

Health and Wellbeing Board 4th December 2015

DRAFT ANNUAL REPORT OF THE SHROPSHIRE SAFEGUARDING CHILDREN BOARD 2014/15

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1. Summary

- 1.1 The draft annual report for the Shropshire Safeguarding Children Board (SSCB) 2014/15 is attached for your information. It covers the reporting period between April 2014 and March 2015 and evaluates the work and impact of the Board whilst identifying priority areas of work for the period 2015– 2016.
- 1.2 The report sets the local background and context for safeguarding children in Shropshire and outlines the core functions of the SSCB in undertaking its safeguarding responsibilities.
- 1.3 The business plan for 2014-15 falls into two main sections: the priority areas for improvement in services to and outcomes for children; and the development and strengthening of the SSCB, including meeting its statutory responsibilities.
- 1.4 **The three priority areas for 2014-15 are:**
 1. **Compromised parenting, to include domestic abuse, parental substance misuse, and parental mental ill health;**
 2. **Missing children, to include child sexual exploitation and trafficking;**
 3. **Communication.**
- 1.5 Close examination is given to the performance and effectiveness of local safeguarding arrangements in NHS organisations, the Child and Adolescent Mental Health Service (CAMHS), education and schools, West Mercia Police, the Youth Offending Service, National Probation Service, Community Rehabilitation Company, Multi Agency Public Protection Arrangements (MAPPA), Multi-Agency Risk Assessment Conference (MARAC) and Shropshire Council.
- 1.6 An insight into the learning and improvement that is undertaken across the agencies and the framework for audit that is used in developing a cumulative picture of practice, to share good practice and plan for further improvement is provided. It also shows how

the multi-agency training that is provided has impacted on practice. The report identifies that the Children's Trust continues to be important in overseeing the

- 1.7 development and delivery of a number of services for children living in Shropshire including the Early Help offer. The Health and Wellbeing Board is increasingly influential and needs to show robust leadership in ensuring that the Joint Strategic Needs Assessment (JSNA) is used effectively to provide a strong evidence base for wider safeguarding activity and service commissioning
- 1.8 The development, capacity and impact of CAMHS at all tiers, including the interface with schools remains an issue, although there have been a number of encouraging developments. A challenge from schools via the SSCB resulted in the CCG completing an extensive review of the CAMHS service to identify and further understand the concerns and issues raised by service users/their families and professionals. The Shropshire CAMHS Transformation Plan is now being developed, led by a multi-agency group which includes contribution from service users. Likewise, services for perpetrators of domestic abuse and sexual abuse are also underdeveloped, and this will need addressing in order to improve outcomes for children and young people.
- 1.9 The LSCB will be seeking assurance during 2015-16 regarding:
- improvements in access to and impact of CAMHS
 - health (including mental health) provision for looked after children placed in Shropshire from elsewhere
 - effective information sharing and engagement with child protection processes across the health system.
- 1.10 The report concludes that, overall, agencies in Shropshire prioritise the safety and welfare of children and work constructively together to safeguard children and promote their wellbeing. The children and young people of Shropshire are generally receiving a good service but there remain areas where improvements can and must be made. The SSCB will therefore continue to look for improvements in practice whilst monitoring the effectiveness of policies, procedures and communications. Its plans are set out in the strategic plan for 2014 – 17, which is included as an appendix to the main report.

Recommendation

The Health and Wellbeing Board is recommended to note and comment on the information in the attached Shropshire Safeguarding Children Board Draft Annual Report 2014/15

REPORT

2. Risk Assessment and Opportunities Appraisal

(NB This will include the following: Risk Management, Human Rights, Equalities, Community, Environmental consequences and other Consultation)

3. Financial Implications

4. Background

5. Additional Information

6. Conclusions

List of Background Papers (This MUST be completed for all reports, but does not include items containing exempt or confidential information)
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Local Member
Appendices Draft Shropshire Safeguarding Children Board Annual Report 2014/15