

# Southend-on-Sea Borough Council

## Report of Safeguarding Adults and Children's Boards to Health and Wellbeing Board

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### Protocol on the relationships between the Southend Safeguarding Vulnerable Adults and Local Children's Safeguarding Boards, and other Strategic Boards/Partnerships in Southend

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#### 1. Purpose of Report

To request that the Health and Wellbeing Board consider the attached protocol which seeks to formalise the relationships between the Southend Safeguarding Vulnerable Adults (SVAB) and Local Children's Safeguarding Boards (LSCB), the Health and Wellbeing Board, and other Strategic Boards/Partnerships in Southend in relation to safeguarding children and vulnerable adults.

#### 2. Recommendation

2.1 That the Board endorses the proposed protocol (*appendix 1*).

#### 3. Background

3.1 Local Safeguarding Children Boards are required by statute (*Working together to safeguard children 2013*) to work with Health and Wellbeing Boards to ensure the effective monitoring and coordination of the safeguarding of children. The LSCB is also required to submit its annual report on the effectiveness of safeguarding children to the Health and Wellbeing Board, in addition to other strategic partnerships

To date informal arrangements have been in place to ensure the LSCB has a working relationship with strategic partnerships, including the Health and Wellbeing Board. New inspection arrangements from Ofsted (November 2013) require the LSCB to evidence these strategic relationships.

The proposed protocol (detailed in appendix 1) has been drafted to formalise these arrangements and to ensure the LSCBs compliance with statutory and regulatory requirements.

The Safeguarding Adults Board will be placed on a statutory footing by the end of the year subject to the Care Bill being passed. This will require the SVAB to have a defined relationship with the Health and Wellbeing Board.

The Protocol will support the Health and Wellbeing Board to maintain oversight of the protection of children and vulnerable adults and enable the Health and Wellbeing Board and the Safeguarding Boards to offer mutual challenge.

#### **4. Next steps**

- 4.1 If agreed by the Health and Wellbeing Board the protocol will effective immediately.
- 4.2 It is proposed that the protocol will be reviewed by all partners annually

#### **5. Corporate Implications**

- 5.1 Contribution to Council's Vision and Critical Priorities: Health and Wellbeing Board Ambition 4 – A safer population
- 5.2 Financial Implications - None
- 5.3 Legal Implications – Ensures compliance with statutory requirements as detailed in 'Working Together to Safeguard Children' (*HM Govt 2013*)
- 5.4 People Implications – None
- 5.5 Property Implications - None
- 5.6 Consultation – Consultation on the protocol has taken take place with the LSCB, and SVAB. Wider public consultation is not required as this proposed protocol sets out the working relationship between the HWBB and the LSCB and SVAB.
- 5.7 Equalities Impact Assessment - None
- 5.8 Risk Assessment – Risk of non compliance by the LSCB and SVAB with statutory and regulatory requirements is high should no protocol be established

#### **6. Background Papers**

None

#### **7. Appendices**

Appendix 1 - Protocol on the relationships between the Southend Safeguarding Vulnerable Adults and Local Children's Safeguarding Boards, and other Strategic Boards/Partnerships in Southend