

## Lancashire Health and Wellbeing Board

Meeting to be held on 29 October 2015

### Lancashire Safeguarding Children Board (LSCB) Annual Report

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#### Executive Summary

The LSCB Annual Report has now been published and the Health and Wellbeing Board are asked to consider the key conclusions and priorities to inform current and future planning arrangements.

#### Recommendation/s

The Health and Wellbeing Board is recommended to:

- receive and consider the 2014/15 LSCB Annual Report
- Consider the key conclusions and its implications for future priorities.

#### Background

The LSCB is statutorily required to publish an Annual Report to fulfil the following purposes:

- Provide a summary of the effectiveness of services in Lancashire in safeguarding Children
- Reflect on the Boards achievements and challenges during the period
- Highlight areas for further development and priorities for the following year
- Ensure priorities are joined up with other key partnerships / groups and fora such as the Health and Wellbeing Board (HWBB) and the Children and Young People Trust Board (CYPTB)

The following represent key areas from the 2015/16 annual report that the Health and Wellbeing Board may be particularly interested:

- Child poverty rates have improved since previous year
- Rate of Children Looked After (CLA) higher than national but lower than regional average
- Smoking during pregnancy above national average
- 32.7% Year 6 children overweight or obese
- 11% children report being bullied at school
- 20% decrease in referrals to Children's Social Care (CSC) from 2013/14
- Hospital attendance for self-harm increased from 2013/14 and above national average
- A&E attendances for children above national average
- Hospital attendance for alcohol related issues (children) above national average

- 1194 Child Sexual Exploitation (CSE) referrals
- 9354 Domestic Abuse (DA) referrals (where child present)
- Emotional abuse now more frequent than neglect as key need on for children on a Child Protection Plan

Key achievements of the LSCB for the year include:

- Completion of a CSE 'Diagnostic' assessment
- Improved engagement with Private Sector Children's Homes
- All agencies compliant with S11 Audit requirements
- Delivery of the Safer Sleep Campaign
- 19020 professionals completed LSCB learning events
- New regional Quality Assurance Framework introduced
- Development of a multi-agency Missing From Home Protocol
- Delivering a CSE Awareness Week
- Completing an Early Help Inspection & local multi-agency practice inspections

Priorities for 2016/17 as follows:

- Continue to improving agencies response to CSE (e.g. development of consistent social work response and co-ordination of CSE prevention through use of enforcement powers of agencies )
- Embed and further develop the quality assurance and performance management framework
- Respond to recommendations from the Ofsted inspection
- Complete the re-alignment of the LSCB Management Team to support both Children and Adult Safeguarding Boards
- Hold a conference focussing on Missing From Home and related issues
- Complete current SCRs and implement learning / recommendations
- Complete themed audit of safeguarding arrangements for CLA placed out of area

#### **List of background papers**

The full LSCB Annual Report can be accessed through the link below:

<http://www.lancshiresafeguarding.org.uk/resources/publications.aspx>