

## **SLOUGH BOROUGH COUNCIL**

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### **PART I**

#### **FOR INFORMATION**

#### **ANNUAL REPORT OF THE SLOUGH LOCAL SAFEGUARDING CHILDREN BOARD 2013/14**

1. **Purpose of Report**

To present the final draft of the annual report for the Slough Local Safeguarding Children Board (SLSCB) for 2013/14.

2. **Recommendation(s)/Proposed Action**

The Committee is requested to note the report.

3. **The Slough Joint Wellbeing Strategy, the JSNA and the Corporate Plan**

3a. **Slough Joint Wellbeing Strategy Priorities**

Priorities:

- Safer Communities
- Health

The Local Safeguarding Children Board is tasked with ensuring the safety and promoting the wellbeing of children and young people in Slough.

4. **Other Implications**

(a) **Financial**

There are no financial implications of proposed action.

(b) **Risk Management**

The annual report attached as Appendix A sets out the objectives of the SLSCB which are set in order to meet specific threats/risks that have been identified, and the actions being taken to address these.

(c) Human Rights Act and Other Legal Implications

There are no Human Rights Act Implications of proposed action.

(d) Equalities Impact Assessment

There is no requirement for an EIA attached to the proposed action.

5. **Background**

5.1 As set out in Working Together to Safeguard Children (2013) an LSCB must be established for every local authority area. The LSCB has a range of role and statutory obligations including developing local safeguarding policy and procedures and scrutinising local arrangements. The statutory objectives and functions of the LSCB which includes coordinating what is done, and the effectiveness of 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.

5.2 The LSCB must use data to:

- assess the effectiveness of the help being provided to children and families, including early help;
- assess whether LSCB partners are fulfilling their statutory obligations;
- quality assure practice, including through joint audits of case files involving practitioners and identifying lessons to be learn; and
- monitor and evaluate the effectiveness of training, including multi-agency training, to safeguard and promote the welfare of children.

5.3 The Independent Chair of the LSCB must publish an annual report on the effectiveness of child safeguarding and the promotion of the welfare of children in the local area. This annual report should be published in relation to the preceding financial year and should fit with local agencies' planning, commissioning and budget cycles.

5.4 The annual report must provide a rigorous and transparent assessment of the performance and effectiveness of local services. It should identify areas of weakness, the causes of those weakness and the actions being taken to address them, as well as other proposals for action. The report should also include lessons from reviews undertaken within the year.

5.5 The report should also set out the contributions made by the LSCB partner agencies, and details of the LSCB budget. All LSCB member organisations have an obligation to provide the LSCB with reliable resources that enable it to be strong and effective.

6. **Conclusion**

Attached is the 2013/14 annual report for the Slough Local Safeguarding Children Board, for the Slough Wellbeing Board's information. This is a draft, and due to the timing of the SWB there are still some small gaps in the report where we are still awaiting specific contributions to be submitted.

7. **Appendices Attached**

- A - 2013/14 Annual Report for the Slough Local Safeguarding Children Board (in Appendices Pack)

8. **Background Papers**

- 1 - Working Together to Safeguard Children (March 2013)