

Bath & North East Somerset Council	
MEETING/ DECISION MAKER:	Health and Wellbeing Board
MEETING DATE:	28th November 2022
TITLE:	Bath & North East Somerset Community Safety & Safeguarding Partnership (BCSSP) Annual Report 2021-2022
WARD:	All
AN OPEN PUBLIC ITEM	
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1 THE ISSUE

1.1 The B&NES Community Safety & Safeguarding Partnership (BCSSP) is introducing its Annual Report for 2021-2022, alongside its priorities to be actioned in the Strategic Plan 2021-2024.

2 RECOMMENDATION

The H&WB Board is asked to:

2.1 Note the Annual Report and Executive Summary for the BCSSP

2.2 Raise any queries in respect of community safety and/or safeguarding activity

2.3 Recommend any additional areas it would propose that the BCSSP give consideration to in 2022-2024

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 2021-2022

- 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

- 2021-2022 is the second full year of reporting for the BCSSP since it was established in 2019
- Within the year, partners have scoped an overarching review into the effectiveness of the partnership
- Despite physical and financial resource pressures, continuity has been maintained, the statutory duties met, and strategic objectives of the partnership have been delivered
- The BCSSP has published one Safeguarding Adult Reviews (SARs) and continued to undertake work towards recommendations from previous SARs
- The Practice Review Group has received four referrals for SARs, of which one met the criteria, one is on hold pending the outcome of a drug related death review, one is on hold pending the outcome of a S42 enquiry and one did not meet the criteria for a statutory SAR.
- The Practice Review Group has received three serious incident notifications for consideration but only one required a Rapid Review. This was in relation to child on child abuse and has instigated further work being undertaken in this area.
- The BCSSP has continued to update and revise key policies and procedures, including developing an Escalation Policy and a Managing Allegations Policy.
- The BCSSP has carried out multi-agency audits including a Section 11 Audit, Section 175 Audit, Safeguarding Adults Audit and a Mental Capacity Act Audit.

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.
- 4.2 Although the Council is responsible for establishing the BCSSP jointly with its statutory partners, (Avon and Somerset Constabulary, B&NES, Swindon & Wiltshire ICB, Probation Service and Avon Fire and Rescue Service), the BCSSP is not accountable to this Board – 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 Board, 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 ICB, and Avon and Somerset Constabulary contributed to the running costs during the period with smaller contributions being made by the 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 ICB, 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 2021 – 2022 which is regularly monitored.

7 EQUALITIES

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

8 CLIMATE CHANGE

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

9 OTHER OPTIONS CONSIDERED

- 9.1 None

10 CONSULTATION

- 10.1 The BCSSP Annual Report was approved by the BCSSP in September 2022. It has been approved by the members of the Executive Group.

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Background papers	None
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