

# WIRRAL HEALTH & WELLBEING BOARD

<b>Meeting Date</b>	13 <sup>th</sup> November 2013	<b>Agenda Item</b>	
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<b>Report Title</b>	Wirral Safeguarding Children Board Annual Report
<b>Responsible Board Member</b>	Julia Hassall Director of Children's Services

<b>Link To HWB Function</b>	<b>Board development</b>					
	<b>JSNA/JHWS</b>					
	<b>Health and social care integrated commissioning or provision</b>				Yes	
<b>Equality Impact Assessment Required &amp; Attached</b>	<b>Yes</b>		<b>No</b>		<b>N/A</b>	<b>N/A</b>
<b>Purpose</b>	<b>For approval</b>		<b>To note</b>	<b>Yes</b>	<b>To assure</b>	

<b>Summary of Paper</b>	<p>Local Safeguarding Children Board's (LSCB's) hold the statutory function to coordinate what is done by each person or body represented on the Board for the purposes of safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children. As part of this duty LSCB's are required to publish an annual report on the effectiveness of child safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children in their local area.</p> <p>The Annual Report from the Wirral Safeguarding Children Board (WSCB) is presented to the Chief Executive, Leader of the Council, the local police and crime commissioner and the Chair of the health and wellbeing board and is published on the wirral.gov website.</p> <p>The report describes the structure, membership and functions of the multi-agency WSCB and details progress against the agreed priority areas set for 2012/13 This includes an assessment of the effectiveness of key WSCB functions including being assured that all organisations have given due regard to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children, what lessons have been learned from Serious Case Reviews, the quality of WSCB training and how well allegations have been managed.</p> <p>The priorities for the WSCB for 2013/14 are detailed in the Business Plan part of the report. Seven priority areas have been set for the next 12 months:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Review, monitor and develop professional expertise in safeguarding practice</li> <li>• Undertake Serious Case and Critical Incident Reviews and embed learning from these;</li> <li>• Ensure the development of Early Help is quality assured to improve impact and outcomes</li> <li>• Ensure children and young people continue to be safeguarded in light of significant national reform and local changes</li> <li>• Develop and implement an action plan to tackle child sexual exploitation</li> <li>• Continue to monitor and improve the functioning of the WSCB</li> <li>• Continue to strengthen joint working between the WSCB and SAPB and develop common approaches to safeguarding.</li> </ul>
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<b>Financial Implications</b>	<b>Total financial implication</b>	<b>New investment required</b>	<b>Source of investment (e.g. name of budget)</b>
	£ N/A	£ N/A	£ N/A
<b>Risks and Preventive Measures</b>			
<b>Details of Any Public/Patient/Service User Engagement</b>	Service user engagement is managed through the WSCB partnership		
<b>Recommendations / Next Steps</b>	The health and wellbeing board is requested to note the report and consider opportunities for working with the WSCB to improve the wellbeing of all children and young people in Wirral		

<b>Report History</b>		
<b>Submitted to:</b>	<b>Date:</b>	<b>Summary of outcome:</b>
<b>List of Appendices</b>		

<b>Publish On Website</b>	<b>Yes</b>	Yes	<b>Private Business</b>	<b>Yes</b>	
	<b>No</b>			<b>No</b>	No

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