

5 November 2012**Agenda Item: 5****REPORT OF THE GROUP MANAGER, SAFEGUARDING AND
INDEPENDENT REVIEW****NOTTINGHAMSHIRE SAFEGUARDING CHILDREN BOARD ANNUAL
REPORT 2011/12****Purpose of the Report**

1. To inform Members of the content of the Nottinghamshire Safeguarding Children Board's Annual Report 2011/12, which is attached as an **Appendix**.

Information and Advice

2. The current national statutory guidance 'Working Together to Safeguard Children 2010' notes the requirement for Safeguarding Children Boards to produce and publish an annual report on the effectiveness of safeguarding in the local area. This report should provide an assessment of the effectiveness of local arrangements to safeguard and promote the welfare of children. It should recognise achievements and the progress that has been made in the local authority area as well as providing a realistic assessment of the challenges that still remain.
3. The Working Together guidance is currently being revised and a draft document has been circulated for consultation. The revised draft document reinforces the expectations of Safeguarding Children Boards to publish an Annual Report and make this available to the Chief Executive and Leader of the Council, the local Police and Crime Commissioner, and the Chair of the Health and Wellbeing Board.
4. The Nottinghamshire Safeguarding Children Board (NSCB) Annual Report outlines the context, both national and local, which has driven the work of the Board during the year. It outlines the key priority areas addressed by the Board including the work of the Child Death Overview Panel and the management of the serious case review which was initiated and completed during the year,
5. The Report identifies the organisational structure that supports the work of the Board together with the relevant areas of responsibility. A key area for the Board is the coordination and provision of multi-agency safeguarding training. The nature of the training provision was revised during the year to reach a wider audience of staff from across the range of agencies, both statutory and voluntary, involved in safeguarding and protecting children. Feedback from those attending NSCB training events continues to be very positive. The number of learners registered with the NSCB e-learning module

'Awareness of Child Abuse and Neglect' increased as did the numbers of those completing this course.

6. Work undertaken to strengthen the effectiveness of the response to child sexual exploitation, missing children, anti-bullying and managing allegations against those who work with children is also covered in the Report.
7. During 2011/12 all NSCB agencies again completed self-assessments to measure their compliance against key safeguarding standards. Overall compliance with the standards was high; where there was a need to improve performance individual agencies identified appropriate actions. There will be a progress report on these areas to the NSCB meeting in January 2013.
8. The NSCB has continued to strengthen its arrangements for providing scrutiny of safeguarding arrangements and this has included taking on the responsibility for the ongoing monitoring of key areas previously addressed through the Safeguarding Improvement Programme.
9. The Report shows the NSCB's multi-agency financial arrangements and contains some detailed performance information covering 2011/12.
10. Finally, the Report sets out the Board's priorities for 2012/13 and highlights the main contextual influences which will impact on safeguarding arrangements over the next period of time.

Other Options Considered

11. As this is a report for noting, it is not necessary to consider other options.

Reason/s for Recommendation/s

12. The report is for noting only.

Statutory and Policy Implications

13. This report has been compiled after consideration of implications in respect of finance, equal opportunities, human resources, crime and disorder, human rights, the safeguarding of children, sustainability and the environment and those using the service and where such implications are material they are described below. Appropriate consultation has been undertaken and advice sought on these issues as required.

RECOMMENDATION/S

- 1) That the report be noted.

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Constitutional Comments

14. As this report is for noting only, no Constitutional Comments are required.

Financial Comments (NDR 16/10/12)

15. There are no financial implications arising directly from this report.

Background Papers

None.

Electoral Division(s) and Member(s) Affected

All.

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