

DECISION-MAKER:	HEALTH AND WELLBEING BOARD		
SUBJECT:	LOCAL SAFEGUARDING CHILDREN BOARD ANNUAL REPORT		
DATE OF DECISION:	26 MARCH 2014		
REPORT OF:	KEITH MAKIN INDEPENDENT CHAIR OF LSCB		
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STATEMENT OF CONFIDENTIALITY			
NOT APPLICABLE			

BRIEF SUMMARY

- 1.1 The attached Annual Report sets out the activities delivered by and performance of Southampton Local Safeguarding Children Board (LSCB) during 2012-13.
- 1.2 Statutory guidance “Working Together to Safeguard Children” (Dfe, 2013) states that the Chair of the LSCB must publish an annual report and that this report be submitted to the Chair of the Health and Wellbeing Board. This report is submitted according to this guidance, and to seek the views of the Board on future links between HWBB and LSCB.
- 1.3 Section 13 of the Children Act 2004 requires each Local Authority to establish an LSCB for their area and specifies the organisations and individuals that should be represented. The LSCB has a range of roles and functions including developing local safeguarding policy and procedures and scrutinising local arrangements. Working Together and the Children Act set out the objectives and functions of LSCB’s as to:
- Coordinate what is done by each person or body represented on the Board for the purposes of safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children in the area; and
 - Ensure the effectiveness of what is done by each such person or body for those purposes.
- 1.4 This annual report is for 2012-13, the report for the current year will be produced and published in a timely manner to be submitted to relevant bodies earlier in the forthcoming financial year.

RECOMMENDATIONS:

- (i) That the report is received by the Health and Wellbeing Board, with

priorities noted for the LSCB Business Plan 2013-14.

- (ii) That future links and joint working between HWBB and LSCB are considered and agreed.

REASONS FOR REPORT RECOMMENDATIONS

1. Statutory guidance “Working Together to Safeguard Children” (Dfe, 2013) states that the Chair of the LSCB must publish an annual report and that this report be submitted to the Chair of the Health and Wellbeing Board
2. Children and young people in the city can only be safeguarded if the key agencies work together, this applies to the strategic boards operating in the city. The presentation of this report is a key step in ensuring that the HWWBB and LSCB not only meet statutory requirements, but that we work together to establish a collective approach to achieve joint outcomes for our children.

ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS CONSIDERED AND REJECTED

Not Applicable

DETAIL (Including consultation carried out)

See attached report.

RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS

Capital/Revenue

Not Applicable

Property/Other

Not Applicable

LEGAL IMPLICATIONS

Statutory power to undertake proposals in the report:

Not Applicable

Other Legal Implications:

Not Applicable

POLICY FRAMEWORK IMPLICATIONS

Not Applicable

KEY DECISION? No

WARDS/COMMUNITIES AFFECTED:

SUPPORTING DOCUMENTATION

Appendices

1.	Local Safeguarding Children Board Annual Report 2012-13
2.	LSCB Flyer

Documents In Members’ Rooms

1.	N/A
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Equality Impact Assessment

Do the implications/subject of the report require an Equality Impact Assessment (EIA) to be carried out.	
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Other Background Documents**Equality Impact Assessment and Other Background documents available for inspection at:**

Title of Background Paper(s)

Relevant Paragraph of the Access to Information Procedure Rules / Schedule 12A allowing document to be Exempt/Confidential (if applicable)

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