



To: Coventry Health and Wellbeing Board

Date: 16th October 2017

From: Eira Hale, Safeguarding Board Business Manager

Title: Coventry Safeguarding Children Board Annual Report

1 Purpose

To present the Local Safeguarding Board (LSCB) Annual Report 2015/16 to the Health and Wellbeing Board. A full copy of the report is attached as an appendix.

2 Recommendations

The Scrutiny Board are asked to note the attached annual report, the progress made and the areas for future development.

3 Information/Background

The LSCB Annual Report covers the period from September 2016 to March 2017. It summarises progress over the last six months and sets out a new direction for the Board for 2017/18. This brings us back in line with the reporting guidelines as set out in Working Together 2015. The report outlines the achievements and challenges of the LSCB and assesses progress on outcomes for children and young people. It evaluates the impact of Coventry's services on outcomes for children and shows how the work of the Board has contributed to improving outcomes.

The report was presented to Scrutiny Board (2) on 14th September 2017.

4 Key Messages

- 4.1 The Board has grown in the way agencies are able to challenge each other and hold others to account, both at full board and at the sub-group meetings.
- 4.2 The multi-agency response to child sexual exploitation is a real strength.
- 4.3 Previous good progress in the way we listen to and respond to the voice of children has continued. Individual organisations are improving their focus on children and within the Board itself, the testimony from children and young people has shaped thinking.
- 4.4 Work to protect children and young people from the effects of domestic abuse has made less progress and more needs to be done to ensure the effectiveness of our city-wide early help offer.

- 4.5 The independent chair continues to work closely with the Chairs of the Local Safeguarding Children's Board, Police & Crime Board and Health and Wellbeing Board, through the Strategic Boards Group. This area of work is important to develop and continue. This will ensure that where Boards have a shared interest in a subject area there is clear ownership, as well as a forum for discussing the way forward on interdependencies.

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