

Briefing Note

Title: Wolverhampton Safeguarding Board Annual Report (Final draft) 2017-2018

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Recommendation(s)

The Scrutiny Panel is recommended to receive and note the final draft of the Wolverhampton Safeguarding Board (joint Children and Adult) Annual Report 2017/2018.

Overview

This final draft report aims to inform Scrutiny Panel of the safeguarding activity during 2017/2018, highlighting the progress made against the priorities for that period.

The Annual Report is agreed by the Wolverhampton Safeguarding Executive in this final draft form and will be presented, and approved, at the Wolverhampton Safeguarding Board on 14 September 2018.

The Annual Report provides an overview of how partners, including City of Wolverhampton Council, have discharged their safeguarding responsibilities over the preceding year.

Background and context

The Wolverhampton Safeguarding Board (WSB) is a statutory body set up in accordance with the Children Act 2004, and Care Act 2014, respectively. The Board is a partnership of enthusiastic members, dedicated to the improvement of practice and services that safeguard children in Wolverhampton.

WSB works closely with other strategic boards including the Health and Wellbeing Board, and the Safer Wolverhampton Partnership.

The Annual Report is a summary of WSB work during 2017/18.

This report is formally the responsibility of the independent Chair, Linda Sanders. The contents will be submitted to the Managing Director of the Council, the Leader of the Council, the local Police and Crime Commissioner and the Chair of the Health and Well-being Board. Overall, the WSCB believes that arrangements for safeguarding children in Wolverhampton during this period was effective; that there remains a strong commitment to safeguarding children across the partnership.

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