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<u>Report summary table</u>	
Report title	Governance Arrangements for Community Safety and Safeguarding in B&NES
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List of attachments	<p>The following suite of attachments can be found at the web link below:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • B&NES Community Safety and Safeguarding Partnership Arrangements (outlining the new governance structure, financial arrangements, benefits and limitations). In addition to this we have published a plan on a page for ease • Operational Group Membership (containing a list of organisations and agents which the Partnership have identified as important to the success of the work of the Partnership • Arrangements for Independent Scrutiny – this was a statutory requirement to produce as part of the new arrangements • Partnership Implementation Plan – this was also a statutory requirement to publish. Appendix 1 is the updated version of this Implementation Plan • Threshold document– this was also a statutory requirement for publication and it relates to children only • Revised arrangements for oversight of child deaths – again a statutory requirement for publication. <p>https://www.safeguarding-bathnes.org.uk/adults/local-safeguarding-adults-board/10-new-safeguarding-arrangements-bnes-september-2019</p> <p>If copies of the documents are required please contact the author and these can be forwarded.</p>
Background papers	<p>Proposed new governance for community safety and safeguarding in B&NES report to Health and Care Board 04/06/19.</p> <p>The new B&NES Community Safety and Safeguarding Partnership has been developed to ensure compliance with the following relevant Acts and statutory guidance:</p> <p>Children and Social Work Act 2017</p>

	<p>Working Together to Safeguard Children 2018 Care Act 2014 Care and Support Statutory Guidance 2018 Crime and Disorder Act 1998 Police and Justice Act 2006 Policing Social Responsibility Act 2011</p>
Summary	<p>The attached documents set out the rationale for establishing a new governance arrangement for community safety and safeguarding in B&NES. B&NES Community Safety and Safeguarding Partnership will come into being on the 28th September 2019 and will replace the existing Local Safeguarding Children Board (LSCB), the Local Safeguarding Adult Board (LSAB) and the Responsible Authorities Group (RAG).</p> <p>The Children and Social Work Act 2017 and Working Together to Safeguard Children 2018 specified that LSCB's are to be abolished and that new arrangements for safeguarding children were required to be published by the 29th June 2019 and implemented by the 28th September 2019. B&NES LSCB, LSAB and RAG have worked creatively together to take advantage of this opportunity and have developed the new Partnership with the commitment and focus on 'Think Family and Community'.</p>
Recommendations	<p>The Board is asked to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Note the new B&NES Community Safety and Safeguarding Partnership • Note the progress being made to ensure the successful implementation of the Partnership and suggest any additional actions to ensure a smooth transition
Rationale for recommendations	<p>The B&NES Community Safety and Safeguarding Partnership will bring together the work of the LSCB, LSAB and the RAG. Both the LSCB and LSAB contribute to the Health and Wellbeing Strategy 2015-2019 directly in the following ways:</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>By bringing the work of the LSCB, LSAB and RAG together the aim is to enhance this contribution by bringing three strategic discussions into one. By including the work of the RAG in the new Partnership Priority 2 and 10 will be further enhanced as the RAG are also concerned with work supporting the Connecting Families agenda and domestic abuse.</p>

	<p>Whilst the Health and Wellbeing Strategy references the Safeguarding Boards on page 19 and the Boards will no longer exist from the 29th September 2019 – the new B&NES Community Safety and Safeguarding Partnership will continue the commitment to making sure vulnerable children, young people and adults at risk of harm are protected and kept safe.</p>
Resource implications	<p>The resources required are set out in the B&NES Community Safety and Safeguarding Partnership Arrangements document which can be found on the above link and can be found on pages 14 and 15 in relation to the Partnerships business function and 16-17 for the training programme. Financial contributions have been agreed with the Council, Banes NHS CCG and Avon and Somerset Constabulary. Contributions from the other two statutory partners – Avon Fire and Rescue and the National Probation Service are provided through staff resource. Note there is no requirement in the legislation for Avon Fire and Rescue and the National Probation Service to contribute financially.</p>
Statutory considerations	<p>The report sets out the statutory requirement to abolish LSCBs and considers the benefits and limitations of moving to the new B&NES Community Safety and Safeguarding Partnership (bringing together the work of the LSCB, LSAB and RAG). An Equalities Impact Assessment is in draft form and includes consideration of climate change issues.</p>
Climate change	<p>The amount of face to face meetings will be significantly reduced and therefore reducing carbon emissions.</p>
Consultation	<p>The new arrangements has been discussed frequently with RAG, LSCB and LSAB colleagues. There was also a workshop on the 3rd May 2019 which members attended and considered the benefits and limitations. The Health and Care Board have also approved the new arrangement.</p>
Risk management	<p>The limitations identified within the documentation highlight the risks of the proposal. Mitigations are being included in the Implementation Plan to ensure these are reduced. The LSCB and LSAB existing Risk Registers are being reviewed and a new Risk Register for the Partnership will be developed.</p>

THE REPORT

1.1 The documents set out in the list of attachments section of the report include the detail of the B&NES Community Safety and Safeguarding Partnership. The report sets out:

- the background leading to the conception of the Partnership
- assurance that statutory requirements will be delivered via the new Partnership
- the governance of the new Partnership including an Executive Group, Operational Group, range of sub groups and some task and finish groups. The structure will ensure the focus on children, young people and adults safety is maintained and strengthened
- how links will be developed and / or maintained with other relevant organisations and Partnerships eg, Educational establishments and the Homeless Partnership
- how the voice of children, young people and adults will be enhanced
- the financial arrangements and commitments from the Council, Banes NHS CCG and Avon and Somerset Constabulary
- how training will be delivered
- the benefits, limitations and mitigations of the Partnership
- cross border working with neighbouring local authorities and CCGs, and
- next steps and proposed timelines

1.2 This report has not gone into the detail of the above as it will duplicate the Partnership document.

1.3 Appendix 1 is the revised Implementation Plan which is being progressed by a working group made up of members of the five statutory organisations. This plan is monitored on a monthly basis.

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