

HERTFORDSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL

HEALTH AND WELLBEING BOARD
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HERTFORDSHIRE SAFEGUARDING CHILDREN BOARD ANNUAL REPORT
2014-2015

Report of

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1.0 Purpose of report

1.1 The purpose of this report is to provide the members of the Health and Wellbeing Board with an update on the state of safeguarding children in Hertfordshire and of the work undertaken by the Hertfordshire Safeguarding Children Board during the period of April 2014 to March 2015

2.0 Summary

2.1 The HSCB Annual report (Appendix A) provides a Chair's summary of safeguarding issues for children in Hertfordshire. It also contains an update of the work carried out by the Safeguarding Children Board during 2014-15 on themes such as performance activity, audits and challenge, reviewing of child deaths, case reviews including serious case reviews, child sexual exploitation and missing children, private fostering, development of policies and procedures, learning and improvement (training) and an update on local safeguarding forums. The report also includes information on the progress made against the HSCB Business Plan 2014-15 and identifies the board priorities going forward.

3.0 Recommendation

3.1 That the Health and Wellbeing Board discuss and note the HSCB Annual Report, and take it into account in future discussions on improving the Health and Wellbeing of Children in Hertfordshire.

4.0 Background

4.1 Working Together to Safeguard Children 2015 requires the Local Safeguarding Children Board to produce and publish an annual report which reviews the “effectiveness of child safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children in the local area”. The guidance also states a copy of this report should be presented to the Chair of the local Health and Wellbeing Board. The report should be considered in the future development of services for children and the Safeguarding Board should be involved in developing future plans for children in Hertfordshire.

In addition to the provision of this report to the Health and Wellbeing Board, safeguarding input to planning is achieved through the Chair of HSCB being an active participant in the Children and Young Persons Integrated Commissioning Executive (CYPICE). It is also achieved as the Director of Children’s Services, Lead Member for Children’s Services and the Directors of Nursing for both CCGs sit on the Safeguarding Board.

Report signed off by	HSCB
Sponsoring HWB Member/s	Jenny Coles Councillor Richard Roberts
Hertfordshire HWB Strategy priorities supported by this report	Reducing the harm caused by alcohol Supporting carers to care Helping all families to thrive Improving mental health and emotional wellbeing Fulfilling lives for people with learning disabilities
Needs assessment – The report reviews the work carried out by the LSCB and identifies strengths and areas for improvement during 2014-15	
Consultation/public involvement Consultation with and sign off by the HSCB Board Members	
Equality and diversity implications None	
Acronyms or terms used	
Initials	In full
CAF	Common Assessment Framework
CAFCASS	Child and Family Court Advisory Support Service
CCG	Clinical Commissioning Group
CDOP	Child Death Overview Panel
CiN	Child in Need
CP	child protection
CQC	Care Quality Commission
DBS	Disclosure and Barring Service
ENHT	East & North Hertfordshire Hospitals NHS Trust
HCC	Hertfordshire County Council
HCNT	Hertfordshire Community NHS Trust
HMIC	Her Majesty’s Inspectorate of Constabulary
HPFT	Hertfordshire Partnership Foundation NHS Trust
HSCB	Hertfordshire Safeguarding Children Board
ISA	Independent Safeguarding Authority
LADO	Local Authority Designated Officer
PCR	partnership case review
SCR	serious case review
SMART	Specific, Measurable, Achievable, Realistic, Timely
WHHT	West Hertfordshire Hospitals NHS Trust