

Meeting: Health & Wellbeing Board
Date: 12 December 2023
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Key Decision: Yes/ No
Title of Report: Southend Safeguarding Partnership – Annual Report 2022/2023
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1. Executive Summary

Section 43 of the Care Act 2014 and Section 41 of the Statutory Guidance in Working Together to Safeguard Children 2018 (WT 2018) require the Southend Safeguarding Partnership (SSP) to publish an Annual Report.

2. Recommendations

It is recommended that Cabinet:

- Note the content of the SSP Annual report 2022/223

3. Background

This report comes to the Board as an information item and has been authored by SSP Partners and the SSP Business Unit.

The report covers the 2022-23 financial year. The SSP annual reports are usually published in the Autumn in the year following the one on which they report, because cleaning up data and aligning contents takes a lot of time. This year's report is later because major agencies have been disrupted by change programmes, regulators and inspectors or reviewers on-site. This has stretched capacity and led to delays. The partnership is already beginning on 2023-24's equivalent.

4. Financial Implications

None

5. Legal Implications

None

6. Appendices

Appendix 1: Southend Safeguarding Partnership – Annual Report – 2022-2023

Appendix 2: Southend Safeguarding Partnership – (Easy Read) Annual Report – 2022-2023