

Wiltshire Local Safeguarding Children Board - Annual Report 10-11

1. Introduction

Wiltshire Local Safeguarding Children Board (LSCB) is the key statutory mechanism for agreeing how organisations in Wiltshire will co-operate to safeguard and promote the welfare of children.

Statutory objectives are:-

- To co-ordinate what is done by each person or body represented on the Board and
- To ensure the effectiveness of what is done by each person or body for the purposes of safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children in the area of the authority

(Section 14 (1) Children Act 2004)

Core membership of a Local Safeguarding Children Board is set out in the Children Act 2004 and includes Local Authorities, Health bodies and the Police. In Wiltshire, the LSCB Board comprises of 40 members who are mainly senior managers in a range of statutory and voluntary organisations.

2. Wiltshire LSCB Annual Report 10-11

The Apprenticeships, Skills, Children and Learning Act 2009 introduced a legislative requirement for an LSCB to produce and publish an annual report on the effectiveness of safeguarding in the local area. The submitted annual report for the period 10-11 is the first annual report to be produced by Wiltshire LSCB under this legislation. In line with government guidance in January 2012 this report was presented to Wiltshire Children and Young People's Trust to influence strategic planning for Wiltshire's children.

The Wiltshire LSCB Annual Report 10-11 outlines progress made in Wiltshire LSCB priority objectives of:

- Ensuring implementation of Government guidance “Working Together (2010)”
- Increasing independence and challenge in LSCB business
- Reducing the number of children and young people who go missing.

The outcome of core function activity is also noted including quality assurance, safeguarding training, allegations against staff, serious case reviews, safeguarding performance monitoring including the impact of change on agency safeguarding activity.

Priorities for the LSCB Business Plan 10-13 are also outlined.

An Executive Summary of the report outlines the progress and effectiveness of safeguarding activity undertaken in Wiltshire. Both reports are attached for reference.

3. Request to Committee

The Annual Report is presented to the Children’s Services Select Committee to acknowledge formal receipt, note its content and the role of all agencies make in safeguarding children and young people in Wiltshire.

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