

HERTFORDSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL

HEALTH AND WELLBEING BOARD

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**HERTFORDSHIRE SAFEGUARDING CHILDREN BOARD ANNUAL
REPORT 2018/19**

Report of Hertfordshire Safeguarding Children Board

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1. Purpose of report

- 1.1 In accordance with Working Together (2015) The Chair of the Local Safeguarding Children Board (LSCB) must publish an annual report on the effectiveness of child safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children in the local area.

2. Summary

- 2.1 The annual report highlights the local background and context for safeguarding children in Hertfordshire, it provides some key data behind this, it explains the structure and governance arrangements of the Board, it provides updates of the work undertaken by the sub-groups, as well as the Boards priorities.

The report contains the Business plan which further highlights progress against the priorities.

3. Recommendation

- 3.1 For the Board to provide comment and feedback on the report

Report signed off by	Hertfordshire Safeguarding Children Board
Sponsoring HWB Member/s	Jenny Coles/Cllr Heritage
Hertfordshire HWB Strategy priorities supported by this report	Starting Well, developing well, living well.
Needs assessment (activity taken)	
Consultation/public involvement (activity taken or planned) The Annual Report is published on the HSCB website.	
Equality and diversity implications The Board priorities and actions against these recognise the vulnerability and specific needs of certain groups; these include children with disabilities and special educational needs, children at risk of exploitation, children at risk of radicalisation, children who self-harm and children at risk as a result of gang activity. In addition, the priorities seek to support children at risk of neglect due to specific parental needs. In recognising the changing demographic in Hertfordshire, the Board recognises the specific needs of children and families from the Traveller community and other ethnic groups. It finally carefully considers issues in relation to violence towards women and girls.	
Acronyms or terms used. eg:	
HSCB	Hertfordshire Safeguarding Children Board
HSCP	Hertfordshire Safeguarding Children Partnership