are provided as standalone documents to enable Board members and the public to more easily digest the key areas of work the Board has undertaken.</p>
Recommendations	<p>The Board is asked to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Note the LSCB and LSAB Annual Reports and respective Executive Summaries and their new Strategic Plans for 2018-21 • Raise any queries or concerns on safeguarding activity • Recommend areas you would like the LSCB and LSAB 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).</p> <p>The LSAB is a Statutory Board and established under the Care Act 2014. The LSAB in its Terms of Reference (section 3.5.1, February 2017) sets out the expectation to report to the Health and Wellbeing Board.</p> <p>The work of each 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 Safeguarding Boards welcome the clear statement on page 19 of the Strategy which references keeping people safe and states the commitment to: 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>
Resource implications	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • B&NES Council, BaNES NHS CCG, and Avon and Somerset Constabulary contributed to the LSAB running costs during the period. B&NES Council balance the running costs of the LSAB. <p>The LSAB budget is set out in Appendix 3 of the full report.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The LSCB is funded through multi-agency partners; the budget is set out in the full report. Whilst the 2017-18 multi-agency budget is in credit the Board needs to be aware that this is non-recurring credit and that it was significantly reduced in 2017-18 due to funding for two Serious Case Reviews. • Following agreement with B&NES Council, BaNES NHS CCG, and Avon and Somerset Constabulary to contribute equally to any Serious Case Reviews (SCRs) or Safeguarding Adult Reviews (SARs), additional contributions have been sought from the three statutory partners in 2017-18 to fund these in addition to the general running costs of the Boards.
Statutory considerations and basis for proposal	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Three reasons can be considered in terms of the statutory basis for the LSCB reports being shared for information with the Health and Wellbeing Board. <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 through its Strategy. 2. The LSCB has set out in its Terms of Reference (June 2018) the requirement for the LSCB Annual Report to be presented to the Health and Wellbeing Board (see section 6.3 and 7.7). By delivering this presentation the LSCB is

	<p>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.</p> <p>The Board is advised to also note that in June 2018 the Government published Working Together 2018 which gives the new statutory partners – B&NES Council, BaNES NHS CCG and Avon and Somerset Constabulary 12 months to agree and publish new safeguarding arrangements in line with the Children and Social Work Act 2017. The new arrangements have to be in place by 29th September 2019.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Association of Directors of Adults Social Services recommends that LSABs present their Annual Reports to the Health and Wellbeing Board for consideration. The LSAB welcome the scrutiny and challenge from the Board as well in order to ensure the widest breadth of views are heard and considered. • The work of the LSCB and LSAB will be further scrutinised by the 360 Appraisal of the Independent Chair with the formulation of a separate Scrutiny Panel.
Consultation	<p>The LSCB Annual Report, LSCB Executive Summary and associated papers were approved by the LSCB in June 2018 and have been to the Children & Young People Policy and Development Scrutiny Panel in July 2018 for approval and discussion.</p> <p>The LSAB Strategic Plan and one page summary were approved by the LSAB in June 2018. However the Annual Report and Executive Summary are due to be approved by the LSAB on the 18th September. In the interim they have been approved by the Independent Chair, the Corporate Director and the Lead Member for B&NES Council all of whom sit on the LSAB.</p> <p>The Health and Wellbeing Board are asked to note that this report could be subject to slight change following the September LSAB.</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 and LSAB developed their own Risk Registers for 2016-18 which are regularly monitored. New Risk Registers are being developed for 2018-21, are out for consultation and will be approved by both Boards in December. Both will then be available to share with the Health and Wellbeing Board if requested.</p>

THE REPORT

LSCB

1. The LSCB Report covers

- 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 2017-18 include a focus on the review of Working Together to Safeguard Children, new child death review guidance and new regulations were then published on 29th June 2018, and revisions to Keeping Children Safe in Education. Ofsted continues its programme of Joint Targeted Area Inspection Frameworks (JTAI) every six months which the LSCB has considered and undertaken a multi-agency preparation audit workshops on the identified specific themes
- the Boards governance arrangements and relationships with other Boards and Committees
- the work of the sub-groups and the achievements during the year
- the work undertaken by Schools Improvement, the Virtual School, Disabled Childrens team/SEND, the Responsible Authorities Group and Public Health
- 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 2017-18 work programme and priorities for 2018 – 21

