



Scrutiny Committee
5 November 2015

**Report from the Independent
Chair of the Local
Safeguarding Children's
Board**

For Action

Wards Affected:
ALL

**Brent Local Safeguarding Children Board
Annual Report**

1.0 Summary

1.1 The purpose of this report is for the independent chair of the Brent Local Safeguarding Children Board (LSCB) to present the LSCB annual report to members.

2.0 Recommendation

2.1 That the Scrutiny Committee reviews and notes the contents of the LSCB annual report.

3.0 Detail

3.1 "Working Together to Safeguard Children 2015" is the statutory guidance issued by the Government with regard to effective multi-agency working to safeguard children. It addresses the legislative requirements and expectations on individual services to safeguard and promote the welfare of children and provides a framework for LSCBs to monitor the effectiveness of local services.

3.2 The Chair of the Local Safeguarding Children Board must publish "an annual report on the effectiveness of child safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children in the local area". The report should be published in relation to the preceding financial year. This report covers the period April 2014 to March 2015..

3.3 The guidance states that the report should be submitted to the Chief Executive, Leader of the Council, the local police and crime commissioner and

the Chair of the Health and Wellbeing Board and copies will be circulated in line with the 2015 guidance.

- 3.4 This report covers year 3 of the three year business plan.
- 3.5 The refreshed business plan was agreed by LSCB partners in December 2014.
- 3.6 The annual report addresses the effectiveness of child safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children in Brent. This includes an assessment of the performance and effectiveness of local services.
- 3.7 The report includes an analysis of the progress of the Board in addressing its four priorities:

Child Sexual Exploitation (CSE)

Board members are assured that arrangements to identify and safeguard children at risk of child sexual exploitation are effective and that initiatives are in place to promote prevention of potential victims, protection of victims, prosecution of perpetrators and support for recovery of victims of child sexual exploitation.

Harmful Practices

Board members are assured that there are effective partnership arrangements in place to safeguard children and young people from harmful practices. These include, Female Genital Mutilation (FGM), Honour Based Violence, Trafficking and Forced Marriage. It is acknowledged that domestic abuse can be a feature across these practices.

Anti Radicalisation

Board members are assured that effective measures are in place to prevent children and young people from being radicalised and to identify and support those young people who have been radicalised to change.

An Effective Board

Board partners work effectively together to safeguard and promote the welfare of children and young people.

To evaluate the effectiveness of the Board in fulfilling its core tasks three types of performance indicators have been considered:

Quantity -how much did we do?

Quality- How well did we do?

Outcome/Impact-what difference has been made?

- 3.8 The report addresses the finances of the Board and how the budget is committed.

4.0 Financial Implications

- 4.1 None

5.0 Legal Implications

5.1 None

6.0 Diversity Implications

6.1 None

Background Papers

Brent Local Safeguarding Children Board (LSCB) annual report

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