

**CAMBRIDGESHIRE LOCAL SAFEGUARDING CHILDREN BOARD (LSCB)**  
**ANNUAL REPORT 2013-4**

*To:* **Children and Young People Committee**

*Meeting Date:* **18<sup>th</sup> November 2014**

*From:* **Felicity Schofield, Independent Chair,  
Cambridgeshire Local Safeguarding Children Board**

*Electoral division(s):* **All**

*Forward Plan ref:* **N/a** *Key decision:* **No**

*Purpose:* **The Children and Young People's Committee are being asked to consider the report which is an analysis of the effectiveness of the multi-agency children's safeguarding system in Cambridgeshire. The Local Safeguarding Children Board (LSCB) seek to assure the committee that it continues to monitor and evaluate the work of partner agencies in safeguarding children and young people from abuse and neglect.**

*Recommendation:* **To note the report.**

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## **1.0 BACKGROUND**

1.1 Under Working Together to Safeguard Children (2013), the statutory guidance which underpins the work of the LSCB, the chair of the LSCB must publish an annual report on the effectiveness of child safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children in the local area. The report is submitted to the Chief Executive, Leader of the Council, the local police and crime commissioner and the Chair of the Health and Wellbeing Board. The Chair of the LSCB also wishes to share the report with all partner agencies and with all those that have influence over the services provided to children and families in Cambridgeshire, including the CYP Committee.

1.2 The purpose of this report is:

- to provide an outline of the main activities of the Cambridgeshire LSCB and the achievements during 2013-14;
- to comment on the effectiveness of safeguarding activity and of the LSCB in supporting this;
- to provide the public and partner agencies with an overview of LSCB safeguarding activity;
- To identify gaps and challenges in service development in the year ahead.

1.3 This report was published on the LSCB website during September 2014 [www.cambslscb.gov.uk](http://www.cambslscb.gov.uk)

## **2.0 MAIN ISSUES**

2.1 The main issues can be found in the body of the annual report, however it is hoped that the report demonstrates the effectiveness of multi-agency safeguarding work and gives detail to the work of the Board which was recognised by OFSTED as 'good' in the review carried out alongside the inspection of the Local Authority in June 2014

## **3.0 ALIGNMENT WITH CORPORATE PRIORITIES**

### **3.1 Developing the local economy for the benefit of all**

3.1.1 There are no significant implications for this priority.

### **3.2 Helping people live healthy and independent lives**

3.2.1 There are no significant implications for this priority.

### **3.3 Supporting and protecting vulnerable people**

3.3.1 The report above sets out the implications for this priority regarding vulnerable children and young people

## **4.0 SIGNIFICANT IMPLICATIONS**

### **4.1 Resource Implications**

- 4.1.1 The report above sets out details of any significant implications for agencies involved in safeguarding throughout the report. There are no specific resource implications which members need to consider.

### **4.2 Statutory, Risk and Legal Implications**

- 4.2.1 The report above sets out details of any significant implications for the agencies involved in safeguarding throughout the report. Overall it is the view of the LSCB that relevant agencies take their safeguarding responsibilities seriously and ensure that they meet their statutory obligations.

### **4.3 Equality and Diversity Implications**

- 4.3.1 The report above sets out details of any significant implications for the agencies involved in safeguarding throughout the report. The need for practitioners to consider the cultural context in which families are living is an area which requires some improvement.

### **4.4 Engagement and Consultation Implications**

- 4.4.1 The report above sets out details of any significant implications for the agencies involved in safeguarding throughout the report. The LSCB has worked hard to ensure that the voice of children and young people is represented throughout its work. These efforts were acknowledged in the recent Ofsted inspection.

### **4.5 Public Health Implications**

- 4.5.1 The report above sets out details of any significant implications for the agencies involved in safeguarding throughout the report. There is an expectation that public health plays a significant role in the work of the Child Death Overview Panel.

### **4.6 Localism and Local Member Involvement**

- 4.6.1 There are no significant implications in this category

<b>Source Documents</b>	<b>Location</b>
Working Together to Safeguard Children 2013	<a href="http://www.dfe.gov.uk">www.dfe.gov.uk</a>