

OBJECTIVE:
To scrutinise the progress and performance of the Hertfordshire Safeguarding Children Board (HSCB) in 2015 - 16

- QUESTIONS TO BE ADDRESSED:**
1. Progress on Serious Case Reviews (SCR) including learning for cases such as ‘Sophie’
 - What findings and recommendations have emerged from SCRs?
 - What progress has been made in address the findings and recommendations?
 - What are the ongoing challenges?
 - What further work is required?
 - Are there re-occurring themes in the SCRs?

 2. Neglect to include Children in Need and Children with Disabilities
 - Why is this a priority for HSCB?
 - What has been done to address Neglect?
 - What further work is required?

 3. Self Harm (including anorexia and social media)
 - Why is this a priority for HSCB?
 - What has been done to address Self Harm?
 - What further work is required?

Follow up from 2014/15:
At the HSCB scrutiny the topic group requested that members be updated on the:

- Outcomes of the March 2016 district/borough Housing Workshop
- Impact of the uncertainties facing HSCB (i.e. LSCB review, HSCB budget, Return Interview, NSPCC Graded Care Profile (GCP) template)
- Return Interview pilot
- National Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Children (NSPCC) GCP template
- Impact of the Prevent / radicalisation work

OUTCOME:
For members to understand the work of HSCB, be confident that the statutory guidance is being met and that HSCB is providing an effective challenge to partner agencies.

CONSTRAINTS:
The scrutiny will not include a review of the progress or performance of individual agencies except as constituent members of HSCB. The scrutiny will not consider individual cases.

WITNESSES i.e. individuals	EVIDENCE from
Phil Picton, HSCB Independent Chair	HSCB Business Plan 2015-16

SCRUTINY REMIT: ANNUAL SAFEGUARDING CHILDREN BOARD

Caroline Aitken, HSCB Business Manager	Annual Report 2015-16
Sue Williams, Director of Family Safeguarding	
Roger Carruthers, Head of Child Protection & Statutory Review	
Keith Ibbetson, Chair of Case Review Group	
Sue Beck, Head of Service: Children & Young People Public Health	
Santokh Dulai Head of Social Care & Safeguarding HPFT	
Mary Emson, Designated Nurse ENHCCG	
Clare Hawkins Director of Quality & Governance and Chief Nurse HCT	

METHOD: 1 day Topic Group

DATE: 10 Oct 2016

MEMBERSHIP:

Roger Beeching (Chairman), Tim Hutchings, Graham McAndrew, Mark Watkin, Lynn Chesterman, William Wyatt-Lowe

SUPPORT:

Scrutiny Officer: Natalie Rotherham

Lead Officer/s: Caroline Aitken HSCB Business Manager

Democratic Services Officer: Deborah Jeffery

HCC Priorities for Action: how this item helps deliver the Priorities

1. Opportunity to get the best out of life ✓
2. Opportunity to share in Hertfordshire's strong economy
3. Opportunity to be healthy and stay safe ✓
4. Opportunity to take part

CfPS ACCOUNTABILITY OBJECTIVES:

1. Transparent – opening up data, information and governance ✓
2. Inclusive – listening, understanding and changing ✓
3. Accountable – demonstrating credibility ✓