

	<u>Agenda Item:6</u>
Report to:	Birmingham Health & Wellbeing Board
Date:	27th November 2018
TITLE:	BIRMINGHAM SAFEGUARDING CHILDREN BOARD ANNUAL REPORT 2017/18
Organisation	Birmingham Safeguarding Children Board (BSCB)
Presenting Officer	Claire Bell, Vice Chair BSCB

Report Type:	Information
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1. Purpose:
<p>To present to the Health and Wellbeing Board the Birmingham Safeguarding Children Board (BSCB) Annual Report 2017/18 as required by statute.</p> <p>The BSCB Annual Report provides an overview of progress against the strategic safeguarding priorities set out in BSCB Business Improvement Plan 2017/19. The findings to inform the development of the Joint Strategic Needs Assessment and the Health and Wellbeing Board's Strategic Priorities for Children and Young People.</p>

2. Implications: Please indicate Y or N as appropriate]		
BHWP Strategy Priorities	Child Health	Y
	Vulnerable People	Y
	Systems Resilience	Y
Joint Strategic Needs Assessment		Y
Joint Commissioning and Service Integration		Y
Maximising transfer of Public Health functions		Y
Financial		N
Patient and Public Involvement		Y
Early Intervention		Y
Prevention		Y

3. Recommendation

To receive the BSCB Annual Report 2017/18 to enable the findings to inform the development of the Joint Strategic Needs Assessment.

4. Background

4.1 There is a statutory requirement for the Local Safeguarding Children Boards to publish an Annual Report evaluating the effectiveness of safeguarding in the local area. The Annual Report is presented to the Health and Wellbeing Board, Chief Executive, Leader of the Council and the local Police and Crime Commissioner to inform the planning and commissioning of services for children and young people in Birmingham.

4.3 The report provides a summary of progress and sets out the transitional arrangements for the development of the new Multi-Agency Safeguarding Arrangements that are required to be in place by September 2019. The full Annual Report appears as Appendix 1 and is available to download on the BSCB website.

4.4 The Birmingham Safeguarding Children Board statutory objectives are:

- To coordinate what is done by each person or body represented on the Board for the purposes of safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children in the area; and
- To ensure the effectiveness of what is done by each such person or body for those purposes

4.5 The Annual Report comprises of five sections;

Part 1 – Context and Key Facts about Birmingham.

Part 2 – The Effectiveness of Safeguarding Arrangements – An evaluation of progress on eight challenges highlighted in last year's Annual Report.

Part 3 – Governance, Structure and Accountability - examines how the BSCB has discharged its core statutory functions.

Part 4 – Spotlight on Agency's Contribution to Safeguarding – Provides an insight to each agency's contribution to safeguarding and promotion the wellbeing of children and young people in Birmingham.

Part 5 – Conclusion and Priorities for the Years Ahead – Explores the transitional arrangements for the new Multi-Agency Safeguarding Arrangements and child death partner arrangements that will replace Local Safeguarding Children Boards by 29th September 2019.

- 4.6 The challenge ahead will be to ensure that the changes do not divert or distract partnership endeavor from safeguarding and protecting children and young people.
- 4.7 In the interim period the BSCB will continues to effectively fulfil all of the statutory functions, whilst working in close collaboration with the three 'Safeguarding Partners' West Midlands Police, NHS Birmingham and Solihull Clinical Commissioning Group and Birmingham City Council to deliver a smooth transition to the new Multi-Agency Safeguarding Arrangements.
- 4.8 The final year of the Business Improvement Plan 2017-19 will continue to focus on same three priorities :

Priority 1: Strong Leadership & Strong Partnership

BSCB leads the safeguarding agenda, challenges the work of partner organisations, and commits to an approach that learns lessons, embeds good practice and is continually influenced by the voice and experience of children, young people and their families.

Priority 2: Continuous Improvement of Child Protection Practice

BSCB and partner agencies focus on what really matters in local areas – context is key: Children and young people at risk of specific vulnerabilities in Birmingham are seen, heard and helped. They are effectively protected from harm by robust and coordinated multi-agency intervention and support.

Priority 3: Embedding Early Help & Early Intervention into mainstream partnership activity.

Children and young people receive effective early help and appropriate interventions when needs are identified and/or problems arise. Partners support each other in providing early help, by sharing information and planning together for best outcomes.

5.	Compliance Issues
5.1	<i>Strategy Implications</i>
	There is a statutory requirement for the BSCB Annual Report to be presented the Health and Wellbeing Board, Chief Executive, Leader of the Council and the local police and crime commissioner to inform the planning and commissioning of services for children and young people in Birmingham.
5.2	<i>Governance & Delivery</i>
	The findings from the Annual Report should inform the development of the Joint Strategic Needs Assessment and future joint commissioning arrangements for services targeted at children, young people and families.

5.3 Management Responsibility

Publication and sharing of the BSCB Annual Report is the responsibility of the Independent Chair of the BSCB. Oversight of the implementation of the findings appertaining to the Health and Wellbeing Board is the responsibility of the Chair of the Health and Wellbeing Board.

6. Risk Analysis

- 6.1 The newly established City Board provides a strategic forum that brings together the Chairs of the Health and Wellbeing Board, Birmingham Safeguarding Children Board, Community Safety Partnership and the Adult Safeguarding Board.
- 6.2 The City Board provides an opportunity to further clarify and enhance the coordination and collaboration of partnership intervention on the strategic issues that have the greatest impact on children, young people and families in Birmingham.
- 6.3 It is considered that the Health and Wellbeing Board are better placed to assess the level of risk.

Identified Risk	Likelihood	Impact	Actions to Manage Risk

Appendices

Appendix 1 - Birmingham Safeguarding Children Board Annual Report 2017/18

Signatures

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