

## HEALTH AND WELLBEING BOARD - 28 January 2015

<b>Title of paper:</b>	NCSCB AND NCASPB ANNUAL REPORT 2013/14		
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<b>Other colleagues who have provided input:</b>			
<b>Date of consultation with Portfolio Holder(s) (if relevant)</b>			
<b>Relevant Council Plan Strategic Priority:</b>			
Cutting unemployment by a quarter			<input type="checkbox"/>
Cut crime and anti-social behaviour			<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Ensure more school leavers get a job, training or further education than any other City			<input type="checkbox"/>
Your neighbourhood as clean as the City Centre			<input type="checkbox"/>
Help keep your energy bills down			<input type="checkbox"/>
Good access to public transport			<input type="checkbox"/>
Nottingham has a good mix of housing			<input type="checkbox"/>
Nottingham is a good place to do business, invest and create jobs			<input type="checkbox"/>
Nottingham offers a wide range of leisure activities, parks and sporting events			<input type="checkbox"/>
Support early intervention activities			<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Deliver effective, value for money services to our citizens			<input type="checkbox"/>
<b>Relevant Health and Wellbeing Strategy Priority:</b>			
Healthy Nottingham: Preventing alcohol misuse			<input type="checkbox"/>
Integrated care: Supporting older people			<input type="checkbox"/>
Early Intervention: Improving Mental Health			<input type="checkbox"/>
Changing culture and systems: Priority Families			<input type="checkbox"/>
<b>Summary of issues (including benefits to citizens/service users and contribution to improving health &amp; wellbeing and reducing inequalities):</b>			
<p>The Safeguarding Boards key purposes are to secure effective safeguarding arrangements for the citizens of Nottingham and to secure effective co-ordination between all agencies responsible for safeguarding.</p>			
<b>Recommendation(s):</b>			
<b>1</b>	To consider the annual report and identify any comments, proposed additions or amendments that the Board would wish to identify.		
<b>2</b>	Subject to any comments, proposed additions or amendments to agree the Annual Report.		
<b>3</b>	To identify any issues arising from the Annual that will be built into the Strategic Commissioning Plan formulated by the Health and Well-Being Board.		

**How will these recommendations champion mental health and wellbeing in line with the Health and Wellbeing Board aspiration to give equal value to mental health and physical health ('parity of esteem'):**

Both safeguarding boards have included mental health and well-being as key priorities in their Business Plans since mental health can be a critical risk factor in safeguarding not just for individual children or adults but in the wider family and community context. The Boards are driving to secure stronger safeguarding practice in relation to mental health to reduce risk and to improve safeguarding outcomes.

**1. REASONS FOR RECOMMENDATIONS**

1.1 It has been agreed that the Health and Well-Being Board will be a partnership board that receives the Safeguarding Boards' Annual Report as part of the annual consultative process. In addition, it has been agreed that the Health and Well-Being Board will consider how the key objectives in the Safeguarding Boards Annual Report will be built into their own Strategic Commissioning Plans. The Annual Report was presented to the Commissioning Executive Group at its meeting on 6<sup>th</sup> January 2015 and comments made will be included in the minutes of that meeting.

**2. BACKGROUND (INCLUDING OUTCOMES OF CONSULTATION)**

2.1 It is a statutory requirement that the Nottingham City Safeguarding Children Board produce an Annual Report setting out its performance against key objectives and priorities for action in the Board Business Plan. Whilst it is not yet a statutory responsibility to produce an Annual Report for the Safeguarding Adult Board it has been agreed that this should be produced in Nottingham City as a matter of good practice. The production of an Annual Report for the Safeguarding Adult Board will become a statutory requirement from April 2015 as a result of the Care Act 2014.

2.2 The main purpose of the annual report is to assess the impact of the work we have undertaken in 2013/14 on service quality and effectiveness and on outcomes for children, young people and adults in Nottingham City. Specifically it evaluates our performance against the priorities that we set in our Business Plans 2012/13 and other statutory functions that the LSCB must undertake.

2.3 The Annual Report 2013/14 is attached as appendix 1 to this report. As a result of the closer alignment of the NCSCB with the Nottingham City Adult Safeguarding Partnership Board we have, for the first time, combined the annual reports. This decision is under review given the fact that Adult Safeguarding Boards will become statutory entities from March 2015 with their own annual review framework set out in legislation and guidance.

