

CHILDRENS AND YOUNG PEOPLE SCRUTINY REVIEW BOARD

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Implementation of the Derby and Derbyshire Safeguarding Children Partnership

Purpose

- 1.1 The report provides an update following the implementation of the Derby and Derbyshire Safeguarding Children Partnership multi-agency safeguarding arrangements on September 29 2019.

Recommendation(s)

- 2.1 To note the progress being made to implement the new multi-agency safeguarding arrangements across Derby and Derbyshire in compliance with Working Together to Safeguard Children 2018 statutory guidance and the Children and Social Work Act 2017.

Reason

- 3.1 Derby City Council and Derbyshire County Council approved the proposal in March 2019 to establish new Multi-Agency Safeguarding Arrangements across the Derby City and Derbyshire County areas replacing both the Derby Safeguarding Children Board and the Derbyshire Safeguarding Children Board. Working Together 2018 replaces the requirement to have Local Safeguarding Children Boards and for Safeguarding Partners, comprising of local authorities, clinical commissioning groups, and chief officers of police, to agree arrangements locally to safeguard and protect children.

Supporting information

- 4.1 Under the Children and Social Work Act 2017 Act the three statutory safeguarding partners (Local Authorities, Chief Officers of Police, and Clinical Commissioning Groups (CCGs)) must make arrangements to work together with relevant agencies to safeguard and protect the welfare of children in the area. These are referred to as Multi-Agency Safeguarding Arrangements. Working Together to Safeguard Children (July 2018), sets out the statutory guidance to which all new Multi-Agency Safeguarding Arrangements must adhere. Under the guidance it is permissible for the new arrangements to cover more than one local authority area with the same principle applying for Clinical Commissioning Groups and Chief Officers of Police. The statutory safeguarding partners across Derby and Derbyshire retain equal and joint responsibility for local safeguarding arrangements.

Public/stakeholder engagement

- 5.1 The Derby and Derbyshire Safeguarding Children Partnership has been developed through a chief officer working group with representation from the Clinical Commissioning Groups, Police, both Local Authorities and the independent chairs
- 5.2 Wider engagement has taken place and is ongoing with partners; including lay members, staff, education representatives and members of the sub groups.
- 5.3 Bi-annual stakeholder events will ensure that partner agencies and members of the community are active participants contributing to the evaluation of safeguarding arrangements across Derby and Derbyshire and driving forward improvement. The first stakeholder event will be held in June 2020.
- 5.4 The stakeholder group events will ensure that:
- Ongoing learning and improvement is shared across the partnership from the work of the sub groups;
 - Partners and stakeholders have the opportunity to shape ongoing development and business plans for the partnership;
 - Partners and stakeholders are able to identify emerging thematic safeguarding concerns for children both from within and from outside their families.

This approach will enable joint identification of, and response to, existing and emerging needs and agreement on priorities to improve outcomes for children.

Other options

- 6.1 N/A

Financial and value for money issues

- 7.1 The Derby and Derbyshire Safeguarding Children partnership is funded by in the majority from contributions from Derby City Council, Derbyshire County Council, Derbyshire Constabulary and Derby and Derbyshire Clinical Commissioning Group. The total annual budget of the partnership is circa £527,000.

Legal implications

- 8.1 “The arrangements put in place meet the Council’s obligations set out in the Children and Social Work Act 2017”.

Other significant implications

9.1

This report has been approved by the following people:

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Background papers:

List of appendices: Appendix 1 - DDSCP Review Report