

<b>OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY COMMITTEE</b>
<b>4 NOVEMBER 2015</b>
<b>NOTTINGHAM CITY SAFEGUARDING CHILDREN'S BOARD (NCSCB) – ANNUAL REPORT 2014/15 AND NOTTINGHAM CITY ADULT SAFEGUARDING PARTNERSHIP BOARD (NCASPB) – ANNUAL REPORT 2014/15</b>
<b>REPORT OF HEAD OF DEMOCRATIC SERVICES</b>

**1. Purpose**

1.1 To consider the NCSCB and NCASPB Annual Reports for 2014/15 and identify and issues arising from the Annual Reports that could be built into the work programme for future scrutiny activity.

**2. Action required**

2.1 To explore the issues identified in both Annual Reports and the progress made by the Boards following the recommendations arising from the review carried out by Ofsted in May 2014.

2.2 In the future, the Committee might consider referring the scrutiny of NCSCB's Annual Report to the Children and Young People Scrutiny Committee.

**3. Background information**

3.1 In the January 2014, Overview and Scrutiny reviewed NCSCB's Annual Report for 2013/14 and heard that six areas had been identified by Ofsted as requiring improvement. The Committee heard that improvement and recommendations were either complete or in progress.

3.2 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. On 1 April 2015, as a result of the Care Act 2014, it became a statutory responsibility to produce an Annual Report for the Safeguarding Adult Board though this requirement would apply to the year 2015/16. It has always been our practice in Nottingham City to produce an annual report for the Adult Safeguarding Board even though this has not been a statutory requirement.

3.3 The main purpose of the annual reports is to assess the impact of the work we have undertaken in 2014/15 on service quality and effectiveness and on outcomes for children, young people and adults in Nottingham City. Specifically the annual reports evaluate the performance against the priorities that have been set in Business Plans

2014/15 and other statutory functions that the Local Safeguarding Children Boards must undertake.

- 3.4 In the past, the annual reports for the two safeguarding boards have been combined into one report. This year this decision has been reverted to presenting separate annual reports for the NCSCB and the NCASPB. The reasons are twofold. Firstly, there have been changes to the statutory frameworks within which both Boards work that underline the need for bespoke annual reports. Secondly, feedback from readers of last years' annual report suggested that the combined report was too complex and lengthy and risked diverting attention from key issues in the children and adult safeguarding arenas.
- 3.5 For these reasons two separate annual reports have been produced and presented to the Health and Well-Being Board, Children's Partnership Board and now to the Overview and Scrutiny Committee.

**4. List of attached information**

Health and Wellbeing Board Report, 30 September 2015

Nottingham City Safeguarding Children's Board Annual Report 2014/15

Nottingham City Safeguarding Adults Partnership Board Annual Report 2014/15

**5. Background papers, other than published works or those disclosing exempt or confidential information**

None.

**6. Published documents referred to in compiling this report**

Overview and Scrutiny Committee minutes 7 January 2015.

**7. Wards affected**

City-wide.

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