

**HERTFORDSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL**

**HEALTH AND WELLBEING BOARD**

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**ANNUAL REPORT OF THE HERTFORDSHIRE SAFEGUARDING  
CHILDREN BOARD 2012-2013**

Report of Director Health and Community Services

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**Presented by Phil Picton, Independent Chair of Hertfordshire  
Safeguarding Children Board**

**1. Purpose of report**

- 1.1 The Apprenticeships, Skills, Children and Learning Act 2009 introduced a requirement for Local Safeguarding Children Boards to produce and publish annual reports on the effectiveness of safeguarding in the local area. 'Working Together to Safeguard Children 2013' states that the annual report must be submitted to the Chair of the Health and Wellbeing Board which is attached at appendix 1 to the report.

**2. Summary**

- 2.1 The 2012-2013 Annual Report for Hertfordshire is presented to the Health and Wellbeing Board to seek the Board's support on addressing the issues raised.

**3. Recommendation**

- 3.1 The Board is asked to consider the Annual Report and note the priorities for safeguarding in 2013-15 year and the proposed areas of focus for the Safeguarding Board
- 3.2 For the Board to consider how it will contribute to the priorities for 2013-15.

#### **4. Background**

The Hertfordshire Safeguarding Children Board (HSCB) coordinates and monitors the effectiveness of arrangements to safeguard and promote the welfare of children and young people in the area. The HSCB has an independent chair.

In March 2013 the statutory document 'Working Together to Safeguard Children 2010' was replaced by 'Working Together to Safeguard Children 2013' which covers the legislative requirements and expectations on individual services to safeguard and promote the welfare of children and gives a clear framework for the Local Safeguarding Children boards to monitor the effectiveness of local services.