

HEALTH AND WELLBEING BOARD

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Title:	Barking & Dagenham Safeguarding Children Board (BDSCB) Annual Report 2013-14		
Report of the Barking & Dagenham Safeguarding Children Board			
Open Report	For Information		
Wards Affected: None	Key Decision: No		
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Summary: The BDSCB has produced its Annual Report 2013-14 in line with Working Together 2013. This report demonstrates the impact of the work of the BDSCB partners to safeguard children and young people across the borough. The BDSCB have identified the following priorities for 2014-15: <ol style="list-style-type: none">1. To identify and monitor groups of children who are particularly vulnerable, in order to improve and embed our operational and strategic approaches to safeguard– for example, Child sexual exploitation, missing children2. Challenge approaches to monitoring and evaluating the impact of services on safeguarding children and young people and hold partners to account.3. To identify improvements needed in safeguarding practice across the partnership, and where necessary challenge those agencies involved, via multi agency audits in order to evidence improvement.3. Further develop the practitioner forum to facilitate engagement of all practitioners across the partnership.4. Work in partnership with the Adult Safeguarding Board to support the development of a family focussed approach so that all services recognise the impact on families and children of domestic abuse, mental health, substance misuse.			
Recommendation(s) The Health and Wellbeing Board is recommended to note the contents of the report.			

Reason(s)

To assist the Council in achieving its vision and priorities, particularly in relation to the priority of 'Enabling social responsibility'.

1. Introduction and Background

- 1.1 In line with Working Together 2013, the LSCB Chair must publish an annual report on the effectiveness of child safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children in the local area.
- 1.2 In line with the statutory guidance, this Annual Report should be shared with the Chair of the Health and Wellbeing Board and the wider partnership. This report has also been shared with the Children's Trust.

2. Proposal

- 2.1 The Safeguarding Children Board will continue to publish an Annual Report, working together with Partners, and in line with statutory guidance.
- 2.2 Safeguarding Children Board priorities have been identified as detailed within the summary above, and the evaluation of these will be detailed within the following year's Annual report.

3. Mandatory Implications

3.1 Joint Strategic Needs Assessment

The JSNA has a section dedicated to the analysis of safeguarding children. This report is used to update this section of the JSNA and its recommendations annually.

3.2 Health and Wellbeing Strategy

Safeguarding is an integral part of the safeguarding elements in our Health and Wellbeing Strategy. At this point there is no need to change the focus of the Health and Wellbeing Strategy as a result of this annual report.

3.3 Integration

The Local Safeguarding Children Board is the key statutory mechanism for agreeing how relevant local organisations in Barking and Dagenham cooperate to safeguard and promote the welfare of children, and for ensuring the effectiveness of what they do. The Barking and Dagenham Safeguarding Children Board brings together representatives from the Council, the Clinical Commissioning Group, North East London NHS Foundation Trust (NELFT), Barking and Dagenham, Havering and Redbridge University Hospitals Trust (BHRUT), NHS England, the Police and Probation.

3.4 Financial Implications

Implications provided by: Caroline Connelly, Senior Project Accountant, Children Services

Financial Implications are contained within the LSCB's Annual Report.

3.5 Legal Implications

Implications provided by: Lindsey Marks, Principal Solicitor, Corporate Legal Services

Working Together 2013 sets out what should be covered in the LSCB's Annual Report. It should provide a rigorous and transparent assessment of the performance and effectiveness of local services. It should identify areas of weakness, the causes of those weaknesses and the action being taken to address them as well as other proposals for action. The report should include lessons from reviews undertaken within the reporting period

It should also list the contributions made to the LSCB by partner agencies and details of what the LSCB has spent, including on Child Death Reviews, Serious Case Reviews and other specific expenditure such as learning events or training. The Annual Report should be published on the local LSCBs website and is drawn to the attention of the Health and Wellbeing Board, the Police and Crime Commissioner, the local authority Chief Executive and the Leader of the Council.

Public Background Papers Used in the Preparation of the Report:

None

List of Appendices:

Appendix 1 - LSCB Annual Report 2013-14