

Children and Young People Scrutiny Committee
31 March 2022

**Nottingham City Safeguarding Children Partnership Annual Report
2020/21**

Report of the Head of Legal and Governance

1 Purpose

- 1.1 To receive evidence from the Safeguarding Children Partnership regarding work to safeguarding children in the City; scrutinise the work of the Partnership, including consideration of its 2020/21 Annual Report; and identify any issues or evidence relevant to the Committee's work programme.

2 Action required

- 2.1 The Committee is asked to:
- a) agree any comments or recommendations that it wishes to make to the Safeguarding Children's Partnership; and
 - b) identify any issues or evidence relevant to the Committee's work programme and how to take this forward.

3 Background information

- 3.1 Nottingham City Safeguarding Children Partnership is established in accordance with the Children and Social Work Act 2017 and Working Together to Safeguard Children 2018. It provides the safeguarding arrangements under which the safeguarding partners and relevant agencies work together to co-ordinate their safeguarding services, identify and respond to the needs of children in the City, commission and publish local child safeguarding practice reviews and provide scrutiny to ensure the effectiveness of the arrangements.
- 3.2 The safeguarding partners responsible for the safeguarding arrangements under the Partnership are Nottingham City Council, Nottingham and Nottinghamshire Clinical Commissioning Group and Nottinghamshire Police. An Independent Scrutineer acts as a critical friend to the Partnership, encouraging reflection on practice. Other relevant agencies also support the Partnership.
- 3.3 There is a statutory requirement for the Partnership to publish an annual report highlighting work undertaken and plans for the future. The 2020/21 Annual Report is attached and representatives of the three statutory partners and the Independent Scrutineer have been invited to the meeting to discuss its contents with the Committee.

4 List of attached information

- 4.1 Briefing paper on the Nottingham City Safeguarding Children Partnership Annual Report 2020/21 from the Corporate Director of People, Director for Children's Integrated Services and Portfolio Holder for Children and Young People
- 4.2 Nottingham City Safeguarding Children Partnership Annual Report 2020/21

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

- 5.1 None

6 Published documents referred to in compiling this report

- 6.1 None

7 Wards affected

- 7.1 All

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