

Wiltshire Council

Health and Wellbeing Board

19 September 2017

Subject: Wiltshire Safeguarding Children Board Annual Report 2016-17

Executive Summary

I. The Wiltshire Safeguarding Children Board's Annual Report for 2016-17 reflects a busy and successful year for the partnership including Wiltshire receiving a Joint Targeted Area Inspection with a focus on domestic abuse. The feedback from the collected inspectorates was very positive and it spoke well about the effectiveness of partnership working in the county. Details of this and other external judgements about services to vulnerable children and their families are set out in the body of the report.

During 2016-2017 WSCB has progressed key areas of work identified in 2015-2016 annual report. These included:

- Improved WSCB's ability to hear the views of children and young people
- Responding to and evidencing progress in relation to the Ofsted recommendations following the inspection in July 2015
- Progressing quality assurance activity by establishing a focused and streamlined dataset, walkabouts and oversight of partner agency quality assurance processes

Over the course of the year WSCB has also been engaged with colleagues from the Children's Trust, the Wiltshire Adult Safeguarding Board and from the Community Safety Partnership to actively consider how we can best respond to the findings of the Wood Review, now enacted through the Children and Social Work Act 2017. Detailed guidance is awaited from central government but we are working proactively work on the key issues together to ensure we construct something that meets local needs. This work will continue and accelerate through 2017-18 driven by a number of key principles:

- Ensuring that good multi-agency working to improve outcomes for children and young people continues
- Retaining and improving our quality assurance work
- Seeking efficiencies and reducing bureaucracy wherever we can,
- Integrating work with other partnerships as required

Proposal(s)

It is recommended that the Board:

- i) Notes the publication of the Wiltshire Safeguarding Children Board Annual Report
- ii) Agrees to continue to support the work of the Wiltshire Safeguarding Children Board and to effectively co-ordinate the work we are doing across partnership arrangements

Reason for Proposal

As set out in the Health and Wellbeing Board's (HWB) Strategy the NHS and social care organisations have statutory obligations to provide safe, high quality care. As well as obligations on individual organisations, Wiltshire's Safeguarding Children Board plays an important role in delivering these aims through collaborative working. This report provides the HWB with a summary of how this was achieved in 2016-17.

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