

## **SLOUGH BOROUGH COUNCIL**

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### **PART I** **FOR INFORMATION**

#### **SIX MONTH REVIEW OF THE WELLBEING BOARD'S OVERARCHING INFORMATION SHARING PROTOCOL (OISP) AND ITS PROTOCOL WITH THE SLOUGH LOCAL CHILDREN'S AND ADULT'S SAFEGUARDING BOARDS**

##### **1. Purpose of Report**

- 1.1. To update the Board on the progress made to date on:
- a) the take up of its Overarching Information Sharing Protocol (OISP); and
  - b) to review the effectiveness of its Protocol with the Slough Local Children's and Adults Safeguarding Boards.

##### **2. Latest position**

###### **2.1 *Overarching Information Sharing Protocol (OISP)***

- a) The Wellbeing Board agreed its OISP (and accompanying guidance) in July 2015. In summary, the purpose of the Protocol is to facilitate the lawful sharing of information between the public, private and voluntary sectors who deliver services on behalf of the public.
- b) To date four Board members have yet to sign up to the Protocol<sup>1</sup> on behalf of their organisations. The Policy team will progress this immediately after the meeting.
- c) The Protocol's guidance was circulated to the Board's Priority Delivery Groups (PDGs) and other members of the wider partnership network in August 2015, with a request that they review their current arrangements and bring them in line with the Board's agreed framework as and where necessary. The latest position is as follows:
  - The Safer Slough Partnership (SSP), Slough's Local Safeguarding Children's Board (SLSCB), the Health and Adult Social Care PDG and Slough's Safeguarding Adults Board (SASB) - are all currently developing their own specific information sharing agreements to cover their own individual information sharing requirements in accordance with the Protocol's suggested approach.
  - Climate Change PDG – have nothing in place (and not thought to be relevant given the topics dealt with by this PDG)
  - Slough's Children and Young People's Partnership Board - Current data sharing arrangements date from May 2014 and were agreed as part of its Quality Assurance Performance Management (QMAPM) Framework. They

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<sup>1</sup> Slough Clinical Commissioning Group (CCG), Healthwatch Slough, NHS Commissioning Board and the Strategic Director for Public health

cover the collection and sharing of statistical information/data for performance monitoring arrangements only. These arrangements are currently being reviewed and will be updated where necessary shortly.

- d) The Policy team have also received enquiries from a number of service areas/teams (such as the Drug and Alcohol Action team) who are looking to strengthen and improve their information sharing arrangements and are providing advice and support to ensure compliance with the Board's Protocol where appropriate.
- e) A six month review of this Protocol (and its accompanying guidance) has been undertaken by the Policy team and shows that it is still extant and requires no amendment at the present time.

## **2.2 Protocol between the Slough Wellbeing Board and Slough's Local Safeguarding Children's Board (SLCB) and Adult Safeguarding Board (SASB)**

- a) The Wellbeing Board also agreed a Protocol in July 2015 to define how the LSCB, SASB and Wellbeing Board will work together in the pursuit of the safeguarding and welfare of the borough's children, young people and adults. The Chairs of each of the three Boards signed up to the Protocol in November 2015.
- b) A six month review of this Protocol was also undertaken by the Policy team and shows that it is still extant – although it may need to be revisited once the refresh of the Board's Joint Wellbeing Strategy (SJWS) and governance arrangements have been completed later this year.

## **2.3 Suggested actions**

- That the missing signatories to the OIS Protocol are encouraged to sign up to it immediately after the meeting.
- That a final copy of the OSI Protocol is published on the council's website<sup>2</sup>.
- That the PDGs/partnerships share their individual information sharing agreements with the Board as soon as they have been finalised.
- That the Policy team revisits the Wellbeing Boards Protocol with the LSCB and the SASB once the refresh of the SJWS and governance arrangements have been completed.
- That the Wellbeing Board's current Terms of Reference are updated to reflect both Protocols where necessary.
- That the Policy team reviews the effectiveness of both Protocols in 12 months time.

## **3. Appendices attached**

None

## **4. Background papers**

15 July 2015 - [Overarching Information Sharing Protocol](#)

15 July 2015 - [Slough Wellbeing Board, Local Safeguarding Children Board and Adult Safeguarding Board Protocol](#)

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<sup>2</sup> At [www.slough.gov.uk/council/strategies-plans-and-policies/information-sharing.aspx](http://www.slough.gov.uk/council/strategies-plans-and-policies/information-sharing.aspx).