2.4 The Annual Report covers a range of issues including:

- An outline of the local area safeguarding context setting out some core statistical and socio-economic profile information;
- The governance and accountability frameworks within which the Boards operate including the relationship between the two safeguarding boards and the Health and Well-Being Board and steps that have been taken to clarify inter-relationships between the safeguarding boards and the wider partnership geography in the city, such as the Children's Partnership Board and the Community Safety Partnership;

this part of the annual report also sets out attendance at the board, an account of our annual expenditure and an analysis of the effectiveness of the Boards;

- Performance against the Business Plan for 2013/14 that analyses what we did and its impact on outcomes in relation to service effectiveness and outcomes for service users; this includes outlines of key work undertaken in safeguarding priority areas such as: sexual abuse; domestic violence (including the launch of DART); Missing Children; Child Sexual Exploitation; PREVENT; Private Fostering; Allegations Management; safeguarding policies and procedures; safeguarding training and development activity; safeguarding in childcare and early years settings; safeguarding in schools and education settings;
- Specific reports from the Serious Case Review and Child Death Overview sub-groups of the Children's Safeguarding Board;
- An outline of individual partner agency safeguarding performance during 2013/14;
- A digest of the future challenges facing the Boards including our Business Plan for 2014/15.
- Analysis of the Board's quality assurance and performance management work in 2013/14 is set out in relevant sections of the report

2.5 The report recognises much positive progress in relation to priorities set in the Business Plan 2013/14 highlights of which include:

- **In relation to children and young people:** work to support the development of the early help offer; the introduction of a single assessment framework, threshold protocol and learning and development framework as required by Working Together 2013; further developments in work to address children missing and those at risk of child sexual exploitation.
- **In relation to adults:** securing assurance of effective local responses to the Winterbourne View and Francis Reports; monitoring the implementation of the mental capacity act and Deprivation of Liberty Safeguards (DoLS) specifically in response to the Cheshire West judgement; the impact of personalised budgets/self-directed support on safeguarding risk; safeguarding in residential and nursing home provision;
- **Across the boards:** there has been a strengthening of quality assurance and performance management arrangements extending beyond quantitative data and developing a rich mix of multi-agency audits to gauge the quality of safeguarding of safeguarding work and the inclusion of front-line staff perspectives in evaluating progress and performance; monitoring and evaluation of domestic abuse; consideration of issues relating to transitions.

2.6 Data analysis has revealed a number of important trends that will continue to be the focus of the Board's work in the coming year. For example:

- An increase in the number of children with child protection plans;
- Children's referral rates that are higher than our statistical neighbours;
- Drug and alcohol related issues remaining a key concern in safeguarding referrals;
- An increase in the number of children in care;
- Continued increases in the number of adult safeguarding alerts;
- Rises in the number of DoLS referrals;

- Continuation of the trend of adult safeguarding alerts in residential and care settings exceeding the number reported from the community.

2.7 The Annual Report also sets out the priorities for action in the current year which have been incorporated into the business plan for 2014/15. Given the timing of the Ofsted inspection in the spring of 2014 the NCSCBs business priorities have been significantly influenced by the recommendations of that process. Clearly the areas for improvement for the Board itself that are reported on below are key priorities in the current year. In addition the NCSCB will take a role in monitoring and evaluating the performance of the local authority and its partners in response to the Ofsted inspection and, indeed, inspection undertaken by other inspectorates such as CQC and HMIC which are referred to below.

2.8 The Business Plan for 2014/15 has already been considered by the Health and Well Being Board. It sets out priorities for action for the current year and sets out both the quality assurance and performance management indicators that will be applied to assess impact against each of the priorities and the actions that will be undertaken to support the achievement of these impacts and outcomes.

### **3. OTHER OPTIONS CONSIDERED IN MAKING RECOMMENDATIONS**

3.1 There are no other options presented.

### **4. FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS (INCLUDING VALUE FOR MONEY/VAT)**

4.1 Both the NCSCB and NCASPB are funded through a budget to which all statutory partners contribute through a formula agreed by the Board. These contributions have been agreed and there are no financial implications specifically for the Health and Well-Being Board.

### **5. RISK MANAGEMENT ISSUES (INCLUDING LEGAL IMPLICATIONS AND CRIME AND DISORDER ACT IMPLICATIONS)**

5.1 The NCSCB and NCASPB operate their own risk registers that are monitored by both the Quality Assurance Sub-Group and the Operational Management Group.

### **6. EQUALITY IMPACT ASSESSMENT**

Has the equality impact been assessed?

Not needed (report does not contain proposals or financial decisions)

No

Yes – Equality Impact Assessment attached

Due regard should be given to the equality implications identified in the EIA.

### **7. LIST OF BACKGROUND PAPERS OTHER THAN PUBLISHED WORKS OR THOSE DISCLOSING CONFIDENTIAL OR EXEMPT INFORMATION**

7.1 The Annual Report is attached as Appendix 1.

**8. PUBLISHED DOCUMENTS REFERRED TO IN COMPILING THIS REPORT**

- 8.1 The NCSCB Business Plan is required by Working Together 2013 published by the Department for Education.