

5th September 2018

**To the Chair and Members of the
Children and Young People's Overview and Scrutiny Panel**

DONCASTER SAFEGUARDING CHILDREN'S BOARD (DSCB) ANNUAL REPORT 2017-18

Relevant Cabinet Member(s)	Wards Affected	Key Decision
Councillor Nuala Fennelly lead Member for Children, Young People and Schools	All	No

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

1. This report provides detailed information on the effectiveness of children's safeguarding in Doncaster. It provides an overview of the work of the Doncaster Safeguarding Children's Board (DSCB) and its partners to promote the welfare of children and young people and demonstrates the impact of the work undertaken against national and strategic priorities.

EXEMPT REPORT

2. Not exempt

RECOMMENDATIONS

3. Members of the Panel are asked to consider the content of the DSCB Annual Report 2017-18.

WHAT DOES THIS MEAN FOR THE CITIZENS OF DONCASTER?

4. The Overview and Scrutiny function has the potential to impact upon all of the Council's key objectives by holding decision makers to account, reviewing performance and developing policy. This is achieved through making robust recommendations, monitoring performance of Council and external partners and reviewing issues outside the remit of the Council that have an impact on the residents of the borough

BACKGROUND

5. John Woodhouse, the Independent Chair of the Doncaster Safeguarding Children Board will provide an update and present the Board's Annual Report 2017-18. The statutory guidance on inter-agency working to safeguard and promote the welfare of children 'Working Together to Safeguard Children' published in March 2015, requires the Chair of the Local Safeguarding Children Board (LSCB) to publish an Annual Report on the effectiveness of child safeguarding in the area served by the Board. There has been no change in this requirement under the updated Working Together to Safeguard Children 2018. The Board's Annual Report 2017-18 outlines details of the Board's activities and more importantly it provides an opportunity to deliver a statement about the position of safeguarding in Doncaster and the progress made against National priorities and strategic priorities identified in the DSCB annual business plan. This is the fifth Annual Report presented to the Panel. The full report is provided as Appendix 1.
6. Doncaster has been committed to responding to Child Sexual Exploitation (CSE) since 2014. In March 2015, the Council resolved to raise awareness about CSE and work in partnership with other organisations and the wider community to protect children and young people, this has been achieved effectively as evidenced in most recent Ofsted report which states "Targeted multi-agency support from a dedicated service effectively meets the needs of children at risk of sexual exploitation." The CSE Strategy has since been further updated to include other forms of child exploitation

OPTIONS CONSIDERED

7. There are no specific options to consider within this report as it provides an opportunity for the Panel to discuss the Safeguarding Children Board Annual Report, progress on CSE and other national and local strategic priorities.

REASONS FOR RECOMMENDED OPTION

8. These reports enhance the accountability of Overview and Scrutiny by allowing Members of the Panel to question and comment on the work undertaken by the DCSB during the previous year and the position of safeguarding in Doncaster.

IMPACT ON THE COUNCIL'S KEY OUTCOMES

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	Outcomes	Implications
	<p>Doncaster Working: Our vision is for more people to be able to pursue their ambitions through work that gives them and Doncaster a brighter and prosperous future;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Better access to good fulfilling work• Doncaster businesses are supported to flourish• Inward Investment	<p>This issue has a direct impact on helping children live safely, healthily and active in a safe environment whilst ensuring the governance between the Children's Board, Scrutiny and partners is working effectively.</p>

	<p>Doncaster Living: Our vision is for Doncaster's people to live in a borough that is vibrant and full of opportunity, where people enjoy spending time;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The town centres are the beating heart of Doncaster • More people can live in a good quality, affordable home • Healthy and Vibrant Communities through Physical Activity and Sport • Everyone takes responsibility for keeping Doncaster Clean • Building on our cultural, artistic and sporting heritage 	<p>This has a direct impact on the health and well-being of the children of Doncaster both now and in the future. Children will live more active lifestyles with increased opportunities.</p>
	<p>Doncaster Learning: Our vision is for learning that prepares all children, young people and adults for a life that is fulfilling;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Every child has life-changing learning experiences within and beyond school • Many more great teachers work in Doncaster Schools that are good or better • Learning in Doncaster prepares young people for the world of work 	<p>Children will prosper and achieve better outcomes.</p>
	<p>Doncaster Caring: Our vision is for a borough that cares together for its most vulnerable residents;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Children have the best start in life • Vulnerable families and individuals have support from someone they trust • Older people can live well and independently in their own homes 	<p>Closer alignment of the Safeguarding children's and safeguarding adults boards will ensure there is a cohesive, whole family approach to providing targeted services to improve the quality of end to end life.</p>
	<p>Connected Council:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A modern, efficient and flexible workforce • Modern, accessible customer interactions • Operating within our resources and delivering value for money • A co-ordinated, whole person, whole life focus on the needs and 	<p>None</p>

	aspirations of residents <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Building community resilience and self-reliance by connecting community assets and strengths • Working with our partners and residents to provide effective leadership and governance 	
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RISKS & ASSUMPTIONS

10. There are no risks and assumptions relevant from this report.

LEGAL IMPLICATIONS (PT 14.08.2018 and KDW 16.06.18)

11. There are no specific legal implications arising from this report.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS (PT 14.08.2018 and AB Date: 14/08/18)

12. There are no specific financial implications arising from this report.

HUMAN RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS (PT 14.08.2018 and MLV 14.08.18)

13. There are no specific Human Resource implications arising from the contents of this report.

TECHNOLOGY IMPLICATIONS (PT 14.08.2018 and KF 15.08.18)

14. There are no specific Technology implications arising from this report.

HEALTH IMPLICATIONS

(PT 14.08.2018)

15. A number of Council services will have an impact on the causes of health inequalities and the information within the report will be used to consider how the report contributes to the following 4 key local health challenges, either directly or indirectly:

- Helping children be ready for school.
- Reducing social isolation and loneliness.
- Increasing physical activity and reducing obesity.
- Improving mental health and reducing domestic violence.

(VJ: 20/08/2018)

16. The report captures the work to safeguard the welfare of children in Doncaster. Evidence in the report indicates a favourable assessment by Ofsted on effectiveness of the Safeguarding Board's work. The work of the Board clearly has direct health implications on the health of children and health inequalities. The areas identified in the report for further development will need to be monitored and reported on their progress and/or achievements over the next year.

EQUALITY IMPLICATIONS (PT 14.08.2018)

17. Section 149 Equality Act 2010 contains the Public Sector Equality Duty (PSED). This obliges public authorities, when exercising their functions, to have 'due regard' to the need to:
 - a. Eliminate discrimination, harassment and victimisation and other conduct which the Act prohibits;
 - b. Advance equality of opportunity;
 - c. Foster good relations between people who share relevant protected characteristics and those who do not.
18. The relevant protected characteristics under the Equality Act are age, disability, gender reassignment, pregnancy and maternity, race, religion or belief, sex and sexual orientation. The duty also covers marriage and civil partnerships, but only in respect of eliminating unlawful discrimination. The relevant characteristics in to the issues in this report are sex, age and race.
19. The DSCB Business Plan and its CCE Action Plan both address equalities issues in respect of safeguarding policy and practice.

CONSULTATION

20. There are no consultation requirements in respect of this report

BACKGROUND PAPERS

21. There are no background papers

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