

LEICESTER CITY HEALTH AND WELLBEING BOARD DATE

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| Subject: | LSCB Annual Report |
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EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

This report is presented to the HWBB as:

It is required that the LSCB annual report is presented through the Leicester City Council's own scrutiny arrangements and other strategic partnerships.

The LSCB needs to hold agencies to account and ensure that the delivery of safeguarding services for children and young people in Leicester are effective.

Between the 14 January – 4 February 2015 Leicester City underwent an OFSTED Inspection of services for children in need of help and protection; children looked after and care leavers and Review of the effectiveness of the local safeguarding children board (LSCB). The Overall judgement for Children's Services and the LSCB was inadequate.

An identified area for improvement to be undertaken by the LSCB is as follow:

Produce an Annual Report that is consistent with all the requirements of Working Together (March 2013).

This is the second annual report since the OFSTED inspection 2015. The LSCB annual report reflects on the ongoing developments relating to core business and priorities identified from the outcome of the OFSTED inspection. In 2014/2015 LSCB Annual report and business plan outlined six priorities:

1. Post Ofsted Improvement Plan
2. Core Business and Governance
3. LSCB Identified Themed Priorities
 - a. Evaluating Early Help
 - b. Strengthening CSE
 - c. Female Genital Mutilation
 - d. Neglect
 - e. Voice of the Child
 - f. Domestic Violence
4. Participations and Engagement
 - a. Voice of the Child

- b. Engagement with Frontline Practice
- 5. Effectiveness of Multi-agency Practice
- 6. Children's Workforce Development Issues

Key areas of progress achieved against each of these priorities are as set out in the annual report. In summary this includes the following:-

The LSCB has conducted multi agency audits, increasing the number and quality of audits with the golden thread of early help, voice of the child and views of practitioners integral to the process. The findings have informed training and suggestions regarding practice improvements.

The LSCB has commissioned four serious case reviews during 2015/2016 and an alternative learning review. The learning has been embedded into learning, policy and procedural developments.

Two safeguarding practitioner events in April 2015 and September 2015 took place, with specific emphasis on cascading the learning from audits and reviews which specifically relate to policy and procedural change and embedment into practice on a range of areas. This included:

- Resolving Practitioner Disagreement and Escalation
- Recognition and assessment of Female Genital Mutilation,
 - The completion of refreshed LSCB FGM Safeguarding Procedures and disseminated to frontline practitioners and launch in September 2015
 - FGM Training and briefings to frontline practitioners
 - Schools and public awareness campaign and Dr Sethi's YouTube video.
 - Mini 'Engagement Summit' with young women from the Somali community.
- Managing Risks associated with CSE, Trafficked and Missing
 - Including campaign work schools; theatrical programme - 'Chelsea's Choice'
 - A local authority data set has been established and key information is emerging.
 - A successful partnership bid of £1.23 million to the Strategic Partnership Development Fund (SPDF) of the Police and Crime Commissioner
- Responding to Neglect
 - Update of the LLR LSCB neglect procedure
 - Development of a multi-agency Neglect Strategy and Toolkit and training programme
 - Practitioner survey undertaken re confidence in identifying and responding to neglect
 - Inclusion of child's views of neglect and services
 - MACFA undertaken

Significant work has been undertaken to ensure the robustness in the LSCBs assurance and effectiveness work. A quality assurance and performance management framework was developed. LSCB partners agreed a core dataset and the process for managing data returns by their agency. Work continues to be progressed to ensure partners remain able to provide consistent information to assure the Board of the impact services are having on outcomes for children.

Participation and Engagement

Significant work has been undertaken to ensure that the LSCB has access to the views of children and young people about their experience of services, including those who are involved personally in safeguarding action and also young people in general. This includes:

- Hate Crime Conference and consultation on the LSCB participation strategy
 - Attended by 70 plus children and young persons from across the City
- Development of LSCB Multi-agency Participation and Engagement Strategy
- Children and Young People Shadow Board arrangements developed
- Development of the Multi-Agency Safeguarding Practitioner Development Forum

LSCB Business Delivery Plan 2016-2018

The development of previous LSCB Business Improvement and Delivery Plan 2015-2017 was informed by the outcome of the Ofsted Inspection 2015 and its associated recommendations and a number of priorities identified by the LSCB and its sub-groups. It was identified that there was a need to review the LSCB Business Plan and priorities with an aim of streamlining the LSCBs activity and making it more robust.

The Improvement Notice from the Department for Education has been overseen by the LCC Improvement Board. The current LSCB Business Plan 2016-2018, does take account of the improvement plan, and going forward, the need to ensure it is effectively preparing for the transition of arrangements from the LCCIB to the LSCB.

The LSCB Business Delivery Plan 2016-2018 will be subject to review/renewal in 2018. Keeping to this schedule assures the Board that future business plan development remains aligned to that of the review of the LCC Children's Trust, Children and Young Peoples Plan.

The business plan is much more focussed and presented in a simpler format to allow for effective monitoring and tracking of its implementation. The implementation of the plan will be monitored by the Executive Chairs Group at each meeting. This will include an appropriate RAG rating on progress; where it is identified swift action will be taken on any delays or risks to implementation. A progress report on each priority area will be presented to the LSCB meetings. The sub groups will be responsible for operational delivery of the business plan. Sub-group chairs will devise related delivery plans to ensure the work is driven in line with the business plans expectations.

Strategic Priorities in September 2016 – March 2018

The business priorities for 2016-18 for the LSCB have been agreed in response to the Ofsted Inspection findings, partner engagement in the 'Big Conversation' and from the LSCB Effectiveness Review. In addition to the LSCB's core functions and responsibilities, the LSCB has identified four priorities. They are:

1. *The LSCB is to be assured that there is evidence to consistently demonstrate that children and young people are effectively safeguarded.*
2. *To be assured that 'Early Help' services are accessed and delivered effectively and thresholds are understood and applied consistently.*
3. *LSCB is to be assured that there is a culture of continuous system of single and multi-agency learning and Improvement.*

4. *LSCB is to continue to improve its governance, performance and quality assurance process and to be assured of the effectiveness of the LSCB.*

RECOMMENDATIONS:

The Health and Wellbeing Board is requested to:

1. To note the content of the report
2. Key messages are disseminated to staff and that a priority is given to discuss the Annual Report in team meetings and service briefings in order to raise the profile of the LSCB and ensure the role of the LSCB is understood.
3. Provide assurance to the LSCB that the above activity has been undertaken.