



SHROPSHIRE HEALTH AND WELLBEING BOARD

Report

Meeting Date	21 November 2024					
Title of report	Annual Report – Shropshire Safeguarding Community Partnership (SSCP)					
This report is for (You will have been advised which applies)	Discussion and agreement of recommendations		Approval of recommendations (With discussion by exception)	X	Information only (No recommendations)	
Reporting Officer & email	Jane Rose, Business Manager – Shropshire Safeguarding Community Partnership					
Which Joint Health & Wellbeing Strategy priorities does this report address? Please tick all that apply	Children & Young People	x	Joined up working			x
	Mental Health	x	Improving Population Health			x
	Healthy Weight & Physical Activity		Working with and building strong and vibrant communities			x
	Workforce		Reduce inequalities (see below)			x
What inequalities does this report address?	Improving the lives of all vulnerable populations in Shropshire, including those with protected characteristics					

Report content - Please expand content under these headings or attach your report ensuring the three headings are included.

1. Executive Summary

This report fulfils the statutory duty to produce an annual report for both Adult and Children's safeguarding arrangements and the needs assessment for the Community Safety Partnership. Whilst there is no requirement on the Community Safety Partnership to publish an annual report about its activity, Shropshire Safeguarding Community Partnership (SSCP) chooses to ensure its community safety work is reflected in this publicly available report. It provides an opportunity to report to the public and all partners about decisions made and actions taken, by the Responsible Authorities for Community Safety.

The Annual Report has been approved and signed off by all SSCP strategic partners, submitted to the DfE and published on the SSCP website, as per legislative requirements. Deadlines of 30th September were met.

2. Recommendations

HWB endorses the SSCP Annual Report detailed in appendix 1.

3. Report

The purpose of this report is to provide assurance that Shropshire Safeguarding Community Partnership has plans in place to address the county's priorities to safeguard our communities and to meet the requirements set out in Working Together 2023.

Working Together 2023 came out in December 2023 and contains new requirements for children's safeguarding activity and annual reports. These requirements have been met where we can, and any not met, will be covered in next year's report. Guidance on annual reports stated all changes must be made by the completion of the next annual report, so we are currently progressing work to meet these changes.

The report explains what has been achieved in the financial year 2023-24 and what is planned for 2024-25.

Achievements included:

- Development of Strategic Plan & Priorities for 23 – 26
- Progressing work to implement changes within Working Together '23 to safeguard children, including the establishment of a Lead Safeguarding Partners Group at Chief Exec level working across the ICB footprint area; identification and development of Delegated Safeguarding Partners at a senior manager level to embed the 'joint responsibility' of children's safeguarding; work with Education partners to embed them within the work of the SSCP and the role of safeguarding within the new Education Partnership
- Launched self-neglect guidance and toolkit for workers, with awareness sessions to embed improvements into practice
- Delivery of all statutory case reviews and embedding all identified learning points, to include: Children's Safeguarding Practice Reviews (CSPRs), Adult Practice Reviews (APRs), Domestic Homicide Reviews (DHRs) and Anti-social Behaviour Case Reviews (ASBCRs). Also completed a review of all fire deaths with actions agencies need to take to reduce this.
- Joint workshops held with providers of domestic abuse, mental health and substance misuse to improve integrated working and develop joint working protocol
- Hate crime sessions delivered in schools
- Work completed around understanding better the risks for people that die by suicide, as a result of experiencing domestic abuse
- Details our implementation of national reforms such as Working Together '23; Serious Violence Duty; Domestic Abuse Act 2012 and Mental Capacity Act Code of Practice.

Risk assessment and opportunities appraisal (NB This will include the following: Risk Management, Human Rights, Equalities, Community, Environmental consequences and other Consultation)	Demand and capacity will continue to be a key area of focus and monitoring.	
Financial implications (Any financial implications of note)	The SSCP is funded through a multi-agency budget detail within report appendix 1	
Climate Change Appraisal as applicable	All commissioned activity takes into account climate considerations.	
Where else has the paper been presented?	System Partnership Boards	SSCP Strategic Governing Group
	Voluntary Sector	
	Other	
List of Background Papers (This MUST be completed for all reports, but does not include items containing exempt or confidential information)		
Cabinet Member (Portfolio Holder)		
Appendices Appendix A. SSCP Annual Report 2023 - 2024		