2. Outcomes

- a) Throughout 2017-18 B&NES recorded continued pressures in relation to safeguarding activity. Partners have continued to focus on the importance of developing Early Help resources that will prevent the escalation of concerns for many of our vulnerable families. The Multi-Agency Safeguarding Hub (MASH) and the work of the Early Help Board have continued to make significant contributions to this agenda. At the end of 2017-18 there were 176 young people subject to a Child Protection Plan, this represents a significant rise from the previous year (151) and illustrates both the local and national pressures in relation to Safeguarding activity. The number of children “Looked After” in B&NES has also increased in the past year up to 168 at the end of the year (from 160 in 2016/17). The demand for services within both the Council Duty team and across many other agencies has also increased. The Council Duty team has seen a rise in “Requests for Services” of over 25% in the past two years. However, the rate of re-referrals into Children’s Social Care continues to remain lower than the national average which is indicative of good quality assessments and interventions which are predominantly meeting the needs of families.
- b) The number of Common Assessment Framework’s (CAF) has fallen over the last 12 months. This is primarily due to the work that we are currently undertaking to review and refresh the template for these early intervention assessments. A number of agencies have been involved in designing and piloting the new templates which will be launched in July 2018. Despite the reduction of CAF’s, the overall number of referrals across all Early Help services remains strong with each quarter showing referrals in excess of 300. This is positive and confirms a good use of and understanding from all agencies of the range of early help services available to our families.

- c) At the end of March 2018, there were 610 children who were deemed as being Children in Need. This figure is slightly down from the previous year but is within our expected range and in line with national trends.

3. Key Achievements to Note

- a) Engagement with children and young people – The former Member of the Youth Parliament (MYP) gave a presentation to the Board on the work of the Youth Forum, Senior in Care Council (SICC) and Youth Parliaments. The Senior in Care Council wrote and scored interview questions for the LSCB Independent Chair, they worked with B&NES Director of Safeguarding and the LSCB Business Manager on the promotion of safeguarding of young people by designing the young Person's Guide to the LSCB, feeding into the new Strategic Plan 2018-21 and adding questions to the Annual Safeguarding in Education audit on mental health identification, training and support, which all establishments in B&NES then completed.
- b) Ofsted – Following the Ofsted review of the LSCB in May 2017 where the LSCB was given a rating of GOOD and three recommendations to complete, there is clear evidence in the Annual Report of the presentation of Child death Overview panel (CDOP), Private Fostering, Independent Reviewing Officers (IRO), (Local Authority Designated Officer) LADO and Child Protection (CP) Chairs Annual Reports and the reporting of performance data now includes data requested by Ofsted on the timeliness of visits to children following the point of referral, as well as the statutory visiting frequency. The recommendation around Child Sexual Exploitation (CSE) to strengthen current arrangements for partners to raise awareness of child sexual exploitation through licensing activity is included in the Strategic Plan for 2018-21
- c) The Professional Practice sub group (PPG) has continued to audit and scrutinise the work and decision making of all agencies involved in safeguarding decision making. In the past year the group has been able to challenge how agencies are listening to the voice of the child, working to prevent and reduce drift in safeguarding cases as well as challenging practice in relation to decision-making at Initial Child Protection Conferences. The Board has taken very seriously the challenges in regard to preventing some of the drift identified by the PPG in some of this audit activity.
- d) The LSCB has continued to support the work of the Willow Project and continues to fund the work of the CSE consultant who has greatly assisted in the development of the project as well as playing an instrumental role in updating the CSE Protocol, Strategy and Action Plans to ensure these remain relevant to the new ideas and practice innovations within this area of work.
- e) The LSCB has continued to undertake work on the two Serious Case Review's (SCR) that were commissioned last year. We anticipate that both of these will now be published in the autumn of 2018/19. The SCR sub group has also considered two other requests for SCR's over the past year. Although the decision was not to proceed for both cases as they did not meet the threshold for an SCR, the SCR group agreed that both cases would benefit from internal leaning and review processes which are now underway.
- f) The LSCB has continued to update and revise a range of key policies and guidance to ensure that the Board continues to be informed through documents that remain up to date and relevant to emerging priorities. In the past twelve months the Board has

