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**To: Coventry Health and Wellbeing Board**

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**From: Rebekah Eaves, Safeguarding Boards Business Manager**

**Title: Coventry Safeguarding Children Board Annual Report 2017/18**

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## **1 Purpose**

The purpose of this item is to provide an update to members of Board on the Coventry Safeguarding Children Board Annual report 2017-2018.

## **2 Recommendations**

The Health and Wellbeing Board is recommended to:

1. Note the contents of CSCB Annual Report 2017/18.

## **3 Information**

It is a statutory requirement for our annual report to be produced and published. This report outlines the achievements and challenges of Coventry LSCB from April 2017 to March 2018. 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. It details the Board's progress in implementing its current priorities.

## **4 Board Priorities and progress 2017/18**

**Children and young people who are looked after have equal opportunities to other children and young people-** The Board now have a much better understanding of the outcomes for looked after children. Over the coming year there are plans in place to develop improved opportunities for this group of children, particularly through the provision of apprenticeships. There is also ongoing work to further improve the health of looked after children. The Board will be seeking assurance of effectiveness of commissioned services for LAC from the clinical commission group to ensure that these improvements are made.

**Early help services, including mental health support, are available to children and young people and are resulting in positive outcomes-** The redesign of the delivery of Early Help is

encouraging, as it will allow for a more seamless provision of support to families, across the continuum of need. There have been some positive developments in the way in which agencies are able to measure the impact of early help work. The board now needs to have improve the oversight it has of the sustainability of the positive outcomes that are now being experienced.

**Missing children and young people, and those at risk of child sexual exploitation, are protected by effective multi-agency arrangements-** We have continued to progress our previous good work in this area with professionals increasingly aware of and responding to CSE risk. Over the year it has become increasingly clear that there are other areas of exploitation including criminal exploitation and issues around 'County Lines' which are similar in nature to CSE and to which we also need to respond. We also need to do more to consider the needs of victims as they transition into requiring adult support services.

**The profile of understanding of emotional abuse and neglect, including domestic abuse, is raised, that abuse is identified as early as possible, and that appropriate interventions are provided to prevent further abuse and harm.** We have taken some significant forward steps in this area, setting the direction for effective partnership working with the launch of strategies in relation to both neglect and domestic abuse and the roll out of Signs of Safety. There is still more to do to ensure the roll out of Signs of Safety Training and to ensure that we monitor the impact of neglect strategy on effectively responding to and having a positive impact on children and families.

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**Appendices**

Coventry Safeguarding Children Board Annual report 2017-2018 *(to follow)*