

Children's and Adults' Care and Education Committee

13 February 2019

Kingston Local Safeguarding Children Board Annual Report

Report by the LSCB Professional Adviser

Call-in deadline 5pm on Thursday 21 February 2019 (ten working days after the meeting)

Purpose

To receive the Local Safeguarding Children's Board (LSCB) 2017/18 Annual Report to be presented at the Committee meeting by the LSCB Chair, Chris Robson.

Recommendations of the Portfolio Holder for Children's Services

To resolve that -

1. the LSCB Annual Report for 2017/18 and safeguarding assessment is accepted and approved; and
2. the Committee's comments on the priorities of the LSCB are referred to the Chair of the LSCB.

Benefits to the Community:

The Committee will wish to see an analysis of local safeguarding issues in Kingston and the priorities of the Board in order to address them, including those matters which are more stubborn to resolve. The Committee will be in a position to offer guidance to local partners and the LSCB itself.

Key Points

- A. Overall, we can see good local performance in services working to provide early help to local children and young people, child protection and looked after children support.
- B. We have seen a small reduction in local child deaths. There has been a rise in children becoming looked after in Kingston in 2017-18. Young people have told us that their priorities are mental health and emotional wellbeing support; support around online safety and bullying; and safety on the streets, especially around knife crime.
- C. We see some persistent issues: our workforce responses to situations of child neglect; our resources to intervene in situations of risky behaviour and help support mental health concerns. The Chair of the LSCB has been working with local statutory and voluntary sector agencies to consider what further we can do to work together.
- D. The Government has outlined in 'Working Together 2018' the task for the three statutory partners (Health, Police and Local Authority) in creating a new local safeguarding partnership and to review our current local arrangements. We face a timetable from national Government to put together a local response which needs to be agreed by the DfE (Department for Education) by April 2019.
- E. The LSCB has developed four priorities for 2018-19:
 1. **Neglect** – our Strategy was endorsed in June 2018; and we launched in autumn 2018 with a multi-agency conference on 13 November 2018. Over 100 local practitioners attended. We expect Neglect Champions to come forward in support from all agencies and sectors; providing further training and quality assuring work in relation to working with neglect over time. We are running a repeat free Neglect Conference on the afternoon of 14th March in Kingston;
 2. **Risky behaviour, mental health and emotional wellbeing, and exploitation;**

3. **Participation** to ensure we are hearing and acting on children's voices in Kingston and Richmond, not only by the LSCB, but through local agencies and user groups;
4. **Developing a strong safeguarding partnership** to replace the LSCB in 2019, by maintaining our good local work and relationships.

Context

1. The LSCB (Local Safeguarding Children Board) Annual Report is a statutory requirement and outlines the effectiveness of our local safeguarding children arrangements and the impact of our work on safeguarding outcomes for children in 2017-18.

Proposal and Options

2. It is recommended that the Annual Report is accepted and approved, and the Committee comments on the priorities of the LSCB.

Consultations

3. The draft report was shared with LSC Board Members in October in sufficient time for Board members to provide comments before publication.

Timescale

4. There are ongoing consultations regarding the future of the children's safeguarding partnership, not only in Kingston, but around the country. In Kingston, discussions are ongoing and should be resolved for the DfE to ratify by the end of April 2019. The local plans will be published by the end of June 2019, with implementation by the end of September 2019.

Resource and Legal Implications and Equalities Impact Assessment

5. None arising from the specific recommendations of the report

Risk Assessment

6. The LSCB has a remit to provide a transparent analysis of multi-agency safeguarding in Kingston to ensure that children's needs are met. Any local strengths and risks are highlighted in the Executive Summary.

Health Implications

7. Health partners are members of our Board and share our priorities. The Clinical Commissioning Group is the lead "health" strategic lead in terms of the future safeguarding arrangements in RBK Kingston.

Road Network, Environmental & Air Quality Implications

8. None arising from the specific recommendations of the report

Background papers - held by Elisabeth Major, LSCB Professional Adviser, Tel 07833 481 774 :

- Behind this Executive Summary follows three further chapters of detail and analysis here:
<http://kingstonandrichmondlsqb.org.uk/about-richmond-lsqb/annual-report-42.php>
<http://kingstonandrichmondlsqb.org.uk/about-kingston-lsqb/annual-report-48.php>
<http://kingstonandrichmondlsqb.org.uk/media/upload/fck/file/Kingston%20&%20Richmond%20LSCB%20L&Dreportfinal2018.pdf>
- Please see our completed Business Plan for 2017-18 for further details of work we have completed as a team: <http://kingstonandrichmondlsqb.org.uk/about-richmond-lsqb/business-plan-185.php>

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