

Summary Sheet

Council Report

Rotherham Local Safeguarding Children Board – Annual Report 2017-18

Is this a Key Decision and has it been included on the Forward Plan? No

Strategic Director Approving Submission of the Report: Jon Stonehouse

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Ward(s) Affected All wards

Summary

This report introduces the 2017-18 Rotherham LSCB Annual Report. The report is a statutory requirement of Local Safeguarding Children Boards and provides a rigorous and transparent assessment of the performance and effectiveness of local services. It identifies areas of weakness, the causes of those weaknesses and the action being taken to address them as well as other priorities and proposals for action.

Recommendations

That the Improving Lives Select Commission receive the LSCB Annual Report 2017-18

List of Appendices Included

Rotherham Local Safeguarding Children Board Annual Report 2017-18

Background Papers None

Consideration by any other Council Committee, Scrutiny or Advisory Panel

The report will be considered by the Improving Lives Select Commission and Health & Wellbeing Board

Council Approval Required No

Not exempt from the Press and Public

Rotherham Local Safeguarding Children Board – Annual Report 2017-2018

1. Recommendations

1.1 That the Improving Lives Select Commission receive the LSCB Annual Report 2017-18

2. Background

2.1 Since April 2010, Local Safeguarding Children Boards (LSCBs) have been required to publish an annual report on the effectiveness of safeguarding children in the local area. Publication will be on the RLSCB website.

3. Key Issues

3.1 See report

4. Options considered and recommended proposal

4.1 n/a

5. Consultation

5.1 All members of the RLSCB have been consulted on the content of the report.

6. Timetable and Accountability for Implementing this Decision

6.1 n/a

7. Financial and Procurement Implications

7.1 n/a

8. Legal Implications

8.1 The requirement for LSCBs to produce and publish an annual report on the effectiveness of safeguarding children in the local area is mandated in the Children Act 2004 (S14a) as amended by the Apprenticeships, Skills, Children and Learning Act 2009.

8.2 Under the statutory guidance, *Working Together to Safeguard Children: A guide to inter-agency working to safeguard and promote the welfare of children* (HM Government March 2015), the annual report:

Should be published in relation to the preceding financial year and should fit with local agencies' planning, commissioning and budget cycles. The report should be submitted to the Chief Executive, Leader of the Council, the local police and crime commissioner and the Chair of the health and well-being board.

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

9. Human Resources Implications

9.1 None

10. Implications for Children and Young People and Vulnerable Adults

10.1 Publication of this report is the means of holding RMBC and partner agencies to account over their safeguarding of children arrangements.

11 Equalities and Human Rights Implications

11.1 Equality & diversity issues are reflected in the report

12. Implications for Partners and Other Directorates

12.1 Publication of this report is the means of holding RMBC and partner agencies to account over their safeguarding of children arrangements.

13. Risks and Mitigation

13.1 See report.

14. Accountable Officer(s)

Approvals Obtained from:- Christine Cassell – Independent Chair RLSCB 20/09/18

	Named Officer	Date
Strategic Director of Finance & Customer Services	n/a	
Assistant Director of Legal Services	n/a	
Head of Procurement (if appropriate)	n/a	
Head of Human Resources (if appropriate)	n/a	

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