



To: The Education and Children's Services Scrutiny Board (2)

Date: 16th January 2025

Title: Coventry Safeguarding Children's Partnership Yearly report

1 Purpose

- 1.1 To brief the Education and Children's Services Scrutiny Board (2) on the Coventry Safeguarding Children's Partnership (CSCP) yearly report in relation to activity of the CSCP April 23- March 24.

2 Recommendations

- 2.1 The Education and Children's Services Scrutiny Board (2) is recommended to:
1. Note the contents of the annual report in Appendix 1.
 2. Identify any further recommendations

3 Information/Background

- 3.1 Working Together 2023 states that, 'Safeguarding Partners must jointly report on the activity they have undertaken in a 12 month period. That reporting should be transparent and easily accessible to the families and professionals. The focus of these reports should be on multi agency priorities, learning, impact, evidence and improvement.
- 3.2 Reports must include what partnerships have done as a result of the arrangements, including on child safeguarding practice reviews and how effective these arrangements have been in practice.
- 3.3 Safeguarding Partners should make sure the report is widely available. A copy should also be sent to the Child Safeguarding Practice Review Panel.
- 3.4 The CSCP had 3 priorities for 2023-2024 :
- Child Sexual abuse
 - Exploitation
 - Making the system work

4 Highlights 2023-2024

- Coventry Safeguarding Children's Partnership was subject to a Joint Targeted Area inspection in March 2024. Inspectors found that, 'Children at risk of criminal exploitation and Serious Youth Violence are safer as a result of

partnership working undertaken by both statutory services and the 3rd sector to reduce risks in places and spaces as well as for individual young people in Coventry. Mature partnerships are in place’.

- Child Sexual Abuse Leads have been trained and are embedded across Children’s Services meaning that children and families benefit from well supported and skilled workers.
- A Child Sexual Abuse conference was held in May 2023 attended by 166 practitioners from across the partnership.
- 2000 practitioners have attended training, webinars and learning events.
- The Safeguarding Together Action Group (STAG) made up of 40+ frontline practitioners continues to grow, ensuring that key messages get to the frontline.
- The CSCP has developed new ways of communicating with practitioners to include online events, one-minute guides, webinars and podcasts.
- ‘Your Voice Matters’ the young people’s group supports children and young people to have a voice. Work has been undertaken to ensure that their views are acted upon.
- The CSCP has continues to be much more responsive to emerging issues rather than sticking to a planned programme of work. Examples of this include the Early help audit and the Domestic Abuse audit.

5 Priorities for 2024-2025

5.1 The following have been agreed as the priorities for 2019-2021:

- Neglect
- Exploitation
- Making the system work

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Appendix 1 - Coventry Safeguarding Children’s Partnership Annual report 2023-2024