

SLOUGH BOROUGH COUNCIL

REPORT TO: Education & Children's Services Scrutiny Panel
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PART I **For INFORMATION**

SAFEGUARDING PARTNERSHIP ANNUAL REPORT 2019-2020 **(Identified as Annual Safeguarding Report on Social Care on the agenda)**

1. Purpose of Report

1.1 To provide an account of the effectiveness of Slough Safeguarding Partnership for the period 2019/20

2. Recommendation(s)/Proposed Action

2.1 The Committee is requested to note the report.

3. The Slough Joint Wellbeing Strategy, the JSNA and the Five-Year Plan

3.1 The Safeguarding Partnership priorities have been set using demographic information from the JSNA described in the annual report.

3.2 Slough Wellbeing Strategy Priorities

Priorities:

- *Starting Well in relation to safeguarding children and*
- *Integration in relation to safeguarding adults.*

3.3 Five Year Plan Outcomes (Compulsory Section)

- *Outcome 1: Slough children will grow up to be happy, healthy and successful*
- *Outcome 2: Our people will be healthier and manage their own care needs*

4. Risk Management

Recommendation from section 2 above	Risks/Threats/Opportunities	Current Controls	Using the Risk Management Matrix Score the risk	Future Controls
The ECS panel to note the report	Safeguarding partnerships should function well during the COVID 19 crisis which began towards the end of the reporting period. (last quarter	SLG oversight of risk log. COVID19 information sharing meetings commenced to identify and	6 (Health & Safety Risk – Marginal impact. Low probability)	SLG has continued to oversee and manage emerging risks.

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4.1 **Other Implications**

Financial: *There are no financial implications in this report.*

(a) Human Rights Act and Other Legal Implications (*compulsory section to be included in **all** reports*)

There are no Human Rights Act Implications.

(b) Equalities Impact Assessment

There are no equalities impact implications.

5. **Supporting Information**

5.1 The Safeguarding Partnership annual report 2019-2020 is attached and is in power point format. Links to more detailed reports are provided in the body of the report.

5.2 The report is an account of the key achievements and areas for development in relation to the work of the Safeguarding Partnership for 2019/20. The partnership is led by the Slough Strategic Safeguarding Partnership Leaders' (SLG) group which is made up of Directors of Adults and Children's Services, the Borough Commander and Directors from East Berkshire Clinical Commissioning Group and the Chief Executive Officer of Slough Borough Council. This group provides leadership and direction to the safeguarding partnership arrangements via sub-groups and with the support of the Safeguarding Partnership team. The SLG leads on the safeguarding partnership in relation to children and adults and delivers on legislative requirements in the Children Act 2004 and the Care Act 2014. In Slough one combined annual report in relation to children and adults is provided to reflect the combined efforts of the partnership to address and prioritise both groups. The partnership commissions an independent scrutineer to ensure the business is subject to external scrutiny throughout the year and to provide consultancy and advice to SLG members. The Independent Scrutineer has completed this annual report following scrutiny of the work carried out in the reporting period.

6. **Comments of Other Committees**

6.1 There are no comments from other committees.

7. **Conclusion**

7.1 This annual report is late due to capacity pressures brought about by COVID19. The reporting period is for the financial year 2019-2020. The Covid 19 crisis therefore began towards the end of the reporting period. Normally this report is collated in the first quarter of the following financial year. However, partners could not prioritise this work during that time. The SLG therefore decided to postpone the collation of the annual report.

8. **Appendices Attached**

'A' Safeguarding Partnership annual report 2019/20