

## ROTHERHAM BOROUGH COUNCIL – REPORT

1. Meeting:	Health and Wellbeing Board
2. Date:	22 <sup>nd</sup> January 2014
3. Title:	Protocol between Health and Wellbeing Board and Rotherham Local Safeguarding Children Board
4. Directorate:	Rotherham Local Safeguarding Children Board

### 5. Summary

The protocol will outline and confirm the functions and responsibilities of Rotherham's key strategic partnerships;

- Health and Wellbeing Board;
- Children, Young People and Families Partnership;
- Rotherham Local Safeguarding Children Board;.

and the relationship between them, providing clarity, and ensuring that the needs of children and young people in the borough are identified and addressed at a strategic level.

### 6. Recommendations

**That the Health and Well-Being Board approve the protocol and that it is effective with immediate effect.**

## **7. Proposals and Details**

The revised statutory guidance on interagency working to safeguard and promote the welfare of children (Working Together 2013) states that

*'all local agencies need to have a clear understanding of the collective needs of children locally when commissioning effective services. As part of that process, the Director of Public Health should ensure that the needs of vulnerable children are a key part of the Joint Strategic Needs Assessment that is developed by the health and wellbeing board.'* (WT 2013 para 16)

The statutory guidance also states that LSCBs should work with Health and Wellbeing Boards informing and drawing upon the JSNA. The LSCB submits its annual report to the Health and Wellbeing Board and other strategic partnerships and the protocol is the agreement that formalises this mechanism.

## **8. Finance**

The LSCB has its own budget financed by member agencies, the key agencies for such financing being Children's Social Care Services, Children's Health Economy, and the Police. A budget statement is included in the RLSCB Annual Report.

## **9. Risks and uncertainties**

The requirement to collaborate effectively at a strategic level is more important at this time than it has ever been; the changes to the NHS and the impact of budget reductions in local authorities and other organisations require partnerships to be more effective in achieving their aims.

## **10. Policy and performance information**

The revised Ofsted framework for the inspection of services for children in need of help and protection, children looked after and care leavers is due to be implemented nationally from November 2013. Amongst other areas the framework will evaluate the effectiveness of partnership and governance arrangements at a strategic level.

## **11. Background Papers and Consultation**

Working Together to Safeguard Children - A guide to inter-agency working to safeguard and promote the welfare of children: HM Government 2013

Ofsted framework for the inspection of services for children in need of help and protection, children looked after and care leavers: Ofsted 2013

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