

Somerset Health and Wellbeing Board and Integrated Care Partnership

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Report for information

Somerset Safeguarding Children Partnership 12-Monthly Report

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<p>Summary:</p>	<p>The Somerset Safeguarding Children Partnership's (SSCP) twelve-monthly report summarises the progress in implementing the safeguarding arrangements for children in Somerset, as required by Working Together to Safeguard Children (2018).</p> <p>It sets out key areas of progress against the four priorities of the SSCP 2021-22: early help, multi-agency safeguarding, neglect and child exploitation. It includes the future priorities and focus of the Somerset Safeguarding Children Partnership activity (2022-2023) for scrutiny by the Health and Wellbeing Board.</p> <p>It also evaluates other key areas of partnership activity, including training and learning reviews.</p>
<p>Recommendations:</p>	<p>That the Somerset Health and Wellbeing Board and Integrated Care Partnership receives for information:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. The Somerset Safeguarding Children Partnership's twelve-monthly report
<p>Reasons for recommendations:</p>	<p>The Somerset Safeguarding Children Partnership's twelve-monthly report is a statutory responsibility, as set out in Working Together to Safeguard Children 2018:</p> <p><i>In order to bring transparency for children, families and all practitioners about the activity undertaken, the safeguarding partners must publish a report at least once in every 12-month</i></p>

	<p>working for the benefit of children and families, with a focus on those most in need of safeguarding to promote the best possible outcomes for children.</p> <p>The function of the SSCP supports the vision of all partners working to improve the health and wellbeing of all our communities.</p>
Financial, Legal, HR, Social value and partnership Implications:	<p>There is no financial, legal or HR cost associated with the twelve monthly report.</p>
Equalities Implications:	<p>An Equalities Impact Assessment is not required as there are no service implications.</p> <p>However, in all communications, policies and procedures within the Somerset Safeguarding Children Partnership, regard is given to the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The use of plain English • Accessibility • Vulnerable Groups <p>The two SSCP Community members also provide support and challenge regarding equalities implications.</p>
Risk Assessment:	<p>Risks to effective safeguarding of children by the Somerset Safeguarding Children Partnership are managed through the SSCP Risk Register. Methods of scrutiny include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • SSCP Independent Scrutineer • Multi-agency audit and assurance work • SSCP Twelve-monthly reports • Feedback from SSCP Community members • An annual conversation with young people through Youth Forum arrangements

1. Background

1.1. The Health and Wellbeing Board is the governance structure which takes oversight of the statutory twelve-monthly report from the Somerset Safeguarding Children Partnership (SSCP). Under the arrangements set out in 'Working Together to Safeguard Children' (2018) the SSCP is a partnership between Somerset County Council, Avon and Somerset Constabulary, and the Somerset Integrated Care Board.

Key partner	Delegated member of the SSCP Executive
Duncan Sharkey (CEO of Somerset County Council)	Claire Winter (Director of Children's Services, Somerset County Council)
Sarah Crew (Chief Constable, Avon and Somerset Police)	Dickon Turner (Superintendent, Avon and Somerset Police)
Jonathan Higman (CEO of Integrated Care Board)	Shelagh Meldrum (Chief Nursing Officer, Integrated Care Board)

- 1.2.** The Somerset Safeguarding Children Partnership twelve-monthly report (2021-2022) has been published, detailing progress and outcomes against the four key priority areas: early help, multiagency safeguarding, child exploitation, and neglect. As set out in 'Working Together to Safeguard Children' (2018) this report has also been submitted to the national Safeguarding Children Review Panel and the What Works Centre for Children's Social Care. The report also details the work of the Somerset Safeguarding Child Partnership Youth Forum in contributing to the work of the Partnership and using their voice to inform service development.

2. Improving Lives and Fit for my Future Priorities and Outcomes

- 2.1.** The Partnership arrangements address safeguarding activity for children and promote safety and wellbeing, regardless of geographical differences, to promote a safe community for children. The Partnership hosts the Somerset Children and Young People's Plan. Both the Partnership arrangements and Children and Young People's Plan continue to focus on early help and ensuring that children, young people and their families receive the right help at the right time.

3. Consultations undertaken

- 3.1.** The twelve-monthly report was approved by the SSCP Executive and Independent Scrutineer. Young people hold the SSCP Executive – representatives of the three statutory partners - to account on an annual basis via a face-to-face conversation.

4. Request of the Joint Committee and its members

- 4.1.** The Board and Board Members have received the twelve-monthly report from the Somerset Safeguarding Children Partnership for information.

5. Background papers

- 5.1.** [The Somerset Safeguarding Children's Partnership twelve-monthly report.](#)

6. Report Sign-Off

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	Relevant Senior Manager / Lead Officer (Director Level)	Claire Winter	Click or tap to enter a date.
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	Executive Member (if applicable)		Click or tap to enter a date.
	Monitoring Officer (Somerset County Council)	Scott Wooldridge	Click or tap to enter a date.
	Somerset Integrated Care Partnership Chair	Paul Von Der Heyde	Click or tap to enter a date.