



23 April 2015

Agenda Item: 7

Children's Trust Board Sponsor: Derek Higton

HELP AND PROTECTION EXECUTIVE

Purpose of the Report

1. To provide the Children's Trust Board with an update on the progress with the establishment of the Help and Protection Executive.

Information and Advice

2. The Children's Trust Board approved the establishment of the Help and Protection Executive in December 2014.
3. The Executive will be accountable to the Children's Trust Board for the delivery of the following two priorities of the Children, Young People and Families Plan:
 - To work together to keep children safe
 - To provide children and young people with the early help support that they need
4. The Executive will be responsible for the identification of the key priorities for partnership activity required to improve help and protection arrangements. In turn these priorities will form the basis of a help and protection improvement plan which will be monitored by the Executive.
5. The membership of the Executive will include: representatives of the County Council from the Children, Families and Cultural Services, Public Health and Elected Members; Nottinghamshire Safeguarding Children Board (NSCB); Nottinghamshire Police and health organisations.
6. The relationship between the Executive and the Nottinghamshire Safeguarding Children Board (NSCB) will be a critical one. The Executive will be expected to respond to the recommendations of the NSCB in its role to co-ordinate local work for the safeguarding and welfare of children and to oversee its effectiveness.
7. The first meeting of the Help and Protection Executive will take place on **Wednesday 20 May 2015**. It is intended that the Executive will meet quarterly.

8. The Executive will report on its work to the Children's Trust Board, as part of the performance arrangements for the Children, Young People and Families Plan.
9. **Appendix 1** is the draft Terms of Reference for the Help and Protection Executive. **Appendix 2** is a diagram indicating Children's Trust reporting arrangements, including the Help and Protection Executive.

RECOMMENDATION/S

- 1) The Nottinghamshire Children's Trust Board approves the establishment of the Help and Protection Executive

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Background Papers

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.

Appendix A – Help and Protection Executive's Draft Terms of Reference

Appendix B – Diagram of the Governance arrangements for Nottinghamshire Children's Trust