

# Southend Health & Wellbeing Board

Agenda  
Item No.

Report of  
**Liz Chidgey, LSCB & SAB Chair**  
to  
**Health & Wellbeing Board**  
on  
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## Title of Report

**Southend LSCB and SAB Annual Reports on the Effectiveness of Safeguarding  
Services 2015-16**

**Part 1 (Public Agenda Item) / Part 2**

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### 1. Purpose of Report

1.1. The Local Safeguarding Children Board (LSCB) and Safeguarding Adults Board Annual Reports for 2015-16 (appendices 1 & 2 respectively) provide an assurance statement of the effectiveness of safeguarding services in Southend and identify areas for development for consideration by other strategic and commissioning bodies when reviewing their strategic and business plans for the new financial year 2017-18

### 2. Recommendations

2.1. It is recommended that the Health and Wellbeing Board ensures the areas for development identified in the LSCB and SAB Annual Reports for 2015-16 (appendices 1 & 2) and in sections 3.1 and 3.2 of this report are reflected in its strategic planning for the coming year.

2.2. That the Schematic of Strategic Leads for Safeguarding and Community Safety Priorities (appendix 3) is agreed by the Health and Wellbeing Board

### 3. Background & Context

3.1. 'Working Together to Safeguard Children 2015' states that the LSCB Chair must publish an annual report on the effectiveness of child safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children in the local area. The annual report should fit with local agencies' planning, commissioning and budget cycles. The report is

submitted to the Chief Executive, Leader of the Council, the local police and crime commissioner and the Chair of the Health and Wellbeing Board.

The report identifies areas for development which should be considered by other strategic bodies and commissioners when reviewing their strategic plans and business plans for the coming year. The areas for development identified are as follows:

- i) Work is required to ensure children and young people who self-harm or have other mental health issues access services in a timely way and through the most appropriate routes. This will include more analysis of the issues and the development of a multi-agency action plan
- ii) The analysis of intelligence from all partners, including the public, to identify, disrupt and prosecute those who exploit children and young people
- iii) Mainstreaming of funding and development of timely specialist support services for victims of domestic abuse, sexual abuse, and exploitation is required by commissioning agencies
- iv) Mainstreaming of funding and development of timely specialist support services for perpetrators of domestic abuse, sexual abuse, and exploitation is required by commissioning agencies
- v) To continue to exercise oversight of, and analyse, the child protection process and application of thresholds by children's social care, and review the conferencing system to ensure partners maximise its effectiveness and impact on families
- vi) To ensure that the early help model is fully integrated with child protection processes, making one unified and comprehensive system to ensure all children and safeguarded and professionals know how and where to get the right help. Early Help services will be tested by the LSCB in 2017-18 to ensure hard to reach groups have the right access to those services.
- vii) To ensure that the Voice of the Child is increasingly embedded in the way that services are delivered, and that achieving specific outcomes for children are increasingly driving the work of professionals.
- viii) To continue to address and improve the governance of the Safeguarding Partnership (currently the LSCB) in light of the Wood Review of LSCBs, to ensure that cross cutting areas of work are approached holistically across the partnership, and that potential gaps and overlaps are identified and addressed effectively.
- ix) To respond to the Violence and Against Women and girls agenda, including FGM, providing a comprehensive programme of work

- 3.2 The Care Act Guidance 2014 states that the SAB must publish an annual report that must clearly identify what both the SAB and its members have done to carry out and deliver the objectives and other content of its strategic/business plan.

In order to continue to have an impact on improving services across the partnership the following areas for development have been identified for 2016-19:

- i) Ensure the provision of services for young people who require extra support and assessment but do not meet the criteria for statutory adult services are integrated and accessible. The SAB proposes there should be a one year funded project to look at the scale of this group and their needs, and how to work with them with, possibly using a worker in the third sector. The project to report back at the end of the year on issues and recommendations for this role in the future.
- ii) Improving the experiences of adults discharged from hospital ensuring good co-ordination between relevant partner agencies. The SAB to propose a project to look at drilling down into the issues underpinning hospital discharge concerns and develop “whole system” recommendations to be rolled out across the partnership to improve the safety, coherence, and consistency of this process for patients.
- iii) The provision of funding by commissioning agencies for a specialist hoarding support service
- iv) The provision of support services for domestic abuse perpetrators who are not in the criminal justice system, which has a good evidence base, by commissioning agencies
- v) Increase capacity of Health Based Places of Safety (HBPOS) in Southend and Essex as a whole, and a reduction in the use of section 136. As a matter of urgency Southend CCG to look into the reasons for the delays in refurbishing the existing section 136 health suites, and ensure adequate levels of local provision. (Referred to the CCG for action November 2016).
- vi) Commissioning agencies to ensure there is sufficient capacity in registered care homes and domiciliary care providers to meet the demands of an increasing elderly population
- vii) Ensuring DoLS assessments continue to be undertaken in a timely way to ensure the rights of adults with additional care and support needs are safeguarded effectively

