

Bath & North East Somerset Council

MEETING/ DECISION MAKER:	Children, Adults, Health and Wellbeing Policy Development and Scrutiny Panel	
MEETING/ DECISION DATE:	9th November 2021	EXECUTIVE FORWARD PLAN REFERENCE:
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TITLE:	Bath & North East Somerset Community Safety & Safeguarding Partnership (BCSSP) Annual report 2020-2021	
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1 THE ISSUE

1.1 The B&NES Community Safety & Safeguarding Partnership (BCSSP) is introducing its Annual Report for 2020-2021, alongside its new priorities to be actioned in the Strategic Plan 2021-2024.

2 RECOMMENDATION

The Panel is asked to;

2.1 **Proposal 1:** Note the Annual Report and Executive Summary for the BCSSP

2.2 **Proposal 2:** Raise any queries in respect of community safety and/or safeguarding activity

2.3 **Proposal 3:** Recommend any additional areas it would propose that the BCSSP give consideration to in 2021-2024

3 THE REPORT

3.1 The report contains information covering the following areas:

- The current community safety and safeguarding context for B&NES
- The Partnership governance arrangements
- Achievements against community safety and safeguarding priorities for 2020-2021

- The work of the sub-groups during the year
- Adult and children's safeguarding activity data
- Priorities for the year ahead

3.2 Activity and Information Highlights

- 2020-2021 is the first full year of reporting for the BCSSP since it was established in 2019
- It has been an exceptionally challenging year due to the impact of the Covid - 19 pandemic on all partners
- Despite changes to the Executive and Operational Groups, continuity has been maintained, the statutory duties met, and strategic objectives of the partnership have been delivered
- The BCSSP has commissioned three Safeguarding Adult Reviews (SARs) and continued to undertake work towards recommendations from previous SARs
- Activity related to one Domestic Homicide Review was carried out in this year and a 7-minute briefing produced for relevant staff. A decision was taken not to publish this review
- The BCSSP has completed and submitted five Rapid Reviews to the National Panel in response to serious incident notifications relating to children. Whilst learning has been identified, it was recommended that nothing further could be gained from conducting a Child Safeguarding Practice Review, the National Panel concurred.
- The BCSSP has continued to update and revise key policies and procedures, including developing a Scrutiny and Assurance Framework, a Learning and Development Framework, a Persons in Positions of Trust Framework, reviewed and revised the Safeguarding Adult Review and Child Safeguarding Practice Review Protocols, and developed a process for Commissioning a Lead Reviewer.
- The BCSSP has carried out multi-agency audits relating to Mental Capacity Act and County Lines, the findings of which will influence work for 2021-2022.

4 STATUTORY CONSIDERATIONS

4.1 Safeguarding is everyone's business and there is a statutory requirement for the BCSSP to present its Annual Report to the Health and Wellbeing Board. The BCSSP considers it pertinent to also present its report for information to this scrutiny Panel.

4.2 Although the Council is responsible for establishing the BCSSP jointly with its statutory partners, (Avon and Somerset Constabulary, B&NES, Swindon & Wiltshire CCG, National Probation Service and Avon Fire and Rescue Service), the BCSSP is not accountable to this Panel – it is independent. Therefore, the relationship is one of mutual challenge and scrutiny. It is also on this basis the

BCSSP would like to present their work. The Partnership welcomes the scrutiny and challenge from this Panel, in order to ensure the widest breadth of views are heard and considered.

5 RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS (FINANCE, PROPERTY, PEOPLE)

- 5.1 B&NES Council, BaNES, Swindon and Wiltshire CCG, and Avon and Somerset Constabulary contributed to the running costs during the period with smaller contributions being made by National Probation Service.
- 5.2 The BCSSP is funded through multi-agency partners. The budget is managed by the BCSSP Business Manager and budget reports submitted to the Executive Group annually. There is regular discussion regarding partner contributions and resourcing of the BCSSP.
- 5.3 Following agreement with B&NES Council, BaNES, Swindon and Wiltshire CCG, and Avon and Somerset Constabulary contribute equally to any Child Safeguarding Practice Reviews (CSPRs) or Safeguarding Adult Reviews (SARs).

6 RISK MANAGEMENT

- 6.1 A risk assessment related to the issue and recommendations has been undertaken, in compliance with the Council's decision-making risk management guidance.
- 6.2 The BCSSP developed its own Risk Register for 2020 – 2021 which is regularly monitored.

7. EQUALITIES

- 7.1 An Equality Impact Assessment is not required for the BCSSP Annual Report.

8. CLIMATE CHANGE

The BCSSP (and sub-groups) ensure that meetings have dial in facilities available where possible to reduce officers travelling and reduce carbon emissions.

OTHER OPTIONS CONSIDERED

None

9. CONSULTATION

- 9.1 The BCSSP Annual Report was approved by the BCSSP in October 2021. It has been approved by the members of the Executive Group.
- 9.2 The Report will be presented to the Health and Wellbeing Board on the 30th November 2021.

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