endorsed and revised a range of documents some of which include the Child Sexual Exploitation Strategy 2017-2019, B&NES Domestic Abuse Statement 2017, the Board Assurance Framework, Private Fostering leaflets, LSCB and LSAB Modern Slavery Statement, Joint Working in Mental Health, Early Help Strategy and Threshold Document, and LSCB and LSAB Communications and Media Protocol.

g) Safeguarding Training we delivered:

- 70 LSCB training sessions taking place comprising of 26 different courses
- 1247 Inter-agency training places made available
- 1151 Inter-agency training places booked
- 1026 Inter-agency training places attended
- 768 professionals trained across the LSCB partner agencies, Voluntary and Private sectors
- 680 E-learning modules started and 472 completed through the Learning Pool
- 14 Single agency training sessions taking place

4. Future Areas of Focus

- a) Developing the new safeguarding arrangements with the new statutory partners to replace the LSCB which must be published by the 29th June 2019 and implemented by 29th September 2019.
- b) To deliver the new Strategic Plan which has five key outcomes and 13 priorities in order to meet them:
Five Outcomes
- All children and young people are safe
 - Children, young people, carers and families contribute to the way services respond to child protection and children in care safety concerns
 - LSCB is assured that safeguarding is embedded; is delivered to a high standard and is effective across all partner agencies
 - A skilled, trained and competent workforce
 - The LSCB is effective and responds to the new legislative requirements
- c) To complete the Ofsted recommendations regarding CSE and the night-time economy and developing a multi-agency dataset of safeguarding activity.
- d) To continue work on the Complex (Toxic Trio), disabled children/SEND and raising awareness of private fostering.

LSAB

1. Outcomes and Safeguarding Activity

- a) During the reporting period 2017/18 B&NES received 1,227 new safeguarding concerns (referrals). This is a decrease of 18% compared with last year.
- b) Of these concerns, 382 resulted in support being provided through the safeguarding process.
- c) 69% of all concerns raised did not require a safeguarding response and were either supported through: the provision of information and advice; a social care assessment; action taken by the Council's Contracts and Commissioning Officers or support from another agency.

- d) 96% of people fully or partially obtained the outcome they had identified as wanting from the safeguarding process.
- e) During 2017/18 the 1,227 concerns of abuse or neglect related to 798 people. This means that 35% of concerns were about an individual who had already had at least one other safeguarding concern raised during the year. Having more than one concern raised does not mean that the person was not appropriately supported after the first concern was raised. All the repeat concerns are reviewed by lead professionals in Virgin Care, AWP and the Council's Safeguarding and Quality Assurance Team and regular reports are provided to the LSAB's Performance and Quality Assurance sub group.
- f) A total of 382 concerns moved into a Safeguarding Enquiry during 2017/18. This is 31% of the concerns raised. The concerns related to 337 people.
- g) This level of "conversion" from safeguarding concerns into enquiries has slightly decreased from last year. Last year the conversation rate was 37%.
- h) 1,285 cases were closed during 2017/18 – this accounts for 92% of the total number of cases that were reported as concerns (1,145 new concerns and 140 open from the previous year). The number of cases that were open on the 31st March 2018 was 82 a decrease from the numbers open at the end of the previous year.

