

SLOUGH BOROUGH COUNCIL

REPORT TO: Wellbeing Board **DATE:** 20 November 2018

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PART I **FOR COMMENT & CONSIDERATION**

ANNUAL REPORTS OF THE SLOUGH ADULT SAFEGUARDING BOARD AND SLOUGH LOCAL SAFEGUARDING CHILDREN'S BOARD

1. Purpose of Report

1.1 The Local Safeguarding Children's Board and the Safeguarding Adult's Board are statutory partnership boards to ensure that there is effective communication, co-ordination and challenge in relation to partners safeguarding responsibilities. These annual reports are statutory requirements. Each of them was presented to the relevant scrutiny committee in October 2018.

1.2 In addition to the annual reports at Appendices A and B, a proposal to align more closely the work of the boards and to develop a joint safeguarding business plan is also attached at Appendix C.

2. Recommendation(s)/Proposed Action

2.1 The Committee is requested to note and comment on the report.

3. The Slough Joint Wellbeing Strategy, the Joint Strategic Needs Assessment (JSNA) and the Five Year Plan

The work of these boards contributes to the Slough Joint Wellbeing Strategy and the JSNA. Priorities in regard to safeguarding children and promoting their wellbeing, and improving mental health and wellbeing are directly relevant.

3a. Slough Joint Wellbeing Strategy Priorities

The safeguarding boards contribute to all of the Slough Wellbeing Board's priorities with particular focus on:

1. Protecting vulnerable children - by safeguarding children and promoting their well being
2. Increasing life expectancy by focusing on inequalities
3. Improving mental health and wellbeing

3b. Five Year Plan Outcomes

The safeguarding boards contribute to the delivery of the following Five Year Plan outcomes:

- Slough children will grow up to be happy, healthy and successful
- People will be healthier and better able to manage their own care needs

4. Other Implications

a) Financial - The Care Act identified the local authority police authority and Clinical Commissioning Group for each area as core members of the statutory Adult Safeguarding Board. As part of their core membership an expectation of funding for the board was set out with each agency making a contribution to the costs incurred in delivering the board's responsibilities. A new business unit has been agreed with a team of one manager, one officer and one administrator providing management and administrative support to the Local Safeguarding Children, Safeguarding Adults and the new Slough Strategic Safeguarding Executive Board. This has produced efficiencies and has reduced costs. It will be evaluated at the end of this financial year. Recruitment has been challenging. The manager has been appointed and currently recruiting to two additional posts.

b) Risk Management - Risk identification and management is integral to the work of all partners involved in safeguarding.

c) Human Rights Act and Other Legal Implications - *"Recognise the public duty to protect the human rights of all citizens including those who are subject of concern but who are not covered by the Safeguarding Adults Procedures. This duty falls on each of the board's member organisations who will offer signposting, advice and support as appropriate."*

The Local Safeguarding Children Board promotes the rights of children to live free of abuse, neglect and exploitation in accordance with the Human Rights act and the UN convention on the rights of the child.

d) Equalities Impact Assessment - There is no adverse impact of this report in relation to age, religion and sexual orientation.

e) Workforce - Board members have a responsibility to ensure that the workforce has received the appropriate and relevant safeguarding training and this is referred to in the annual reports. It is worth noting that all partners experience significant pressures in recruitment of appropriately qualified and experienced staff.

5. Summary

The Board is asked to

- a) Note and comment on the annual reports, and*
- b) Comment on the proposed development of the how the safeguarding boards will take forward their work into the future, particularly in the light of the Working Together Guidance published in July 2018.*

6. **Supporting Information**

6.1 The annual reports and Multi-Agency Safeguarding Partnership Arrangements enclosed with this report at Appendices A, B and C contain all the supporting information.

7. **Comments of Other Committees**

7.1 The safeguarding boards have considered and endorsed these Annual Reports.

7.2 They were also presented to the Health Scrutiny and the Education and Children Scrutiny committees at their October meetings.

7.3 The Multi-Agency Safeguarding Partnership Arrangements report was considered by the LSCB on 1 November and supported. The CCG wanted some further detailed discussion though broadly supportive which is expected to have taken place by the time of this meeting of the Wellbeing Board. The report will be presented to the Adult Safeguarding Board at its next meeting at the end of November 2018.

8. **Conclusion**

8.1 Slough Wellbeing Board is asked to:

- a) Note and comment on the annual reports,
- b) Comment on the proposed development of the how the safeguarding boards propose to take forward their work into the future, particularly in the light of the Working Together Guidance published in July 2018.

9. **Appendices**

'A' - Local Safeguarding Children Board annual report

'B' - Slough Safeguarding Adults Board Annual report

'C' - Multi-Agency Safeguarding Partnership Arrangements (to follow)

10. **Background Papers**

None