



14 January 2025

Agenda Item: 7

**REPORT OF THE INTERIM SERVICE DIRECTOR, COMMISSIONING AND
RESOURCES**

**ANNUAL REPORT OF THE STRATEGIC SAFEGUARDING SERVICE: APRIL
2023 – MARCH 2024**

Purpose of the Report

1. Members requested an annual report following high profile enquiries into child sexual exploitation and missing children in several local authorities. This report provides an update against the Council's 2023 - 24 priorities and analysis of the statistical data for 1 April 2023 to 31 March 2024.

Information

2. Child exploitation and children missing from home and care continue to be priority areas for the Nottinghamshire Safeguarding Children Partnership (NSCP). The annual report, attached as **Appendix 1**, provides an outline of the progress and challenges within the work being undertaken by the Local Authority and relevant partner organisations to tackle child exploitation and children who go missing from home and care during the last year and the commitments for the following 12 months.

Other Options Considered

3. To not bring this report to the Panel: this option is discounted because this report provides information that forms an important part of the Panel's remit in assisting the Council in fulfilling its legal corporate parenting duties and acting as an effective corporate parent.

Reason/s for Recommendation/s

4. The report provides an opportunity for the Panel to consider any further actions arising from the information contained within the report.

Statutory and Policy Implications

5. This report has been compiled after consideration of implications in respect of crime and disorder, data protection and information governance finance, human resources, human rights, the NHS Constitution (public health services), the public sector equality duty,

safeguarding of children and adults at risk, service users, smarter working, sustainability and the environment and where such implications are material they are described below. Appropriate consultation has been undertaken and advice sought on these issues as required.

Financial Implications

6. There are no financial implications arising directly from the report.

RECOMMENDATION/S

- 1) That the Corporate Parenting Panel considers whether there are any actions it requires in relation to the information contained in the report and provides any feedback.

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Constitutional Comments (CD 13/12/24)

7. The recommendations proposed falls within the remit of the Corporate Parenting Panel by virtue of its terms of reference.

Financial Comments (CDS 06/12/24)

8. There are no financial implications arising directly from the report.

Background Papers and Published Documents

Except for previously published documents, which will be available elsewhere, the documents listed here will be available for inspection in accordance with Section 100D of the Local Government Act 1972.

None.

Electoral Division(s) and Member(s) Affected

All.

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