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

**Date: 22<sup>nd</sup> January 2026**

**Title: Coventry Safeguarding Children's Partnership Yearly report**

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## **1 Purpose of the Note**

1.1 To brief Scrutiny Board 2 on the Coventry Safeguarding Children's Partnership (CSCP) yearly report in relation to activity of the CSCP April 2024-2025.

## **2 Recommendations**

2.1 The Education and Children's Services Scrutiny Board (2) are recommended to:

- 1) Consider the information provided concerning the outcome and progress in 2024/25.
- 2) Identify any recommendations for the appropriate Cabinet Member.

## **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 report is published and can be found attached at Appendix 1. It is also available online here: [cscp-yearly-report-2024-to-2025](https://www.coventry.gov.uk/cscp-yearly-report-2024-to-2025)

3.5 The CSCP had 3 priorities for 2024-25:

- Neglect
- Exploration
- Making the system work

## **4 Highlights**

- Coventry Safeguarding Children's Partnership has had a robust response to the new requirements under Working Together 2023 including the Lead Safeguarding Partners, the Independent Scrutineer and the engagement of Education.
- Quality assurance activity is showing improved recognition and response to neglect.
- The response to children affected by serious youth violence and exploitation identified as strong in the Joint Targeted Area inspection continues to improve.
- Early help in Coventry is strong, and this supports the identification of children requiring support at the earliest opportunity.
- Over 2500 practitioners have attended Coventry Safeguarding Children's Partnership training, webinars and learning events.
- The Safeguarding Together Action Group (STAG) is now made up of 210 frontline practitioners across 100 agencies and continues to grow, ensuring that key messages get to the frontline.
- The partnership is committed to making Coventry a place where children and young people feel valued, supported and enjoy themselves and this is delivered through the Child Friendly Cov initiative.
- '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.
- Coventry Safeguarding Children's Partnership continues to be much more responsive to emerging issues rather than sticking to a planned programme of work. An example of this is the audit in relation to the Working Together 2023 health check.

## **5. Priorities for 2025-2026**

5.1 Coventry Safeguarding Children's Partnership has a three-year Business Plan in relation to:

- Neglect
- Exploitation
- Making the system work

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