

Health and Wellbeing Board

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2. Executive summary

To provide an opportunity for the Health and Wellbeing Board to discuss the arrangements for safeguarding children in Surrey.

3. Introduction

The Children’s Safeguarding Partnership in Surrey is a statutory body, which replaced the previous Safeguarding Board in October 2019. The Annual Report is being reported to the Health and Wellbeing board and sets out the final part of the old Board and the beginning of the new Partnership. Therefore, the attached report covers an 18 month transitional period from April 2018 to October 2019. Simon Hart was appointed as the Independent Chair of the Board/Partnership in December 2018 and has overseen the transition.

4. Why a new partnership approach to children's Safeguarding?

1. The Department of Education commissioned Sir Alan Wood to review local safeguarding arrangements nationally. The outcome of that review signalled a move away from Local Safeguarding Children's Boards, convened by the Local Authority, to new Local Safeguarding Partnerships, convened by three key agencies, the Police, NHS and Local Authorities.
2. Surrey along with all Local Authorities were required to submit to the DfE a proposal for change for the new Safeguarding Partnership arrangements by June 2019 and to have implemented the new arrangements by September 2019 – both deadlines were met.
3. The Safeguarding Partnership is steered by an executive group, with the three convener agencies represented (Police, NHS, SCC), other agencies have also been invited to participate in the executive, these include schools, district and boroughs and PCC's office.
4. There is a wider safeguarding partnership that comes together on a regular basis and has a broad membership. There are a number of sub groups that advise the partnership and executive on various issues, the overall structure is set out at section 2.3 of the annual report.
5. Put simply the Surrey Children's Safeguarding Partnership exists to ensure that there is a clear strategy and policies that protect children in Surrey. This includes the commissioning of serious case reviews, where a child in Surrey dies or is seriously injured.

5. The Annual Review April 2018 to September 2019

1. The report covers some key activities undertaken during the period in question
2. The key priorities are set out in sections 3.1 – Focus on the Child's Voice. 3.2, Early Help in Surrey. 3.3, Child exploitation and missing. 3.4, Children exposed to domestic abuse, parental substance misuse, parental mental ill health and parental disability.
3. There is a section on each of these key themes in the Annual Report which sets out the activities and achievements.
4. At section 5, the financial contributions to the board are set out.

5. The final section of the report sets out the new partnership arrangements, including a new vision and core values.

6. Conclusions

All partners across Surrey have worked hard to ensure that the new partnership is robust, has a clear focus and is fit for purpose. There has been very strong cross agency commitment and clear and visible leadership from the independent chair Simon Hart. The Partnership is now on a firm footing for the future.

7. Recommendations

1. The Health and Wellbeing Board are asked to discuss the annual review as appropriate.
2. The Health and Wellbeing board are asked to note the report and annual review.

8. Next Steps

It is proposed that the annual report is presented to the Health and Wellbeing Board on an annual basis.

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Sources/background papers:

Annex 1 - Surrey Safeguarding Children Board Annual Report 2018-2019

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