

Bath & North East Somerset Council

MEETING:	Early Years, Children and Youth Policy Development and Scrutiny Panel
MEETING DATE:	28 th November 2011
TITLE:	Draft Annual Report from the Local Safeguarding Children Board
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1. Draft Annual Report of the Local Safeguarding Children Board 2011/2012	

THE ISSUE

This is a draft of the second Annual Report of the Local Safeguarding Children Board (LSCB) compiled in accordance with a national template. The Panel considered, and commented upon, the draft report of 2010/11 in November 2010 prior to its submission to the Children's Trust Board and reviewed the final report at its meeting in July 2011. The Panel requested the opportunity to contribute to the draft report for 2011/12 prior to its submission to the Children's Trust Board on 15th December 2011.

This report and the attached paper details the Draft Annual Report as at 9th November 2011.

The work programme for 2012/13 will be completed by the LSCB on 8th February 2012 and the final Report signed off by the LSCB at its meeting on 6th March 2012.

RECOMMENDATION

That the Panel:-

Considers and comments upon the Draft Annual Report and

Proposes any amendments or additions to be included in the Draft to be presented to the Children's Trust Board.

Notes that the Annual Report 2011/2012 will be published on 1st April 2012.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

There are no direct financial implications arising from this report. The Council and partner agencies contribute to a pooled budget to fund the Local Safeguarding Children Board activities.

THE REPORT

The Draft Annual Report of the LSCB 2011/2012 represents the work completed thus far by the Board, its members and stakeholders who will further contribute to this work at the Annual Stakeholders’ Event on 23rd November. It very much represents work in progress and elements of it will not be possible to complete until the end of 2011/12. This will be undertaken incrementally and will incorporate feedback from this Panel, the LSCB core and associate members, other Council Services and partner agencies, the Children’s Trust Board, and service users. The final document will be published on 1st April 2012, and will be a public document.

The Annual Report has been compiled in accordance with a national template for these reports. As well as being a critical appraisal of safeguarding arrangements and practice in Bath and North East Somerset it sets out the key priorities for 2012/2013 and will include a detailed work programme for delivering those priorities. The Draft Annual Report will be presented to the Children’s Trust Board to both present a robust challenge to the work of the CTB in driving improvements in the safeguarding of children and young people and in promoting their welfare, and to inform the annual review of the Children and Young People’s Plan 2011 – 2014.

CONSULTATION

Consultation has taken place thus far with all core and associate member agencies of the LSCB, and staff across all statutory, voluntary and community sector organisations via the Stakeholders’ Event. Plans are in place to consult wider with staff and service users.

RISK ASSESSMENT

A risk assessment will be completed in respect of the final Annual Report in compliance with the Council’s decisions making risk management guidance.

EQUALITIES

An Equalities Impact Assessment will be completed in respect of the final Annual Report.

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Background papers	
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