

Wiltshire Council

Health and Wellbeing Board

25 September 2014

Subject: Wiltshire Safeguarding Children Board (WSCB) Annual Report 2013-2014

Executive Summary

The WSCB Annual report was approved by the board in May 2014 and provides a summary of the work of the WSCB over the year including lessons learnt from inspections and reviews, an overview of the work of the sub groups and sets out our strategic priorities for the next 3 years:

- Ensuring the effectiveness of the WSCB with regards to evaluating impact of the work programme
- Developing scrutiny of safeguarding arrangements to better understand the journey of the child
- The development and effective discharge of the Child Sexual exploitation Strategy and action plan
- Prevention of abuse and neglect particularly through 'Hidden Harm'
- Promotion and strengthening of the engagement with early help and early intervention services and processes
- Provision of a comprehensive multi-agency training programme to support front line staff in their work with children and young people who are vulnerable, at risk, and suffering significant harm.

Key areas of work:

- Early Help Strategy , joint with the Children's Trust
- Wiltshire Performance Web - a structured framework for making sense of safeguarding data
- Re-design of the multi-agency training
- Establishing a CSE sub group (from April 2014)

Areas for development:

- Hearing and responding to what children say
- Evidence of challenge

Proposal(s)

- i. This report is being brought to the Board for information

Reason for Proposal

To ensure commissioners and providers of health care in Wiltshire are aware of work to ensure the safeguarding of children.

Cliff Turner Independent Chair, Wiltshire Safeguarding Children Board

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Purpose of Report

1. To provide a summary of the work of the WSCB during financial year 2013-2014.

Background

2. Working Together 2013 sets out the statutory duties for local safeguarding boards, which include the publishing of an annual report “on the effectiveness of child safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children in the local area.” (Chapter 3, p.63)

Main Considerations

3. The full annual report is included at Appendix 1. The Board may like to note the potential gap in services for young people experiencing mental health difficulties.

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Appendices

Appendix 1: The Wiltshire Safeguarding Children Board (WSCB) Annual Report 2013-2014