2. Key Achievements to Note

- a) The LSAB has commissioned three Safeguarding Adult Reviews (SARs), two have been approved at an extraordinary LSAB in January 2018 where the LSAB agreed not to publish one report at the request of the adult concerned and one will be published in the summer of 2018 as part of the learning on self-neglect along with a revised Self Neglect Policy. The third SAR is on-going and will be completed towards the end of 2018. The LSAB is also participating with the Responsible Authorities Group on a joint Domestic Homicide Review (DHR)/SAR this require Home Office approval before publication but is hoped to be completed by the end of 2018.
- b) The LSAB inter-agency training programme provided across 2017/18 resulted in:
 - 18 LSAB training sessions taking place comprising of 6 different courses
 - 516 Inter-agency training places made available
 - 424 Inter-agency training places booked
 - 367 Inter-agency training places attended
 - 360 professionals trained across the LSAB partner agencies, Voluntary and Private sectors
- c) The LSAB welcomed to the Board one representative from Bath Spa University and continued to work closely with the two Lay Members who give a unique, independent and valuable perspective on safeguarding adults with care and support needs. Their work can positively influence the decisions of the Board. So far the Lay Members have given the Board some very effective challenge and are actively engaged in the work of two sub groups, have taken part in the quality assurance of LSAB Partner Reports and are keen to be involved in more. The Board now has representation from both further and higher education in B&NES.
- d) An Easy Read Factsheet has been developed by the Awareness, Engagement and Communications Sub group with a service user focus group in 2017/18 to compliment the 6 factsheets about safeguarding that are already available:
[LSAB Factsheet 2 - Keeping Adults Safe from Abuse and Neglect](#) (Easy Read)

3. Future Areas of Focus

- a) Deliver the new Strategic Plan 2018-21 which has the following five key outcomes:
- Prevention and early intervention responses are embedded across all partner agencies in order to reduce and, where possible, remove the risk and impact of abuse
 - Adults at risk and carers are listened to throughout the safeguarding process. They contribute fully in the development of safeguarding services
 - The LSAB is assured that safeguarding is embedded, is delivered to a high standard and is effective across all partner agencies
 - A workforce which is skilled, competent and confident in all aspects of safeguarding
 - The LSAB is responsive to national changes in practice and legislation and to any changes to the role of the LSCB
- 12 priority areas have been identified to achieve these outcomes and they can be found in the Plan.
- b) To develop a multi-agency dataset of safeguarding activity.
- c) To launch a new Self Neglect Policy and guidance in line with the SAR Action Plan and ensure that agencies working in B&NES with adults with care and support needs are fully aware of it.

Joint Work

1. Independent Chair

Robert Lake has taken on the chairing of the B&NES LSCB and LSAB from end of September 2017. The hand-over from Reg Pengelly was very smooth and the Boards have retained a good sense of continuity and strength.

2. Joint Working Plan

Appendix 7 refers to the completed Joint Working Plan for both Boards and shows where any unfinished work has been included in the new Strategic Plans.

One particular focus has been the work undertaken around the Complex (Toxic) Trio using in a Think Family approach at both the children and adults affected in a family with mental health issues, domestic abuse and or substance abuse. A multi-agency working group has undertaken a research project to:

- Develop a better understanding of the prevalence of children in B&NES where at least one parent/carer is experiencing one or more of the Toxic/Complex Trio issues. With particular focus on those that are experiencing all three issues.
- Identify the support and safeguarding being provided and to keep children in B&NES safe.
- Identify strengths and weaknesses within the system to help develop more effective, coordinated and targeted support and interventions

The Council and wider services have already started to put many of the actions identified into place including reviewing all relevant contracts of commissioned services to make sure they stipulate the recognition, recording and reporting of service users with Toxic/Complex Trio needs and whether they have children.

3. Partner Reports:

There has been a change in the process this year in relation to Partner Reports; the Annual Reports are shorter than previously as all Partner Reports for 2017/18 have been quality assured by a task and finish group and a summary of their findings in terms of both the LSCB / LSAB indicators for all partners and safeguarding work has been included in the appendices. Individual quality assured reports will then be sent to each member or associate member agency, and to the few that did not complete a report to help them improve their work and reporting in 2018/19.

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