

Children, Young People and Education Scrutiny Commission

Leicester Safeguarding Children
Partnership Board - Yearly Report
2023/24

Date of Commission meeting: 29 October 2024
Lead Director: Laurence Jones, Strategic Director Social
Care and Education



Useful Information:

- Ward(s) affected: All
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- Date of Exec meeting: 10 October 2024

1. Summary

The Children, Young People and Education Scrutiny Commission will receive, at their October 2024 meeting, the Leicester Safeguarding Children Partnership Board (LSCPb) 2023/24 Yearly Report which will be presented by the LSCPb Independent Chair.

The [Children and Social Work Act 2017](#) abolished Local Safeguarding Children Boards (LSCBs) and replaced them with 'local arrangements'. This means that safeguarding partners (the local authority, integrated care board (health) and chief officer of police) must make arrangements to work together to safeguard and promote the welfare of children in Leicester.

Statutory guidance ([Working Together 2023](#), para. 106) notes that safeguarding partners must jointly report on the activity they have undertaken in a 12-month period. The LSCPb Yearly Report presented to the Children, Young People and Education Scrutiny Commission provides an overview of work undertaken by the LSCPb including

- Local data
- Updates on business plan priorities
- Child safeguarding practice reviews
- Multi-agency safeguarding procedures
- Multi-agency training
- Multi-agency audits and assurance

It also outlines how the LSCPb priorities were met during 2023/24 business year and provides an overview of the priorities for 2023-25.

2. Recommendation(s) to scrutiny

The Children, Young People and Education Scrutiny Commission is invited to:

- Comment on how effectively Leicester safeguarding partners (police, health, and local authority) have jointly reported on the activity they have undertaken in a 12-month period, with a focus on multi-agency priorities, learning, impact, evidence, and improvement.

3. Supporting Information

In line with statutory guidance the 2023/24 LSCPb Yearly Report was [published](#) on the LSCPb website before the end of September 2024.

4. Financial, legal and other implications

4.1 Financial implications

There are no direct financial implications arising from this report, as the report is providing updates on work completed by the LSCPB with no major changes proposed.

4.2 Legal implications

The attached and observe that the contents of the statutory report are noted. There are no direct legal implications arising from its contents.

Signed Susan Holmes
Dated 18th October 2024

4.3. Climate Change implications

There are no significant climate emergency implications directly associated with this report. As service delivery by the council and partners generally contributes to the council's carbon footprint, any impacts could be considered within delivery of related projects, such as encouraging the use of sustainable travel options, using buildings and materials efficiently and following the council's sustainable procurement guidance, as appropriate and relevant.

Aidan Davis, Sustainability Officer, Ext 37 2284

4.4 Equality Impact Assessment

Under the Equality Act 2010, public authorities have a Public Sector Equality Duty (PSED) which means that, in carrying out their functions, they have a statutory duty to pay due regard to the need to eliminate unlawful discrimination, harassment and victimisation, to advance equality of opportunity between people who share a protected characteristic and those who don't and to foster good relations between people who share a protected characteristic and those who don't.

Protected Characteristics under the Equality Act 2010 are age, disability, gender reassignment, marriage and civil partnership, pregnancy and maternity, race, religion or belief, sex, sexual orientation.

This means the council has a duty to consider the diverse needs of the individuals we serve, minimising disadvantage and ensuring the inclusion of under-represented groups. It must ensure that those organisations carrying out duties on its behalf also comply with this duty. Service providers must comply with equalities law and the commissioning authority must ensure providers are able to meet the requirements of the law.

The annual report provides an account of the safeguarding activity, service delivery, leadership, and multi-agency work carried out to protect local children across Leicester, Leicestershire and Rutland. It sets out key priorities: safeguarding babies – improving how we work together with families before and after births to safeguard babies; child mental health, emotional wellbeing, and safeguarding; keeping adolescents safe / supporting safe adolescents; safeguarding children from diverse backgrounds; effective safeguarding of independent and out of school settings; transitional safeguarding. Those impacted upon from the work will be from across all protected characteristics, however the most likely to be affected are people with the

protected characteristics of age and pregnancy and maternity.

Having accurate equality, diversity and inclusion data is important in helping to identify gaps that have an impact on the kind of safeguarding support that needs to be provided to the varying needs of our communities. Initiatives that are designed to improve the provision of safeguarding should lead to positive impacts.

Equalities Officer, Surinder Singh, Ext 37 4148

4.5 Other Implications

In line with statutory guidance the reporting should be transparent and easily accessible to families and professionals.

- 5. Background information and other papers:**
None.
- 6. Summary of appendices:**
Full report attached.
- 7. Is this a private report?**
No. This report has been published on the LSCPB website.