

Agenda item:

Title of meeting: Health and Wellbeing Board

Subject: PSCB Annual Report 2013/14 and Business Plan 2014-17

Date of meeting: Wednesday 26th November

Report by: Helen Donelan

Wards affected: All

1. Purpose of report

1.1 To introduce the Annual Report 2013-14 and Business Plan 2014-17 of the Portsmouth Safeguarding Children Board (PSCB)

2. Recommendations

2.1 Members of the Health and Wellbeing Board are invited to receive the Portsmouth Safeguarding Children Board Annual Report and Business Plan and to note areas of progress and challenges identified in the context of services being planned and commissioned.

3. Background

3.1 The 'Protocol setting out the relationship between the Portsmouth Health and Wellbeing Board and the Portsmouth Safeguarding Children Board and Portsmouth Safeguarding Adults Board' was agreed in 2014.

3.2 The protocol sets out the expectation that between September and November each year the PSCB Annual Report will be presented to the Health and Wellbeing Board to provide the HWB the opportunity to:

- scrutinise and challenge the performance of the PSCB
- draw across any data to be included in the JSNA
- reflect on key issues that need to be incorporated in the refresh of the JHWS

4. Key points on the report

4.1 Over 2013/14 the PSCB focused its attention on six priority areas which set the context for the work of its committees:

- Evaluating impact
- Developing scrutiny
- Early help
- Allegations management
- Reduction in repeat Child Protection Plans
- NHS reforms

4.2 The committees had considerable success throughout the year:

- In the identification of and response to child sexual exploitation (CSE), including the development of a multi-agency CSE strategy, the establishment

of a multi-agency CSE operational panel, and the development of a process for gathering and recording multi-agency data around CSE and children who are missing

- The appointment of the LADO, responsible for managing allegations against people working with children
- Joint work to significantly reduce the number of repeat Child Protection Plans has led to a sustained reduction
- Reaching 3000 children with the Lurking Troll campaign aimed at raising awareness among children of on-line risks
- The development of a robust and comprehensive dataset to enable the PSCB to better understand and analyse the effectiveness of safeguarding across the city
- The successful dissemination of learning from the Serious Case reviews into children C and D

4.3 The Annual Report concludes with key messages for individuals, groups and bodies to highlight and challenge them in their role in improving the well-being and safety of children in Portsmouth.

4.4 In December 2013 the PSCB appointed a new Independent Chair, Reg Hooke

5. The PSCB Business Plan 2014-17

5.1 The PSCB Business Plan 2014-17 outlines the Board's four priorities:

- Improving the effectiveness of agencies and the community in addressing neglect
- Communication: improving the awareness of safeguarding, including the work of the Board, amongst practitioners and the community, with a particular focus on at risk communities
- Ensuring that the voice of children influences learning and best practice
- Governance: increasing the effectiveness of the PSCB with clear evidence of improved outcomes for children

5.2 The delivery of the Business Plan is being led by the PSCB committees and through links with participating agencies.

5.3 Implementation and impact of the plan is regularly monitored and the priorities will be reviewed and by the Board annually

6. Links to the Health & Well-being Board

6.1 The primary objectives of the PSCB are directed at both coordinating and evaluating the task of partner agencies in promoting the wellbeing of children in Portsmouth, particularly in relation to the priority areas outlined in the Business Plan. The planning and commissioning tasks of the Health & Wellbeing Board are vital in supporting these objectives.

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