

# HEALTH AND WELLBEING BOARD

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<b>Title:</b>	Barking & Dagenham Safeguarding Children Board (BDSCB) Annual Report 2014-15
<b>Report of the Barking &amp; Dagenham Safeguarding Children Board</b>	
<b>Open Report</b>	For Information
<b>Wards Affected:</b> None	<b>Key Decision:</b> No
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<b>Summary:</b>  The BDSCB has produced its Annual Report 2014-5 in line with Working Together 2015.  This report demonstrates the impact of the work of the BDSCB partners to safeguard children and young people across the borough.  Working Together 2015 states that:  <i>"The independent Chair of the LSCB must publish an annual report on the effectiveness of child safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children in the local area. The annual report should be submitted to the Chief Executive, Leader of the Council, the local police and crime commissioner and the Chair of the health and well-being board. The report 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."</i>  The report is divided into 5 sections:  <b>Chapter 1</b> summarises the key conclusions reached by the LSCB in assessing how well children and young people are safeguarded in Barking & Dagenham.  <b>Chapter 2</b> sets out the demographic information in relation to children and young people living in Barking & Dagenham. It outlines significant developments that have taken place within partner agencies during the year and also details what is currently known about levels of need in the borough and early help and safeguarding activity.  <b>Chapter 3</b> provides information on how the LSCB operates in Barking & Dagenham and explains in detail the work it has undertaken during 2014-15 to discharge its statutory functions and deliver its priorities. It also provides a detailed analysis of the evidence seen by the LSCB to indicate the quality and effectiveness of safeguarding practice and arrangements.	

**Chapter 4** focuses on priority groups of vulnerable children and young people, including children subject to, or at risk of sexual exploitation, children affected by domestic abuse, privately fostered children and missing children. It sets out the LSCBs work to safeguard these groups and where possible seeks to assess the impact of this work.

**Chapter 5** outlines the LSCB's priorities for 2015-18.

### **Recommendation(s)**

The Health and Wellbeing Board is recommended to note the contents of the report

## **1. Introduction and Background**

In line with Working Together 2015, the LSCB Chair must publish an annual report on the effectiveness of child safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children in the local area.

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**

The Safeguarding Children Board will continue to publish an Annual Report, working together with Partners, and in line with statutory guidance.

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 Consultation**

## **4 Mandatory Implications**

Not applicable

### **4.1 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.

### **4.2 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.

### **4.3 Integration**

### **4.4 Financial Implications (Caroline Connelly)**

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

### **4.5 Legal Implications (Lindsey Marks)**

Working Together 2015 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 A - LSCB Annual Report 2014-15**