#### **4. Health & Wellbeing Board Priorities / Added Value**

How does this item contribute to delivering the;

- Nine HWB Strategy Ambitions (listed on final page)

1 a, e & g; 2 d; 3 all; 4 all; 5 c & e; 6 all; 9 all

- Three HWB “Broad Impact Goals” which add value;
  - a) Increased physical activity (prevention)
  - b) Increased aspiration & opportunity (addressing inequality)
  - c) Increased personal responsibility/participation (sustainability)

4.1 Addresses the following Strategy Ambitions:  
1 a, e & g; 2 d; 3 all; 4 all; 5 c & e; 6 all; 9 all

## **5. Reasons for Recommendations**

5.1. To ensure priority areas for development of services to safeguard children and adults are addressed effectively

## **6. Financial / Resource Implications**

6.1 Additional financial and other resources may be required to address the areas for development identified in the reports

## **7. Legal Implications**

7.1. None

## **8. Equality & Diversity**

8.1. None

## **9. Background Papers**

9.1. None

## **10. Appendices**

10.1. LSCB Annual Report on the Effectiveness of Safeguarding Children Services 2015-16

10.2. SAB Annual Report on the Effectiveness of safeguarding Adults Services 2015-16

10.3. Schematic of Strategic Leads for Safeguarding and Community Safety Priorities

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## **HWB Strategy Priorities**

### **Broad Impact Goals – adding value**

- a) Increased Physical Activity (prevention)
- b) Increased Aspiration and Opportunity (addressing inequality)
- c) Increased Personal Responsibility and Participation (sustainability)

<b>Ambition 1. A positive</b>	<b>Ambition 2. Promoting</b>	<b>Ambition 3. Improving</b>
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<p><b>start in life</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a) Reduce need for children to be in care</li> <li>b) Narrow the education achievement gap</li> <li>c) Improve education provision for 16-19s</li> <li>d) Better support more young carers</li> <li>e) Promote children’s mental wellbeing</li> <li>f) Reduce under-18 conception rates</li> <li>g) Support families with significant social challenges</li> </ul>	<p><b>healthy lifestyles</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a) Reduce the use of tobacco</li> <li>b) Encourage use of green spaces and seafront</li> <li>c) Promote healthy weight</li> <li>d) Prevention and support for substance &amp; alcohol misuse</li> </ul>	<p><b>mental wellbeing</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a) A holistic approach to mental and physical wellbeing</li> <li>b) Provide the right support and care at an early stage</li> <li>c) Reduce stigma of mental illness</li> <li>d) Work to prevent suicide and self-harm</li> <li>e) Support parents postnatal</li> </ul>
<p><b>Ambition 4. A safer population</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a) Safeguard children and vulnerable adults against neglect and abuse</li> <li>b) Support the Domestic Abuse Strategy Group in their work</li> <li>c) Work to prevent unintentional injuries among under 15s</li> </ul>	<p><b>Ambition 5. Living independently</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a) Promote personalised budgets</li> <li>b) Enable supported community living</li> <li>c) People feel informed and empowered in their own care</li> <li>d) Reablement where possible</li> <li>e) People feel supported to live independently for longer</li> </ul>	<p><b>Ambition 6. Active and healthy ageing</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a) Join up health &amp; social care services</li> <li>b) Reduce isolation of older people</li> <li>c) Physical &amp; mental wellbeing</li> <li>d) Support those with long term conditions</li> <li>e) Empower people to be more in control of their care</li> </ul>
<p><b>Ambition 7. Protecting health</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a) Increase access to health screening</li> <li>b) Increase offer of immunisations</li> <li>c) Infection control to remain a priority for all care providers</li> <li>d) Severe weather plans in place</li> <li>e) Improve food hygiene in the Borough</li> </ul>	<p><b>Ambition 8. Housing</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a) Work together to; <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>o Tackle homelessness</li> <li>o Deliver health, care &amp; housing in a more joined up way</li> </ul> </li> <li>b) Adequate affordable housing</li> <li>c) Adequate specialist housing</li> <li>d) Understand condition and distribution of private sector housing stock, to better focus resources</li> </ul>	<p><b>Ambition 9. Maximising opportunity</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a) Have a joined up view of Southend’s health and care needs</li> <li>b) Work together to commission services more effectively</li> <li>c) Tackle health inequality (including improved access to services)</li> <li>d) Promote opportunities to thrive; Education, Employment</li> </ul>