

**Children and Young People Scrutiny Committee**  
**13 November 2024**

**Nottingham City Safeguarding Children Partnership (NCSCP) Annual Report 2023/24**

**Report of the Statutory Scrutiny Officer**

**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 2023/24 Annual Report; and identify any issues or evidence relevant to the Committee's work programme.

**2 Action required**

- 2.1 The Committee is asked:

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

- 2.2 The Committee receives the report of the NCSCP annually as part of its Work Programme. At its meeting on 28 October 2023 a number of recommendations were made by the Committee, and Members may be minded to assess progress made:

- a) That the Partnership continues to focus on recognising the voice of the child, and ensure that the Council and Partners continue to improve on how they communicate with children with language barriers.
- b) That the Partnership continues work to disseminate information and videos to a wider range of organisations outside the partnership.

**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 Integrated Care Board and Nottinghamshire Police. An Independent Scrutineer acts as a constructive 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 2023/24 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 2023/24 from the Corporate Director for Children & Education Services, Director for Children's Integrated Services and Portfolio Holder for Children and Young People
- 4.2 Nottingham City Safeguarding Children Partnership Annual Report 2023/24

#### **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

#### **8 Contact information**

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