



Although a formal committee of Brighton & Hove City Council, the Health & Wellbeing Board has a remit which includes matters relating to the Clinical Commissioning Group (CCG), the Local Safeguarding Board for Children and Adults and Healthwatch.

Title:	Brighton & Hove Local Safeguarding Children Board (LSCB), Annual Report, 2018/19
Date of Meeting:	12 November 2019
Report of:	Chris Robson, Local Safeguarding Children Board (LSCB), Independent Chairperson
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Wards Affected:	All
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Executive Summary	
<p>The Brighton & Hove Local Safeguarding Children Board (LSCB) comprises of senior representatives from statutory and non-statutory agencies and organisations in Brighton & Hove with a responsibility for keeping children safe. The Board co-ordinates local safeguarding activity. It ensures the effectiveness of local work by; monitoring and scrutinising what is done by our partner agencies to safeguard and promote the welfare of children, undertaking serious case reviews and other multi-agency learning reviews, audits and qualitative reviews and sharing learning opportunities, collecting and analysing information about child deaths, drawing evidence from the testimony of children, young people and frontline professionals and publishing an annual report</p> <p>The annual report outlines progress the LSCB has made over the last year in respect to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children and young people. It covers the period 1st April 2018 to 31st March 2019.</p> <p>This is the last annual report of the LSCB as we begin the transition to new safeguarding partnership arrangements brought about by the enactment of the Children and Social Work Act (2017). Going forward the 'Safeguarding Partners' – the Local Authority, Brighton & Hove Clinical Commissioning Group and Sussex Police will have joint responsibility for all</p>	



safeguarding arrangements.

Glossary of Terms

LSCB – Local Safeguarding Children Board
SCR – Serious Case Review
CDOP – Child Death Overview Panel
SAB – Safeguarding Adult Board
CCE – Child Criminal Exploitation
CSE- Child Sexual Exploitation
CSA – Child Sexual Abuse
CSARC – Children’s Sexual Abuse Referral Centre

1. Decisions, recommendations and any options

It is recommended that the Board:

- 1.1 note the report and commend partner agencies in their contribution to keep children safe from abuse and neglect.
- 1.2 note LSCB achievements and challenges on page 7.

2. Relevant information

- 2.1 During this reporting period it was a statutory requirement for the LSCB to publish an annual report evaluating the effectiveness of safeguarding arrangements for children and young people in the local area.
- 2.2 The LSCB has continued to work in partnership with member agencies to protect children from abuse and neglect, and to minimise any adverse consequences of abuse.
- 2.3 In summary this year:
 - We co-hosted a Pan Sussex Conference to look at all aspects of Safeguarding Adolescents, including looking at Adolescent Neglect, Risk of Suicide, Contextual Safeguarding and exploitation, thus reinforcing that neglect is a priority risk factor.
 - We completed a Learning Review this year concerning Baby Alex. The review looked at the circumstances surrounding an injury to Alex while in the care of his parents. Prior to his injuries there were no safeguarding concerns about Alex or his sibling. They were not known to children’s social care (CSC) or the police. The family was in receipt of enhanced health visiting support, initially due to financial issues and Father’s insecure immigration status. This year we also commissioned a large Serious Case Review featuring a family of four children with a history of chronic neglect. The family were well known to services in the city. Learning from this review will be made available in early 2020.
 - Between April 2018 and March 2019, the Child Death Overview Panel (CDOP) was notified of 15 deaths of children who were resident in Brighton & Hove. The number of children who died has increased from the previous year when there were 8 deaths notified. The CDOP update can be found on page 19 of the report.

- It has been another busy and successful year of multi-agency training. We have increased the numbers of staff that we have been able to reach via the training programme and a total of 1034 staff attended LSCB training between April 2018 & March 2019. It is of note that 403 staff came to mandatory level 2 core training (65 more than in the previous year) and that 631 staff attended the more specific level 3 training offers (again an increase on the previous year).

2.4 Achievements are listed out fully on page 7 of the report, below are a few of our achievements:

- The development of our neglect strategy has gathered pace with a new neglect assessment tool, Graded Care Profile (GCP2) purchased, our implementation plan is now well underway. We are confident that this will help frontline practitioners improve outcomes for our children in this key area.
- We have recognised the need to have a robust multi agency exploitation response to all forms of exploitation, widening the remit of our sub-group that formally dealt primarily with CSE. We have achieved some excellent joint working with the Safeguarding Adult Board (SAB) and the Community Safety Partnership (CSP) in this emerging high-risk area. We are planning a Violence, Vulnerability and Exploitation week of action later this year, the theme of the week will be 'Spotting the signs of Exploitation'.
- We have continued our commitment to providing high quality briefings to front-line staff, delivering face-to face inputs on SCRs and audits. In addition, we have developed on-line briefings to reach a wider audience. We continue to monitor the effectiveness of this input on practice through our audits.

This is the last Annual Report for the LSCB. We have transitioned into our new Safeguarding Arrangements.

3. Important considerations and implications

Legal:

Notwithstanding that in future the work of the LSCB will be conducted in new arrangements the work of the Board and the information contained in the report remains crucial to the ability of the different agencies represented to be satisfied that they are meeting their statutory obligations to work together to prioritise the safeguarding and wellbeing of children.

Lawyer consulted: Natasha Watson

Date: 7.10.19

Finance:

The full financial breakdown can be read on page 14 of the annual report. It is important to note that the LSCB budget does not represent the true costs of the Board's business and development work and some 'hidden' costs are subsumed within the City Council and other partners' budgets.

There are no financial implications directly resulting from the recommendations of this report. The financial information presented in the LSCB Annual report is accurate and a true reflection of the LSCB financial position within Brighton & Hove City Council's accounts.

Finance Officer consulted: Brian McGonigle

Date: 04/10/19

Equalities:

The LSCB through the City Council and other partner agencies will continue to work to ensure all children and families have access to safeguarding services – particularly those who are less able to communicate due to age, disability, language or for other reasons. The work of the Board contributes to improved community cohesion. Where reviews recommend ways to better meet needs of people sharing a protected characteristic these are provided to the relevant organisations, implemented and monitored.

Equalities Manager consulted: Anna Spragg

Date: 04/10/19

Sustainability:

The LSCB is a statutory requirement. It needs to be appropriately resourced to fulfil its statutory obligations.

Supporting documents and information

Appendix 1: LSCB Annual Report 2018/2019