



REPORT FOR: HEALTH AND WELLBEING BOARD

Date of Meeting: 2 November 2023

Subject: Harrow Safeguarding Partners' Annual Report

Responsible Officer: Produced on behalf of the Safeguarding Partners and presented by the Independent Chair of HSCB and Independent Scrutineer of the HSAB, Chris Miller

Public: Yes

Wards affected: Not applicable

Enclosures: HSP Annual Report

Section 1 – Summary and Recommendations

This Harrow Safeguarding Annual Report covers the work of the partnership to safeguard both adults and children. This joint report reflects the integration of the support structures and funding for the Partnership as well as the joint work to strengthen awareness and understanding of safeguarding issues as they impact on all members of the family – so that children's services are able to identify and refer safeguarding concerns to adult services and vice versa.

It focuses on the activity of the Partnership carried out through the work of the sub-groups and the work of Board members to deliver Partnership objectives in their own services.

Recommendations:

The Board is requested to comment on and endorse the Annual Report.

Section 2 – Report

Ward Councillors' comments

Not applicable

Financial Implications/Comments

The Harrow Safeguarding Partnership budget is included in the appendices of the annual report.

The Harrow Strategic Safeguarding Partnership expenditure 2022-23 totalled £235k of which £72k was funded by partner contributions, leaving the balance of £163k funded by the Council.

There are no financial implications arising as a result of this report.

Legal Implications/Comments

As set out in the Report Summary, Annual Reports are required from the Adults and Children Safeguarding Partners under the terms of the Care Act 2014 and The Children Act 2004 respectively.

The key responsibilities for the Health and Wellbeing Board include

3.1.9. To provide a forum for public accountability of NHS, public health, social care and other health and wellbeing services.

Risk Management Implications

None

Equalities implications / Public Sector Equality Duty

None – Whilst the Statutory Safeguarding Partnership arrangements is not a separate public body with duties prescribed to it under The Equality Act 2010, partner agencies, who are public bodies are, in the course of their work, subject to the Act's Public Sector Equality Duty under s149.

Council Priorities

The Partners work to agreed multi-agency priorities and this report describes how they work together to help children thrive and to keep them safe from harm

Section 3 - Statutory Officer Clearance (Council and Joint Reports)

Statutory Officer: Jo Frost

Signed on *behalf of/by the Chief Financial Officer

Date: 19/10/2023

Statutory Officer: Sharon Clarke

Signed on *behalf of/by the Monitoring Officer

Date: 19/10/2023

Chief Officer: Senel Arkut

Signed by the Corporate Director

Date: 19/10/2023

Section 4 - Contact Details and Background Papers

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Background Papers: N/A

