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Health and Wellbeing Board	14.02.2015	Item	All

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SUBJECT: Islington Safeguarding Children's Board Annual Report 2013/14

1. Synopsis

The Islington Safeguarding Children's Board (ISCB) annual report is a statutory report prepared by the Independent Chair of the ISCB, Alan Caton, and provides a summary of the board's work during the 2013/4 financial year. It finds that Islington partners are working in a co-ordinated way to promote the welfare of children and safeguard them from harm when necessary. It identifies that child neglect, domestic violence and the prevention child sexual exploitation are areas that will continue to be priorities in future.

2. Recommendations

The ISCB has a statutory duty to work with and influence strategic partners to ensure that children's welfare and safety is a priority in Islington. The ISCB would like the Health and Wellbeing Board to note the report' findings and in particular to consider the recommendations on page 59 of the report.

3. Background

This report comes to the Health and Wellbeing Board as proposed in the joint protocol between the board and the ISCB.

4. Implications

4.1. Financial implications

None identified

4.2. Legal Implications

Section 13 of the Children Act 2004 (“the Act”) requires each local authority to establish a Local Safeguarding Children Board (LSCB) for their area.

Section 14 of the Act sets out the objectives of LSCBs, which are:

(a) 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 in the area of the local authority, and

(b) to ensure the effectiveness of what is done by each such person or body for the purposes of safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children.

Section 14A of the Act imposes a duty on the Chair of the Local Safeguarding Children Board to publish an annual report on the effectiveness of child safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children in the local area. Paragraph 16 in Chapter 3 of Working Together to Safeguard Children 2013 requires that the Annual Report should cover the preceding financial year, that is should fit with local agencies’ planning, commissioning and budget cycles and that it should be submitted to the Chief Executive, Leader of the Council, the local Police and Crime Commissioner and the Chairman of the Health and Wellbeing Board.

4.3. Equalities Impact Assessment

None identified

4.4. Environmental Implications

None identified

5. Conclusion and reasons for recommendations

The ISCB Annual Report is a statutory report that comes to the board as agreed in the joint protocol

Background papers: None

Attachments:

Appendix 1 - ISCB Annual Report 2013/4

Appendix 2 - Executive Summary of ISCB Annual Report 2013/4

Final Report Clearance

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